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Greetings to all Maine SAF members

Yesterday I attended a very interesting and pro-active meeting hosted by the Maine Forest Products Council, Maine Forest Service, and the University of Maine – School of Forest Resources that focused on the pending reprise of “Spruce Budworm in the 21st Century.” It is back, I am not yet retired, so getting ready for round #2!

The annual MESAF business and fall meetings are scheduled for October 15, 2013 at the Wells Conference Center, UME Campus. The focus is on “Wooing Wood for ME,” how to promote additional in-state harvest, processing, and marketing. The flyer with registration details and agenda is included in this mailing and I encourage you to attend for the entire suite of activities.

The two summer field tours were popular, successful, and educational; offering Northern White Cedar silviculture in Ashland and Island Logging on Moosehead Lake. MESAF also assisted on a late July workshop on Oak Management in the Bangor area. When you get a chance, please thank the members-at-large of the executive committee (Ron Lemin, Eli Shank, and Bob Cousins) for the hard work that they did to provide these outreach opportunities.

Shortly you will receive a SAF ballot, providing candidate choices for your division, NESAF, and National. In addition there will be several referendum proposals on by-law revisions for your consideration. I encourage you to take an active participatory role and vote. Every year, several elected positions and revisions are decided by only a few votes.

I wish to thank all of the membership for my opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity over the last couple of years. I am very encouraged for the future, based on the level of engagement of several much younger foresters on the executive committee.



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