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Hello Maine SAF Members,

After a long winter we are finally starting to see signs of spring, or at least the snow banks are starting to recede. As we look forward to warmer weather and more daylight, the members-at-large on the MESAF Executive Committee (Ron Lemin, Katie Manende, and Eli Shank) are hard at work organizing field tours for this spring and summer. You should find information for these tours attached. We look forward to seeing you at the tours this year.

In other division news, the Forestry Awareness Committee continues to actively work to connect foresters with schools to help educate our youth regarding the needs and values of forests. There are opportunities to participate in this program around the state, but there is an especially growing need in southern Maine as more schools add forestry programming to their curriculums. I encourage all to participate in these opportunities to share your knowledge of and passion for forests with future generations. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Forestry Awareness Committee chair, Sasha Miller ([sasha.miller@sewall.com](mailto:sasha.miller@sewall.com)), or any member of the MESAF Executive Committee.

The New England SAF meeting was recently held in Nashua, NH, providing an excellent program and an opportunity to recognize members for their service to SAF and forestry in general. This year I am pleased to relay that two members from Maine were recognized. Bill Mahan received the Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award and Ken Laustsen received the NESAF Distinguished Service Award. Please join me in congratulating them for their considerable contributions.

As we enter mud season and focuses shift to making plans for the coming summer and fall, I would encourage you to consider adding opportunities to become more involved with SAF and the forestry profession in general to your plans. Whether this consists of running for election to a position on the Maine or New England Executive Committee, presenting at or helping to organize a meeting, volunteering at a school, or attending a field tour, participation is ultimately what is needed to maintain an active and vibrant forestry profession that will work to maintain healthy forests while meeting the needs of our society. I look forward to having a chance to work with each of you to strive towards achieving these goals.

Sincerely,



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