DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD
TO
EDGAR P. WYMAN

Edgar P. Wyman (C) shares the spotlight with his wife and son Brad upon his receiving the 1996 NESAF Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented by Brad Wyman during the awards luncheon of the 76 Winter NESAF Meeting in Lowell.

Since 1966 the New England Society of American Foresters has annually honored a member with its Distinguished Service Award. The award recognize professional achievement in forestry, makes known to the general public outstanding contributions of individual foresters to their professions, and enhances public perceptions of the forestry profession. During the awards luncheon at the 76th Annual NESAF Winter Meeting on March 20, 1996 in Lowell, Massachusetts, Edgar P. Wyman of North Sandwich, New Hampshire was honored as NESAF’s 30th Distinguished Forester.

Ed Wyman has been a model of dedication and commitment to New England forestry over the duration of his career. He has been a member of the Society for 54 years and received his golden membership in 1992. Over that time he has seen forestry change and contributed to changes in forestry. He has degrees in forestry from the University of New Hampshire (1937) and Master’s in forestry from Yale (1939) and spent his early years as camp clerk and log scaler in New Hampshire. He later worked as a regional supervisor for the Ohio forest survey and chief forester for the Swift Starr Davies Timber Ownership in California and Gould Paper Company in New York. In 1947 he became Associate Professor of Forestry and Wildlife at the University of Connecticut where he taught nearly every forestry course offered by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. His duties expanded in 1964 when he was also named University of Connecticut Extension Forester.

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REFLECTIONS

One hesitates to use the word “results” in describing information from the Seventh American Forest Congress held in Washington, D.C., February 20-24, 1996 because it implies an end to something. However, John Gordon in his remarks about the Congress at the NESAF Winter Meeting in Lowell hoped that this was the beginning of a process and not an end in itself. Approximately 1500 people attended, many from New England. About half were members of an environmental organization; one third were landowners; about one quarter worked for government and one quarter for the forest industry. Fifty one round table discussions from around the country and 39 collaborative meetings with common threads of interest preceded the Congress which assembled "to agree on a shared vision for the future of America’s forests, a set of guiding principles, and the next steps necessary to realize the vision based upon the principles.”

The Congress attendees were divided into groups of 10. Each group formed a "Congress Table" and was composed of a mix of geographical regions and affiliations. Each table responded to the draft Vision Elements developed earlier from the Round Tables Discussions and also attended both Concurrent Dialogue Sessions to broaden their perspectives on forest issues and separate Principles Sessions to respond to, add to and re-write the draft Principles and Supporting Statements developed earlier. Everyone attending agreed that the process designed to facilitate this meeting worked. Green dots, yellow dots, red dots were everywhere as opinions were swayed, principles modified, and visions honed down. In addition “home state meetings” allowed people from each state to assemble and discuss issues more specific to their areas of the world.

What evolved was a set of 13 Visions and 21 Principles to guide them. The process forged a high level of agreement on 12 of the visions and 15 of the principles; although there was a wide variety of actual support for the principles.

For example, the three principles with the most support were:

1. Ensure that open and continuous dialogue is maintained and encouraged among all parties interested in forests;

2. Cohesive and stable policies, programs, and incentives should be available to allow forest owners and managers to sustain and enhance forests;

3. Voluntary cooperation and coordination among individuals, landowners, communities, organizations, and governments is encouraged to achieve shared ecosystem goals.

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The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award for 1996 is presented to Virginia Barlow of Corinth, Vermont. Virginia, with co-editor Stephen Long, recognized in 1994 a need for a Vermont forestry magazine that could reach foresters, forest landowners, educators, and citizens generally interested in Vermont forests. The result was the publication of Vermont Woodlands magazine, an instant hit with a wide variety of Vermont readers. It is a magazine that thrives on contributing authors ranging from foresters, naturalists, loggers, hunters, photographers, scientists, birders, poets, and mill owners to name just a few. Vermont Woodlands magazine, through these authors and the fine editing of Barlow and Long, tries "to present a balanced viewpoint of the issues affecting the Vermont environment" and to act "as an interpreter for those who do not regularly sit down at the same table and discuss these things in person." The magazine has filled this niche admirably. Virginia’s keen understanding of both natural history and the interests of her readers have made her creation especially relevant at a time when forestry has become controversial. She is a graduate of Bennington College and the University of Vermont and divides her time between her consulting forestry practice and editing Vermont Woodlands magazine. She has been an SAF member since 1990.

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is presented annually to a New England SAF member who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University.

The Austin Carey Practicing Professional Award for 1996 is presented to Bruce Spencer of New Salem, Massachusetts. Bruce, Chief Forester for the Metropolitan District Commission, has managed the forests protecting greater Boston's drinking water for more than 30 years. He has guided efforts to improve water yield and water quality, ecosystem stability, and productivity of the 47,000 acres managed by the MDC. When Spencer began applying forest management practices to watershed lands in the 1950’s, he was the only forester. He now supervises a staff of eight foresters. Spencer challenged accepted practices and set new standards for timber harvesting on watershed lands. He is widely recognized for his leadership in finding practical ways to minimize logging impacts on soil and water. He hosts frequent tours of the forest above the Quabbin Reservoir to share his expertise with students and practicing foresters from around the world. Spencer also serves as President of his local land trust, which encourages forestry.

The Austin Carey Award recognizes NESAF members who have shown outstanding achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Carey was born in Maine in 1865 and provided forestry expertise to industrial landowners and managers.

The Young Forester Leadership Award for 1996 is presented to Robert Ricard of Amherst, Massachusetts. Bob Ricard has won national recognition for his prodigious achievements in urban and community forestry. After a brief term as executive director of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, Ricard joined the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service in 1991. He established a state association of tree wardens, created and runs the Meskwaka training program (an urban and community forestry leadership program), chairs the Connecticut Urban and Community Forest Council, writes numerous articles, and provides assistance to urban forestry commissions and civic groups. Ricard served on the New England SAF executive committee as the Connecticut Representative and presently serves on the committee as Secretary/Treasurer. He most recently co­chaired the program committee for the 1996 Winter NESAF meeting in Lowell. He won the American Forests’ 1993 National Urban Forestry Medal and his Meskwaka program has been duplicated in other states. He is a graduate of Lyndon State College, the University of New Hampshire, and University of New Brunswick and has been a member of the Society since 1990.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a New England SAF member who has been practicing forestry for less than 10 years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefitting the practice of forestry.

The James W. Tourney Award for outstanding service to the New England Society of American Foresters for 1996 is presented to Gary Salmon of Shrewsbury, Vermont. Gary has served as Editor of the News Quarterly, NESAF’s official newsletter, since 1986. Over that time he has made innovations that have earned it national recognition. He has also served in numerous roles since becoming an SAF member in 1982 ranging from Vermont News Correspondent for the News Quarterly to Volunteer Chair for the 1995 National SAF Convention in Portland. As a member of the Executive Committee he has helped draft its Mission Statement and provided input on most of the position papers NESAF has developed in the last decade. As a forester with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation he coordinates urban and community forestry programs, district recreation projects, and youth and educational programs in southwestern Vermont. He has a forestry degree from the College of Forestry at Syracuse and has been an SAF member since 1982.

James W. Tourney was one of the original fifteen foresters in SAF and a founding member of NESAF. Tourney joined Henry Graves in 1900 to begin the Forestry School at Yale University serving as Dean of the school from 1910 to 1922. Tourney developed Yale Forestry School’s doctoral research program and wrote numerous publications, including Foundations of Silviculture, which were standard texts for 50 years.
IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS death has claimed the lives of: Thomas J. Corcoran, Jr., of Orono, Maine; Halsey Hicks, of Brattleboro, Vermont; Richard G. Kinder, of North Haverhill, New Hampshire; and Sherman Perkins, of Penobscot, Maine

NOW therefore be it resolved that the New England Society of American Foresters, at its 76th Annual Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts on March 19th, 1996 recognizes with deep appreciation the participation, support, and dedication of the lives of these members to this Society, to our profession and society at large, and be it further...

RESOLVED that this resolution be recorded in the records of the New England Society of American Foresters and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded with appropriate condolences to the families of the deceased.

Richard G. Kinder
1939 - 1996

Richard G. Kinder, 57, of North Haverhill, New Hampshire, died on March 14, 1996. He was a 1960 graduate in forestry from the University of New Hampshire and a 34 year member of the Society of American Foresters.

He served as both assistant and county forester in New Hampshire but was best known for his work in the forest industry. He was most recently employed as a forester with Connecticut Valley Chipping Company in Plymouth. He was a director of the Northeastern Loggers Association and a member of the New Hampshire State Board of Registration of Professional Foresters. He also served on the University of New Hampshire Farrington Fund Board.

Mr. Kinder served on the Forestry Education Committee of the Society of American Foresters and as a member and county chair of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. He was also a member of the Grafton County Conservation Commission. He was a 4-H dairy leader, vocational agriculture advisor, advisory board member of Future Farmers of America, and deputy forest fire warden. The summers often found him judging forestry events at Woodsmen’s Contests held at various fairs.

Mr. Kinder received numerous awards and honors including the Kendall Norcott Award; New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, 1990; Outstanding Service to the Forest Industry; Northeastern Loggers Association, 1991; and Granite State Division Outstanding Forester Award, 1988.

Sherman Perkins
1921 - 1996

Sherman Perkins, 74, died on February 8, 1996 at his birthplace in Penobscot, Maine. He grew up in Meriden, Connecticut and worked briefly for the James Sewall Company before attending the Maine Maritime Academy. After serving in the merchant marine during World War II, he attended the University of Maine to study forestry. Sherman followed that with a 37 year career with Connwood, Inc. back in Connecticut. He became manager of the Connecticut forestry management and consulting firm in 1962 and continued as manager until his retirement in 1985. During his tenure he was a leader in the advancement of forestry in Connecticut and in civic affairs in Rockfall, Connecticut, home of Connwood. This kind of public-spirited activity continued upon his arrival back in his home town in Maine.

During his career Sherman was a member of the Society of American Forester, Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers, the Rockfall Corporation, Hancock County Planning Commission, Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine, Leonard’s Mills Forest and Logging Museum, Penobscot Comprehensive Planning Commission, the Castine Conservation Trust, and many other civic and community organizations.

Thomas J. Corcoran Jr.
1933 - 1996

Dr. Thomas J. Corcoran Jr., 63, died on January 26, 1996 in Orono, Maine. He was educated in forestry and forest economics at Michigan Technological University and Purdue University and served on the forestry faculty at the University of Maine for 35 years.

At the University of Maine, Dr. Corcoran served as assistant, then associate director of the School of Forest Resources from 1965 until 1971; created and served as co-administrator of the Forest Engineering Program from 1972 - 1996; and chaired the Department of Forest Management from 1988 - 1995. During his tenure at the University, he chaired 55 masters and PhD committees for students from 24 different universities worldwide. He was the author of more than 200 scientific papers and book chapters as an internationally renowned scholar of forestry and forest engineering.

In addition to becoming one of the youngest full professors at the University of Maine in 1968, he was Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Helsinki, Finland from 1969 - 1970 and served in various educational roles at several universities in Europe. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Science at the University of Helsinki in 1990. His international professional work included longstanding service in the International Union of Forestry Research (IUFRO). He chaired the IUFRO Subject Area S3:04 from 1980 - 1990 and received IUFRO’s Outstanding Service Award in 1995.

Dr. Corcoran was a 34 year member of the Society of American Foresters and was elected Fellow in 1985. He created and served for eight years as editor of the Maine Forest Review and served on the Journal of Forestry editorial board from 1991 - 1994. He was a registered surveyor in Maine and the second person to be licensed by Maine as a professional forester.

Halsey M. Hicks
1907 - 1995

by James E. Wilkinson, Jr.

Halsey Hicks was born in Summit, New Jersey 13, 1907 and died at Brattleboro, Vermont August 8, 1995. Most of those 87 years were devoted to the practice of professional forestry. Graduating from Haverford College in 1929 where he played on the renowned 1929 Haverford football team, he went on to the Yale School of Forestry receiving a masters degree in 1932. Later in 1986 Halsey received an honorary doctorate from Marlboro College. He joined the Society of American Foresters in 1933.

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Halsey Hicks (cont.)

Early years of his forestry career were spent with the US Forest Service working on its forest survey in southern states. For several years prior to WW II he was a consulting forester in Vermont. During the war years he was employed by the Vermont Forest Service as a County Forester in Windham County. In 1946 he began work for the Spaulding Company of Chicopee, Massachusetts buying ash logs for use in making tennis rackets. A career change soon brought him back to private consulting.

Working from his home in Vernon Halsey was one of the first private forest consultants in Vermont. His working circle extended down the east coast, particularly in New Jersey, New England, and Vermont. He was a charter member of the Association of Consulting Foresters and served as its president. Halsey was active, along with his wife and associates, in the establishment of Marlboro College, and taught forestry and related courses there until his retirement. Halsey received the Society of American Foresters Golden Membership award and was particularly faithful in participating in the annual winter and summer meetings of the New England SAF. In the late thirties and early forties he was “famous” for traveling to Boston for those meetings in his pre-war wooden framed Ford station wagon which was literally falling apart.

Physical discomfort did not seem to exist for him. Moccasins were his year round foot gear and maple sugaring and boiling sap unprotected from the elements was a regular practice at his backyard operation. Insects, heat, frost bite, and cold had little effect on him. Working up the woodpile from his woodlot was just a pleasant exercise in anticipation of enjoying a very dry martini by the woodstove. Besides all of his walking, he enjoyed short distance swimming.

Not a particularly articulate man, Halsey was a kind, friendly, supportive, well read and knowledgeable mentor for many. A practical professional using his sound scientific training and experience, Halsey contributed superbly to the forest lands on which he worked and their owners, and to all those with whom he was associated.

He was instrumental in the organization of the Windham Forestry Association, which continues today as the Southern Vermont Forestry Association. He served as a member of the Regional Planning Commission from the Town of Vernon and for many years his local radio presentation “Timber Talks” was remembered for its common sense. He was a long term leader and supporter of the Tree Farm program in Vermont.

His life represents an exemplary career of service to his profession, his community, and his associates. It was an honor and a stimulating experience to have known such a man.

Comments of the Chair

by Phil Bryce

At our recent Winter Meeting in Lowell, NESAF members were formally notified that we had received $26,508 in income from the National Convention last fall in Portland, Maine. This is our share of the total profit from the convention and is ours to do with as we wish. The financial health of NESAF is secure in the short term. However, our obligation is to put these funds to a use which best advances the mission of NESAF over the long term.

The Executive Committee has appointed a finance committee to investigate and implement a short term investment strategy for these funds. Leo Laferriere, Ted Howard, and Ellen Schmidt-Grady have volunteered to serve on that committee. These names should be familiar as they were the finance committee for the national convention.

At our Winter Meeting business meeting, NESAF members passed a motion to:

‘direct the NESAF Executive Committee to establish an investment committee, comprised of one member from each Division/State Chapter, the Executive Committee Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare a recommendation to the NESAF Executive Committee by December 1, 1996. The Committee is charged to study management and investment options for these NESAF earnings from the 1995 National SAF Convention. It will be the responsibility of each Division/State Chapter representative to solicit input from the membership’.

There will be a report on your Executive Committee's decision at the 1997 annual winter meeting business meeting in Portland, Maine.

The members of the investment study committee are listed below. If you are interested in helping this committee directly, please contact me. The key charge of the committee is to solicit input from the membership. Your responsibility as a member is to provide that input. Please make sure you contact any of the members of the investment study committee or NESAF executive committee (see page 2) if you have any ideas or preferences.

To get you thinking, the following are the results of a brainstorming session by your Executive Committee. These were also presented at the business meeting in Lowell.

What to do with the principal?
- invest; disperse to Division; split into investment, disbursement to divisions, and recognition of convention sponsors; use as the beginning of an endowment to which further donations and income could be added; disperse the principal over some time frame; and delay any dispersal for one year while options are identified and considered.

What to spend the principal and/or interest from investment on?
- invest in NESAF (through training); reduce the cost of meetings; support forestry issues; lower dues; use against NESAF operating budget; fund existing NESAF grants program.

My greatest concern has been that these funds are spent without considering a longer term strategy. My own thinking, for example, would consider the spending away the principal for our current grant program as unacceptable, however the use of the interest to fund grants would be acceptable. Maybe you do not agree. We'd like to know.

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Or send your thoughts to Dick Watt, NESAF Executive Director or any other Executive Committee members (see page 2).
I regret that I was not able to attend the NESAF Business Meeting during the 76th Winter Meeting in Lowell due to a wake and funeral of a close relative in Albany, New York. The Business Meeting enables me to present a short account of my past year's activities so I will use this column to present a somewhat longer account of the Executive Director's job.

In 1985, a referendum was presented by the NESAF Executive Committee to establish this position. It was accepted by the membership and I was selected for the position at the 1986 Winter Meeting in Lowell. The Executive Director provides business and policy continuity, a task that is difficult to fulfill by elected officers who serve a short term and then move on. The Director's address remains a permanent one for the Society and appears in several conservation directories. I assist Division and Chapter officers in their duties, strengthen ties with the Bethesda office, represent the society at professional and public meetings, direct the election procedures from nomination through reporting election results, and perform many "other duties as assigned." If you have any questions about NESAF or national activities, call, fax or write me at the address on page 2 of this publication. Try me any day of the week between 8:00am and 10:00pm.

My travels in the past twelve months have been curtailed somewhat from the debilitating, but thankfully curative, effects of radiation treatment for cancer, but I am now able to travel again. (I thank all who have supported me with calls, cares, and hand shakes with words of concern; they helped me immeasurably.) My work plan again calls for attendance at Division and Chapter meetings, so officers please let me know of the dates of division and chapter executive committee/steering committee and membership meetings. So far this year I have been to the Winter Meetings of three of the Divisions. Thus, I keep up with your activities and concerns and inform you of NESAF Executive Committee actions.

For a number of years now, about 40% of NESAF ballots have been voted, indicative of your interest in NESAF's leadership. Sure, we would like to have 100% of the ballots returned, but we are far ahead of sister society in the east who only had a 10% return in a 1995 election. (Would fewer ballots be placed in the round file if I told you that each ballot costs NESAF $6.82 in printing and postage plus many donated hours of the nominating committee and nominees time?) Another indication of your interest in NESAF is the increase in membership for the last two years; as we are now at about 1,200.

You have already read in January's News Quarterly of the success of the National Convention in Portland last fall and of the many members who helped make it so. Perhaps you have not heard that our share of the receipts - the sponsoring society receives 25% - was over $26,000. While Max McCormack's solicitation of funds from regional wood products organizations contributed significantly to the convention's financial success, most of the return can honestly be attributed to the efforts in designing a high quality convention and attracting a convention attendance which far exceeded projected targets.

I have been asked to resume my contacts with the Northern Forest Lands Alliance, a group of some 20 conservation groups which provided input into the deliberations of the Northern Forest Lands Council. The Alliance is now concerned with implementation of the Council's recommendations through both State and Federal legislation.

I look forward to seeing you again in the field during 1996.
I returned late last night from the NESAF gathering in Lowell and want to begin this report by acknowledging the fine job done by Genera Chair Chris Donnelly and those of you who comprised the Program and Arrangements Committee.

Two proposed Constitutional changes will appear on the ballot this fall. First, we seek membership approval for a modification that would give the Publications Department more flexibility regarding SAF publications and the manner in which information is disseminated. Our new publication, The Forestry Source, was the impetus for this recommendation. This proposed change would include in the Constitution only general language that reflects SAF's obligation to publish professional journals, and it would relegate to the By-laws more specific language dealing with the details of publication. The purpose being to give the National Office the ability to disseminate information in the most appropriate, timely and cost-efficient manner possible.

Secondly, in this referendum Council will seek your approval of recommended changes in membership categories. As you know, historically this issue has arisen on several occasions, and it has been the focus of much discussion for the past two years. The new proposal is the product of the most recent deliberations by Council and the House of Society Delegates. Please appreciate that Council's recommendations is a compromise which reflects our attempt to address a broad range of concerns about this issue, both pro and con, expressed by the State Societies. It became clear early on in our discussions that it would be impossible to come up with a solution which would completely satisfy everyone. I urge you to read the proposed changes and attending documentation carefully. While doing so bear in mind SAF's new "role statement" and the fact that we are a large and diverse Society. Specific details about the proposed changes and the reasoning behind Council's recommendations will appear in The Forestry Source and the Journal. Three objectives precipitated the recommended changes: i) the perception that terminology needed to be clarified; ii) a desire by many State Societies to provide voting rights to Affiliate Members and iii) a desire to make membership in SAF appropriately inclusive. We believe the latter is necessary to accommodate the role statement that was developed in 1994 describing SAF as "a broadly defined professional organization that addresses the full breadth of issues surrounding forests, foresters and forestry."

On another topic of long standing, Council voted to continue with the current process that SAF uses for election to fellow. Council and many state societies, as expressed individually to Council members and collectively through discussions with HSD, believe that at this time the current system should not be changed. However, we sense there is a need i) to improve the manner in which nominees and their credentials are publicized by State Societies and ii) to more carefully examine criteria used to select nominees. Council encourages State Societies to continue their judicious selection of nominees and to base selection on contributions to both forestry and SAF.

Don Floyd, Chair of the Committee on Forest Policy (CFP), indicated that in 1996 this committee will work closely with the national office and the Forest Science and Technology Board to review and make recommendations for position statements. He also announced that the CFP has scheduled a day-long workshop for State Society policy chairs at the Albuquerque convention. One of the most visible and influential functions of SAF is its activity in the policy arena. This workshop promises to be a great opportunity for state and multi-state policy leaders to learn more about the process of issue selection and development at both national and local levels.

Following a review by State Societies and HSD, Council at the January meeting approved a number of changes in the Standard Minimum By-laws. These changes were recommended over a year ago by a committee that studied SAF's Volunteer Organized Structure. Carl Darrow, formally with the National Forest and Paper Association (now AF&PA), has been hired as a temporary replacement for Cam Carte. Carl will assist the Forest Policy Department with congressional affairs until this position can be filled permanently.

At the January meeting, Greg Smith reviewed with Council the manner in which the National Awards process works. New guidelines have been developed and Division and/or State Society leaders should make certain that the proper format is followed when making nominations. Along these same lines, a specific change in the nominating procedure for the honorary Membership Award was approved by Council to address a concern raised by the Green Mountain Division last year. From now on, copies of nomination materials will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the unit from which the nomination came before a decision is made by the Committee on Professional Recognition or by Council.

Recently, President Bosworth appointed three new Council subcommittees that will 1) examine the dues structure 2) explore fund raising opportunities and 3) evaluate the vitality of student chapters and identify ways to strengthen the liaison between student chapters and other SAF units.

SAF's finances are in good shape! Under the leadership of Charles Jackson, and careful oversight by Executive Vice-President Banzhaf and Council, I believe SAF does a very conscientious job of monitoring the manner in which your money is spent and anticipating the Society's future financial needs. We finished 1995 approximately $7,700 in the black, the fifth year in a row that our revenues have exceeded costs. The 1996 budget is approximately $2.8 million, and this includes a projected surplus to cover unanticipated expenses and to provide the flexibility needed to respond to new initiatives.

New Supervisor For White Mountain National Forest

After a five month search, Donna Hepp has been named the new Forest Supervisor for the White Mountain National Forest. Ms. Hepp's work experience includes 19 years in federal forest management and 3 years in state government. Most recently she served 5 months as Acting Forest Supervisor for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. She has also worked as Acting Forest Supervisor and Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Nation Forests in Florida. Prior to that she was a District Ranger in Colorado's Front Range, and a member of the National Renewable Resources Planning Staff in Washington, D.C., a District ski area and special use administrator and a land management planner on the Mt. Hood National Forest. She has a BS degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington and is active in the Society of American Foresters. She noted that "The White Mountain National Forest is an outstanding heritage for New Hampshire, Maine, and the nation. We are tied to the communities and states' quality of life and livelihoods. I am committed to working together as we move forward to set direction for future management of the National Forest."
More than 55,000 signatures were collected to bring the Maine Green Party's Referendum to the November ballot this fall. The referendum, if passed, seeks to eliminate clearcutting in Maine's unorganized towns which encompass a several million acre area of northern Maine. The referendum would also severely restrict harvesting in those areas as well.

The law, if passed, would: restrict harvesting to no more than 1/3 of the volume on any acre within a 15-year period; essentially prohibit biomass harvesting; prohibit openings in the canopy of greater than ½ acre; require residual minimal basal areas of 65, 75, and 90 sq ft for hardwood, softwood, and mixed wood respectively; and specify stocking of trees smaller than merchantable size, and require a well-distributed stand, with similar diversity of species, size, and age class after harvest.

Needless to say, this bill is of concern to SAF members, other foresters, landowners, and loggers throughout the state. The Maine Green Party says that the bill is a multi-party bill that will bring jobs, and higher stumpage prices to landowners. Their leader, former Maine Party Gubernatorial candidate Jonathan Carter, would like to see towns adopt similar legislation. Proponents are calling it the "Clearcutting Referendum" while opponents are calling it the "Green Party Forestry Ban."

A poster presented at the 76th Winter Meeting by John McNulty highlighted the forestry management problems associated with the bill. In the short term (3-5 years) companies would be able to continue harvesting and procuring timber at today's levels but with the following impacts. Harvests would shift to the organized municipalities of Maine. Demand would shift to neighboring States and Provinces. At least three times more roads would have to be constructed in the unorganized towns, and the harvesting limitations would result in high grading. Since all provisions of the bill must occur on every acre the following are likely to occur: The best stocked, most productive acres would be treated first. Shelterwood, seed tree, and all other forms of even-aged management would be prohibited. Residual stands treated in the 70's and 80's as shelterwoods would not be eligible for further harvest thus removing hundreds of thousands of acres from the mix of acres available under this bill. All herbicide applications aimed at improving species composition will be prohibited also.

A March 18 public hearing in Augusta on the bill brought an estimated 500 people out to in opposition. Four people spoke in favor of the bill while other opponents of the bill boycotted the hearing and held a news conference outside the hearing room to announce their position. Many SAF members testified in opposition to the bill either representing themselves, their companies, or other organizations. Nearly 100 loggers attended this hearing also.

Bill opponents used several analogies to present their point. One speaker declared that if the bill passed there would be no need for the University of Maine forestry school because the legislation removes all discretion from foresters on the ground. Another analogy used was that of passing a farm bill limiting an Aroostook County potato farmer to harvest only one-third of his potatoes in any one year, yet continue to pay his taxes and allow hunting and fishing on his back 40 for free while telling him how to grow the potatoes.

The Executive Committee of the Maine Division of NESAF voted to oppose the bill. Don Whitemore, a member at large, gave testimony at the March 18 public hearing. The testimony focussed on stewardship of the forest and declared that the bill would impede the ability of professional foresters to do what they were trained to do. The testimony also supported the work of the Maine Council on Sustainable Forest Management.

The legislature has the authority to pass a law initiated by a petition without it going to referendum. A legislative committee voted "ought-not-to-pass" on this legislation earlier in March but the bill now goes to the full legislature. If the legislature does not pass the bill, it will go to referendum. Stay tuned. As Si Balch was quoted at the Winter Meeting "a year from now forestry in Maine will not be the same."

(quote by Dave Maass with additional info by Gary Salmon)

Technology Coordinator's Report

by John Brissette

The 76th Winter NESAF Meeting is history and, like the recent national SAF meeting in Portland, was a big success. The program committee did a great job of inviting speakers who addressed the theme of the meeting, "Forestry in a Fishbowl," extremely well. The technical poster session was also quite successful.

Eighteen posters were presented covering a wide range of scientific and technical subjects. Several addressed economic issues relevant to forest management in New England. Others dealt with biological concerns, particularly regeneration. Still others discussed the meeting theme of forest management and public perceptions. For members who were not familiar with the referendum on the November ballot in Maine to, "Promote Forest Rehabilitation and Eliminate Clearcutting," one poster provided the legal language and discussed the implications of the measure. The posters were in the same room with exhibitors and coffee breaks, allowing ample time for interchange between authors and meeting participants.

One of my goals as Technology Coordinator is to have working groups established within NESAF and ready to accept members before the 77th Winter Meeting in Portland, Maine next March. I'll have more to say about this effort in the July News Quarterly, but in the meantime, please be thinking about how working group activities can enhance technical issues within NESAF. If you have any ideas or would like to help organize a working group, you don't have to wait until July, go ahead and contact me now!
Read a Good Book

During the second module of the Leadership Academy, two books were recommended as valuable aids in you as a Leader in a Changing Environment. One is entitled How Do People Understand Me (unavailable locally), the other is The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, a best seller by Stephen R. Covey. For that reason, the MS SAF Executive Committee has chosen it as a text for its forthcoming officer training session. Here is a review from The Sun Herald:

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen R. Covey, Simon & Schuster, $12 paperback.

The success of this bestseller reveals the hunger for ethics and a restoration of character, in both our personal and our professional lives. Covey has offered not so much a book as a “companion” on our journey through change and growth.

Habits are the force behind our effectiveness or ineffectiveness. Your habits are a product of your knowledge, skill and desire, Covey says. It takes a huge amount of energy to undo old habits — such as procrastination and criticalness — but it opens the gate to effective communication and productivity.

The seven habits are:

• Be proactive.
• Begin with the end in mind.
• Put first things first.
• Think win/win.
• Seek first to understand...then to be understood.
• Synergize.
• Sharpen the saw.

Covey balances his philosophy with practical work sheets, diagrams and anecdotes.

Over time, Covey says, the seven habits can build a life of integrity, fairness and human dignity.

(Wyman from page 1)

Over his 23 year career at the University Edgar Wyman had a major impact. Almost singlehandedly he started the summer program for forestry students. He also was a pioneer in the use of chain saws and mentor to students for nearly a quarter century. He promoted SAF membership for all of his students and many have become contributing members of SAF and forestry, both in New England and elsewhere. Max McCormack noted in his letter of nomination that "many of his former students, and coworkers who developed under his tutelage, have become leaders and significant contributors to forestry and SAF activities."

Although he retired from the University in 1970 he has remained an active participant in forestry and SAF activities. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the Yankee Division of NESAF and the Program Chair of the 1970 Annual Meeting. He has contributed work to the Forest History Society and has listed memberships with the American Forest Products Research Society, the Northeast Forest Pest Control Committee, and the Connecticut Tree Protective Association which awarded him their Award of Merit in 1969.

Max McCormack, in summing up Edgar Wyman’s nomination said "I do not know of an individual who has sustained active participation in the meetings of SAF in New England over a longer period of time." "Public recognition of Ed’s decades of consistent, distinguished service to our profession and the New England SAF are long overdue.” The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award presented by the New England Society of American Foresters. New England honors Edgar P. Wyman in 1986 for his professional achievement in forestry over a career that exceeds a half century of service. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

(Congress from page 1)

while the three principles with the least support were:

1) Ecological and ecocultural restoration should be integrated into ecosystem management due to its holistic integration of ethics, economics, ecology, etc.;
2) forest products prices will reflect the full cost of maintenance, monitoring, and waste management; and
3) public forests will be managed for all forms of appropriate recreation.

Where do we go from here? Well five post congress committees have been formed to continue work on the visions and principles: Education, Management, Research, Policy, and Community Involvement. Each committee has been assigned a chair and a home organization. Perry Hagenstein has been appointed Chair of the Policy Committee and the Society of American Foresters has become the home of the Management Committee. Committee members are being solicited.

In addition we should be looking for local initiatives to develop and make change. Phil Bryce, NESAF Chair, who attended the convention noted that there were many that were pertinent to New England that were discussed at his Home Table. Those included loss of land to development; forestland unavailable for harvest, land ownership tenure, decreasing support for Forest Service State and Private Programs, and the lack of the northeast’s political support (governors and delegations) for Forest Service inventory work. He noted that there did appear to be a lack of prominence nationally on two key New England issues; land conversion and land owner turnover rates. His impressions from the Forest Congress serve as an excellent review of both the process and the reasons for staying as active participants in the movements beyond the Seventh Forest Congress.

The Congress reinforced the continuing trend to an inclusive style of forest policy development and land management decision making. More and more forest resource values are being rolled back into the public domain. The Congress gave participants a greater understanding and appreciation for the degree which public land management drives this nation’s resource policy. The Congress revealed the degree to which natural resource policy decisions are made by values rather than science, values established by an urban society. The Congress pointed out the importance of participation, especially when decisions are made by vote, whether that vote is a Congress Table or on a clearcutting referendum in Maine. Phil also noted the high profile that the AF&PA Forestry Sustainability Principles have received. He was surprised over the degree of agreement at Congress Tables, the civil manner in which disagreement occurred, and the way people at the Congress Tables bonded.

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Prescribed Fire in NH; 12/14/95; Concord, NH 6/1
Christmas Tree Pest Management Course; 1/4/96; Keene, NH 13/1
GPS: A Tool for GIS Workshop; 1/4-5/96; Orono, ME 12.5/1
Youth Ed. For Foresters; 1/10/96; Concord, NH 5/1
GSD/SAF Annual Winter Meeting; 2/9/96; Campton, NH 3.5/1
GMD/SAF Annual Winter Meeting; 2/10/96; Montpelier, VT 2.5/1
Forestland Appraisal Intensive Course; 2/13-15/96; Orono, ME 18.5/1
Logger Workshops; 2/29/96, 3/7 & 14/96; Chocorua, NH 4.5/1
NER.COFÉ Workshop; 3/4&5/96; Orono, ME 7/1
GIS & GPS Technology Awareness Sessions; 3/11/96; Concord, NH 5/1
N.E. Forest Pest Council; 3/11-13/96; Cohoes, NY 12/1
Training Strategies for Adults; 3/15/96; Portsmouth, NH 6/1
NESAF An. Mng.; 3/19-21/96; Lowell, MA 9.5/1
The Ecotourism Equation: Measuring the Impacts; 4/12-14/96; New Haven, CT 10.5/1
6th Annual Coos Foresters Mud Season Breakfast; 4/16/96; Groveton, NH 4/1

Congratulations to Kenneth Placko of the Connecticut Division for earning a CFE certificate. Kenneth completed more than 150 CFE hours in three years!

You may obtain a chronological list of all evaluated programs that have taken place during the past three years by sending $1 cash (for postage and printing) to me at my office.

Jon Nute
UNH Cooperative Extension
468 Route 13 South, Milford, NH 03055

New Display For Yankee Division

One of the highlights of the poster area was the unveiling of the "YANKEE DIVISION SAF DISPLAY". After collecting information, photos, and other display material, the result is a fine display that will reflect the Yankee Division's forestry efforts at fairs, environmental functions, and other events in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
Welcome to the beginnings of the 1996 convention of the Society of American Foresters. No convention would be successful without people willing to share their time and talents to make it happen. Your help is greatly appreciated as we work to make the Albuquerque convention one of the most successful and memorable conventions of the Society. Please complete the information below so that we can best place you in your area of interest.

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(spainish speakers especially needed)
DO YOU REMEMBER???????

These seven foresters take pause during one of the more intensive moments of the 12 NESAF Quiz Bowl to ponder yet another forestry question that resulted in sending the Quiz Bowl home to New Hampshire until 1997. Three teams and many spectator foresters competed mentally during an evening of mental stimulation hosted by Tim Hawley and official questioner Max McCormack.

Keith Kanoti and Mike Dolbow, a two member team from the University of New Hampshire, proudly display the Quiz Bowl which will live in New Hampshire during 1996. They defeated teams from the University of Vermont and the Thompson School in New Hampshire to claim the "bowl."

GRANITE STATE Division

Granite State Winter Meeting, February 9, 1996 - More than 175 natural resource professionals attended our Winter Meeting in Campton. A full day of activities was both scheduled and accomplished.

Jack Sargent reported that David Falkenham is the new Nash Stream Forester; that Sven Carlson has retired and been replaced by John Ricard from District 4; and that Ricard's position is now open. Susan Francher was thanked for co-authoring the Forest Resource Plan to be printed in May. Laura Falk, who helped with the project has returned to her duties with the Forest Service in Laconia. Legislation has been introduced to provide the Division with some portion of the income from timber sales harvested from state land.

Eric Kingsley and Karen Bennett thanked the Division for their support of the forester licensing regulations which are up for their fifth year review. No testimony has been given against licensing but some legislators questioned its value and purpose. Don Quigley noted that 160 loggers have completed the Timber Harvesting Council sponsored Logger Certification Program in the last two years. At least 600 loggers have attended at least one session. To foster communication between loggers and foresters 72 foresters attended the Logging for Foresters workshops to see things from the loggers perspective.

Ross Morgan presented his views on forester ethics. This Vermont consulting forester has developed four philosophies which, in concert guide his actions as a forester: The best forest is an untouched one; forests do not need humans but humans need forests; a foresters work is to know the forest (in all its varieties, art & science); and as his forest knowledge grows, so does his ignorance. He felt that we do the science part of forestry well but not necessarily the art and philosophy aspects. A panel discussion on "Sustainability: Is it Fact or Fad?" was moderated by Charles Niebling of Innovative Natural Resources Solutions. Phil Bryce, of Crown Vantage, distributed information from the Forest Sustainability Standards Work Team (25 NH natural resource professionals). He discussed the difference between sustained yield, relating to timber as a commodity, and sustainability, relating to the condition of the forest environment. David Publicover, of the AMC, continued the discussion and announced that a forest sustainability publication would soon be out and would be helpful to forest landowners, be they informed, uninformed, or illintentioned. Bud Delano, Champion International, distributed the companies position on the American Forest and Paper Association's sustainable forestry initiative. Rick Lessard, North Country Lumber, was concerned that even though the initiative is supported at the corporate level, that support may not be reaching the field level for practical application as yet.

The Division voted to provide NH PLT with $500 and also establish a scholarship fund with $1000, which will be added to each year until the interest is adequate for a scholarship.

Division Newsmakers/Awards Included: New GSD Officers - Chair, Charles Moreno; Vice-Chair, Mary Chapman; Secretary, Chip Chapman; Treasurer, John Ferguson; Directors, Brendan Prusik and J.B. Cullen; Past-Chair, Laura Falk.

Forester of the Year Award - Melvin Jenkins

Outstanding Student Awards to Keith Kanoti of the UNH 4 year program and Daniel Ellison of the 2 year program.

Tree Farm Awards: Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector of the Year - Charles Moreno. Awards for more than 10 inspections went to: Charles Moreno, Jack Wadsworth, Wayne Young, John Ferguson, and Sam Stoddard. Tree Farm Officers include: Dave Pilla - Chair; Tom Chisenton - vice chair and Dave Howard as Tree Farm Representative.
Winter Meeting Highlights Policy Activities - Of all the committee activities during 96 the Policy folks stood out. Bill Samal reported work on a variety of policy committee activities during the Winter Meeting at Community College of Vermont on February 10. The Policy Committee is presently working on drafting position statements for property taxes; AMP's; Sustainability; Log Exports; Liquidation Harvests; Herbicides Use; Licensing/Certification; and Land Rights. The Committee has testified for the legislature several times this spring on any or all of the above issues. They have also commented on the FRAC report and continue to support FRAC. Their most recent calling to the legislature was to respond to a recently introduced clearingcut bill. It has been a very busy year for Policy and will continue to be as Vermont struggles for professional information on the many forestry issues swirling around Vermont.

Jock Harvey also reported on the recently formed Vermont Forestry Foundation which is the educational arm of the Vermont Forest Products Association. SAF will have membership in this organization which will provide educational information and programs to loggers, private landowners, schools, and the general public.

The Public Information Committee once again hosted our popular legislative coffee at the state house. Again an opportunity existed to present natural resource information to interested legislators.

The Education Committee assures us that A SUMMER MEETING WILL BE HELD IN 1996.

For two hours in the afternoon Neil Lamson opened up his computer knowledge and allowed 40 foresters to work with his Northeast Decision Model program. Foresters brought their own data and plugged it into the Stand Inventory Processor to see where stands would grow into the future under a variety of parameters.

Licensing/Certification - Legislation which called for certification and/or licensing of foresters never made it out of the committee this session. The perceived need for some type of forester controls prompted the Green Mountain Division to work together with the Consulting Foresters Association to investigate the National SAF Certified Forester Program to determine if it can be used as a means of state certification for Vermont. Concerns have been raised regarding means of local control, technician certification, and the need for stronger language regarding ethics. The joint group is planning on surveying all foresters in Vermont regarding the certification issue and an informational meeting is also in the works.

Clearcutting/herbicide legislation - Legislation requiring a written management plan before clearingcutting a tract under 100 acres and limited clearcuts over 100 acres has been withdrawn. Legislation which would place a two year moratorium on aerial application of herbicides for forestry purposes has been passed by the House and awaits action by the Senate. An amendment to the herbicide bill directs FRAC to address herbicide and clearingcutting issues over the next year.

What's Hot and What's Not Program Held - The Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation on March 26th once again lured 120 foresters to its popular program of insects and diseases that may or may not be running rampant in Vermont. Added features this year were weather updates (last June was the driest in 101 years with October following as the wettest); Dr. Dave Houston's excellent talk on beechnut complex (ask anyone there about the impact blue jays have on species dispersal); micro-burst impacts in Vermont forests; and steps to take in protecting NTMSB's. Barb Burns once again did a great job in attracting a wide range of informational speakers. This program seems to grow each year so plan on being at the Montshire Museum next March. There is still room for a few more foresters; or an addition to the museum auditorium.

Two Big Trees Programs Presented - Dr. Jeff Freeman of Castleton State College and the Green Mountain Division's "Mr. Big Tree" presented programs in January and February to the Mount Ascutney Audubon Club and Rutland County Maple Producers respectively. About 120 people were treated to slides of a few of the big trees in Vermont with additional information on what equipment can be used in measuring and who to contact if a big tree might make the list of Vermont largest specimens.

Woodlands Magazine Presented - Subscriptions to "Vermont Woodlands Magazine" have been presented to the chairs of key legislative committees for the upcoming year by the Green Mountain Division in the hopes that legislative awareness of the various forestry issues in Vermont can be enhanced. The magazine examines resource issues relevant to Vermonters in a non-technical manner and will hopefully serve as an educational tool for policy makers involved in enhancing Vermont's forests.

 Sustainable Farming and Forestry Meeting in Addison County - Dennis Avery of the Hudson Institute presented his views as the keynote speaker on sustainable farming and forestry at a workshop on March 16. He promotes intensive agriculture and forestry techniques utilizing state of the art chemical control to produce food and fiber on the most productive acres. This will leave more acres of less productive land available for wildlife habitat and biological reserves.

 Sustainable Forestry Initiative - Yes it is still alive and growing in Vermont. A consortium of natural resource professionals is developing methods to promote the initiative and involve the forest industry in Vermont. A symposium is being planned for May 22, 1996 in Randolph. The goal is to further discussion of the sustainable forestry issue. Topics such as outreach to companies, education of loggers/foresters, riparian protection, and state level reporting will be discussed. For more information on SFI and the symposium contact Farley Brown (802)-586-9973.

Low Impact Forestry Forum was held on March 13. The keynote speaker was Mitch Lansky, author of "Beyond the Beauty Strip - Saving What's Left of Our Forests". Lansky's presentation focused on horse and farm tractor sized forwarding equipment. The afternoon session featured a panel of four loggers utilizing a variety of different sized machinery.

"The world is run by those who show up."
RI Division of Forest Environment - The Rhode Island Urban and Community Forest Council is planning their annual meeting this spring and the topic concerns the sociological benefits of a green urban community. Experts on crime prevention are among the participants. For more information contact the DFE at (401) 647-3367.

SNEFC News - The Cost of Community Services Study is now in print and available. Rhode Island Chapter member Tom Dupree, President of SNEFC, reports that the study has resulted in broad publicity in the planning community. SNEFC has been invited to present the study at the American Planning Association's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida this April. The Trust for Public Lands has contacted SNEFC to coordinate a joint conference to share the results of a similar study TPL conducted recently, which was conducted differently but yielded similar results.

Tree Farm News - A spring program is being planned in conjunction with RIFCO on May 18 and will introduce the drafted Best Management Practices Manual. A grant request has been submitted to fund the publication of a Legislative Alert newsletter. Rhode Island Chapter members Hans Bergey and Marc Trembley are working on both of these initiatives.

Massachusetts by Austin Mason III

Forest Congress Activities - A Forest Congress Roundtable Discussion was held at the University of Massachusetts on January 13. Hosted by the Department of Forestry and Wildlife with support from the Connecticut River Watershed Council, the meeting was intended to be inclusive in a grassroots sense and tap into the diverse views of area people. Information from the meeting was collected and used at the Forest Congress in Washington, D.C. in February.

David Kittredge, Michael Mauri, Chris Donnelly, Bill King, Bob Perschel, and Perry Hagenstein all attended the Congress from Massachusetts. Dr. Hagenstein chaired the Forest Policy Committee at the Congress.

Open Space Bond Bill Approved - On February 12, 1996 Governor Weld signed the Open Space Bond Bill which allows $399 million to be spent for land acquisition on environmental programs. This will allow $30 million to be spent for land acquisition within the Department of Environmental Management. It will also provide $6 million for facility rehab and equipment within the State Forests and Parks. There will also be about $50 million for municipalities to acquire open space properties. This bill is one of the largest environmental financing programs going on anywhere in the country.

Urban Funds To Communities - The Department of Environmental Management has awarded 32 Urban Forestry Planning and Education grants communities interested in improving their communities. The grants will fund proposals ranging from assistance with tree inventories to community involvement activities and total $100,000 in direct grant payments matched by nearly $500,000 in local investment.

Governor Weld has also attempted to replace the loss of Federal support for the Mass Releaf Trust Fund. He has asked for $250,000 in the 97 House One Budget to help communities improve community gateways and enhance the leafy character of cities and towns.

Newsmakers - Austin Mason has been received a 1995 Department of Environmental Management Performance Recognition award for exemplary work and dedication. He was one of 47 employees so honored.
Forest Exams Out - The first Forest Practitioners Exams were completed in early April. A second round of exams for Forester, Supervising Forest Products Harvester, and Forest Products Harvester will be held in mid-June. All appropriate Forest Practitioner certifications must be achieved by July 31, 1996. Applications and a schedule of exam dates may be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Forestry, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (Tel: 860-424-3630).

More Logging in State Forest Urged to Help Fund Programs - so read a headline in the Hartford Courant. The article quoted the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, an advisor to Governor Rowland and the General Assembly, which recommended that logging in Connecticut's State Forests can be expanded without harm, and additional revenues from that cutting could help towns and non-profit groups buy open space land and plant trees. In fact, the Governor's proposed budget includes funding for 4 forest technicians, whose duties would include forest fire control and State lands management. As of this writing, the budget had not yet been approved.

Agricultural Station Eliminated? - The same budget calls for the closing of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and all forestry research associated with it. Many groups have rallied to support continuation of the station, including the Connecticut Chapter, which sent a letter of support to several State Representatives. No further word as of this writing.

Chapter Opposes Changes to Tree Warden Statute - Changes to the statute which would have negatively impacted the care and health of municipally owned trees were opposed by the Chapter in letters sent to the General Assembly.

Tree Farm News - SAF members Tom Casler of Hull Forest Products and Dave Trykowski of Permatreat make up this years Outstanding Tree Farm Committee. Nominations are due by July 1, 1996.

Newsmakers - Joe Shramek, former Connecticut Chapter Chair, and Tish Carr have left Connwood Foresters, Inc for positions in the State of Washington. Joe will work on State Lands and Tish has become the State's Urban Forestry Coordinator. Tim Fleury is moving to New Hampshire this summer so applications for the position of Stewardship Forester/Coordinator with the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service are being accepted until May 10. For more information, call Steve Broderick at 860-774-9600.


canada

Quebec - Kim Lowell
New Brunswick - Ardith Armstrong

Quebec News

Industrial News - It is estimated that the Quebec forest industry produced approximately 3.7 million metric tons of organic residues in 1992 with the present day options for disposal limited to burial or incineration. However, according to A. Sauvesty and M. Tabi, composting may be an economical alternative. More information is available in their book "Composting in Quebec". As the cost of waste disposal becomes more expensive this alternative will become increasingly more available. Daishowa and Macalren are composting presently and Cascades Paper has distributed some organic wastes on agricultural lands to improve them.

Claude Godbout, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics of Laval presented a summary of the state of the forest industry at the 75th Annual Conference of the Order of Forest Engineers of Quebec (provincial equivalent of SAF). He noted how well the industry has responded to the "new" forestry goals especially in the areas of: integrated management and product diversification; sustained yield management; forest industry responsibility for value added product; and maintaining the role of government in planning and operations oversight. Godbout concluded that success has been attained in each of these areas but in varying degrees. Even so it appears that this slowness in the transfer of certain responsibilities from the government to the industry has caused difficulties in completely attaining these objectives.

University News - The Industrial Chair in Geomatics of Laval worked with personnel in the Ministry of Natural Resources to examine the precision of geomatics technologies for accurately transferring interpretations of aerial photographs from the photos to a map compared with the traditional method -- ie., the Sketchmaster. The project led by Jean-Marie Blodeau showed that a combination of the GPS with a geographic information system and a digital terrain model gave results that were clearly superior to those of the Sketchmaster. The final report should be ready this summer.

Newsmakers - During the 10th Anniversary of the Centre for Research in Forest Biology in December, Pierre Dansereau was awarded the title of Researcher Emeritus of the Centre.

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Fishbowl Forestry Intense

Lowell, Massachusetts was a busy place between March 19-21, 1996. Forestry in a Fish Bowl, a conference on public perception of and participation in forestry and natural resource management examined the issues around which we live from the review of the Seventh American Forest Congress which opened the 76 Winter Meeting to the lively panel discussion around the confrontations surrounding the deer harvesting system at Quabbin Reservoir which concluded the meeting.

Champion International presented a vivid outline of their "Clear values, clear vision" media campaign which included a multi media effort to show Champion "setting the standard" for industrial forest management. The Winter Meeting business meeting had to establish a working budget for 1997 as well as give direction to the disbursement of $26,508, the proceeds from the National SAF Convention in Portland. We communicated natural resources issues to legislators, learned about public involvement techniques in natural resource management, looked at how others looked at us, and discussed citizen participation and what makes it work.

In between these sessions, the subjects of endangered species, green certification, GPS, marketing, and becoming media savy could be examined in detail. Nineteen posters and a host of exhibitors were available to enlighten you also.

In addition to the five NESAF awards presented in Lowell, the following individuals were also so honored at the awards luncheon for "good works as members of NESAF."

Three members were honored with golden memberships as members of SAF for 50 years. They were David M. Smith of Hamden, Connecticut; Earl Bessey of Waterville, Maine; and Herschel Abbott of Leverett, Massachusetts.

Max McCormack was honored by NESAF for his work as General Chair of the National Convention last fall in Portland and John McNulty was honored for his work as Chair of NESAF during 1995.

It was truly a busy three days of meetings, networking, awards, mental stimulation, and comparing notes on how each of us deals with the forestry issues of the day. We will all get to do this again next year in Portland, Maine but the events of Lowell would not be complete without a sincere thank you to all of those folks who assembled and hosted the 76th Winter NESAF meeting in Lowell. Thanks folks from all of us!!!!!!