NESAF HONORS FIVE FORESTERS

Distinguished Service Award to Lloyd Irland

Since 1966 the New England Society of American Foresters has annually honored a member with its Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes 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 77th Winter Meeting held in Portland, Maine on March 13, 1997, Lloyd C. Irland of Winthrop, Maine was honored by the 313 people attending as NESAF’s 31st Distinguished Forester.

Lloyd’s service to the forestry profession, the practice of forestry, the Society of American Foresters, and his local community have been significant for nearly thirty years. He was Maine’s Forest Insect Manager in the 70’s when the spruce budworm epidemic raged from New York to New Brunswick and his responsibilities in Maine included spraying supervision, research, and environmental monitoring. In 1979 he became the Director of the Maine Bureau of Public Lands and in 1981 became Maine’s State Economist. While there he prepared a detailed study of natural resources in Maine’s economy. He is presently the president of The Irland Group, a forestry, economics, and marketing consulting firm. The field of public policy and economics has also been shaped by his contributions. He Chaired a national forestry Economics, Policy, and Law

NESAF Awards to Quigley, Cullen, Hackley, and Bissell

The 77th NESAF Winter Meeting Awards luncheon in Portland, Maine provided the opportunity to present NESAF awards to Donald W. Quigley, James B. Cullen, Patrick D. Hackley, and D. Jensen Bissell. These annual awards for outstanding forestry work in four different categories recognize both present and past achievements by linking the accomplishments of the present award winner with the name of an earlier New England forester who epitomized the category of service recognized.

The Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award is awarded annually to a member of the Society who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, or youth service. The 1997 recipient is Donald W. Quigley of Lee, New Hampshire.

Don Quigley is Associate Professor of Forest Technology at the Thompson School of Applied Science in New Hampshire. In that role, he teaches a variety of applied forestry courses and advises and administers programs to students seeking the degree of Associate of Applied Science. He is the Director of the Forest Industries Training Center and is also co-director and co-founder of the New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Council and Logger Certification Program, an acclaimed project that has enrolled half of the loggers in New Hampshire in just five years.
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Members Rewarded for Efforts

Mike Pochan

On February 20, 1997 SAF Fellow Mike Pochan was honored for his lifetime contributions to conservation in the State of Connecticut and in his home town of Guilford. Among the recognitions bestowed on Mike during the surprise 82nd birthday ceremony were: a proclamation from the Town of Guilford citing his many years of service to the town’s Conservation Commission; a proclamation from Governor John Rowland naming that day as Mike Pochan Day in recognition of his years of service to the State as a former Regional Foresters for Connecticut’s Department of Environmental Protection; the renaming of the Westwood Block of the Cockaponset State Forest in Guilford to the Michael Pochan Block by order of Connecticut DEP Commissioner Sidney Holbrook; and honorariums from the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association, ConnWood Foresters Inc., and Yale University. Mike Pochan joined the Society of American Foresters in 1937.

Howard Mason

Howard Mason of Russell, Massachusetts has been named the 1996 recipient of the John H. Lambert Jr. Forest Stewardship Award for his significant contributions to forest management in Massachusetts. It was awarded during the Massachusetts Forestry Association’s annual meeting at Harvard Forest last November. The award committee cited Howard’s long work in promoting woodland management in Massachusetts, first as a forester for Peck Lumber Company and more recently for work on his own land in Russell as a Tree Farmer and Christmas tree grower. He has been active in the Massachusetts Wood Producers Association and in MFA. He has also served on both the DEM’s State Forestry Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

Mike Fleming

Mike Fleming of Leominster, Massachusetts has been awarded the Yankee Division’s Outstanding Forester Award for 1997. He is the Department of Environmental Management service forester for Central Worcester County which consists of 22 towns and about 200,000 acres of forestland. Prior to that he served as the Management Forester for Berkshire County. He has been an SAF member since 1978.

His SAF duties have included: Yankee Division Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Steering Committee member; Massachusetts Representative to the NESAF Executive Committee; NESAF Winter Meeting Chair or Co-Chair (3 times); chair of the NESAF Long Term Health and Forest Productivity Committee; NESAF Fund team member; and Facilities Co-Chair for 1995 the National SAF Convention in Portland, Maine.

He has also served as: The DEM representative to the Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters Licensing Committee; and a member of the Massachusetts Forestry Association Board of Directors. As a member of the Forest Stewardship Committee he was a major contributor to the contents of the Statewide Forest Stewardship Plan and has also contributed substantially in setting up the Chapter 61 computer data base for the Bureau of Forest Development.

Robert Burt

Robert Burt, a forester and silviculturist on the Green Mountain National Forest has received a USDA Forest Service "Excellence in Timber Management Award"; one of 10 presented in the country. He was one of 9 award nominees amongst foresters within the 13 National Forests in Region 9. The award will be presented to the ten recipients from National Forests around the country in Reno, Nevada in late April by Dave Hessel, Forest Service Director of Timber Management at a Forest Products Meeting.

RETIREMENTS OF NOTE

Joseph Mawson

On March 5, 1997 Professor Joseph C. Mawson of Amherst, Massachusetts retired from the Department of Forestry and Wildlife at the University of Massachusetts. He served the University for 38 years teaching courses in measurements, surveying, timber management, and computer programming. Joe received a BS in Forestry from the University of Maine in 1956 and an MS in Forestry from Duke in 1957. He later added an MA in statistics from the University of California in 1966. Joe was one of the founding members of the Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters and was a charter member of the Yankee Division of NESAF. Through the years he has performed the following for SAF: Program Chair for NESAF Winter Meeting; Yankee Division Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer; Massachusetts representative to the NESAF Executive Committee; and dedicated SAF member for 40 years. He is doing a little bit of "forensic forestry" (timber trespass work) and recently assumed the position as Secretary/Treasurer of the Yankee Division.

William Hall III

On April 1, 1997 William P. Hall III retired as Chittenden County Forester, ending a 44 year career with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. A graduate of the New York State Ranger School and State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, Bill came to the Department in 1953. He was the assistant superintendent of the state tree nursery in Essex Junction for 10 years and then served as assistant county forester under George W.C. Turner. He succeeded Turner as county forester in 1965. His distinguished forestry career included terms as secretary-treasurer and chair of the Green Mountain Division SAF in 1974-75. Bill is an accomplished photographer, and his life as an avid bobsledder included being the captain of the USA bobsled team in the 1972 Olympics in Sapporo, Japan. Bill Hall joined the Society of American Foresters in 1966.
Information related in previous columns, coupled with the thorough coverage of SAF and Council activities in recent issues of the Forestry Source, make it difficult to identify items to report that are not redundant. Below I touch on a few issues that I hope will fill in a few gaps and broaden your view of issues before Council.

At our February meeting Dave Cleaves, the current Chair of HSD, provided Council with a prioritized list of the 1996 HSD recommendations and commented on why certain issues were deemed more important than others by the 1997 HSD "Convener Team." The five highest priority requests presented to Council were:

1. Continuing support for the leadership academy. Council voted to fund this endeavor for the next two years.
2. Explore means by which SAF can impress on forest industry and public forestry agencies the benefits associated with having foresters belong to SAF. Council initiated discussions with the Communications Department and requested that a letter be drafted which can serve as a template that SAF units can use to inform employers of the benefits accruing to them and their foresters by being a part of SAF.
3. Accept the report on Forest Health and Productivity and develop a position statement on this issue. After extensive discussion, Council accepted the report by voted not to use it as a basis for a position statement (see comments to follow).
4. SAF should host the Management Committee of the 7th American Forest Congress in a facilitative role that (a) seeks and administers outside funding, (b) does not change the current SAF budget and (c) provides basic administrative needs. Based on the perceived significance of this effort and knowledge that the AF&PA has committed funds to SAF for this purpose, Council recommended approval of this request.
5. Council pay increased attention to incentive-based forest policies, including a JOE issue devoted to the subject and a Task Force to develop a white paper on the status and future of incentives. Council and staff suggested that much has already been published about this issue and maybe at this point the best thing to do is to package this material and make it available to members.

There were ten additional recommendations and all are either under consideration by Council and/or staff or will be addressed by Council at future meetings.

Member recognition - in my last column I indicated that Council voted not to approve a 25 year Service Pin (for financial reasons) but neglected to say that it did approve a 25 year service award. Certificates will be provided by the National Office to State or Multi-State Societies who wish to use this form of recognition.

After extensive discussion within Council, and consideration of input from the Committee on Forest Policy and the Forest Science & Technology Board, Council voted not to approve a position statement based on the Forest Health & Productivity Report. Council is very appreciative of the thoughtful work and extensive effort that went into the committee’s report. However, careful assessment by the three groups mentioned above resulted in mixed reviews and no apparent consensus on the value of this report as the basis for a position statement. For the time being, it will serve as an approach for SAF involvement in the forest health issue.

At the request of HSD, a new dues structure is under review and will be voted on at the June Council meeting. The charge to Council and Staff was to devise with a less complicated schedule and provide rates that are consistent with opportunities afforded to participate in SAF affairs. HSD would like dues to remain lower during the early years of membership and relatively low for retirees.

Council has initiated discussions to identify ways in which SAF can address President Wiant’s communication initiative. I anticipate that this issue will be on our agenda for the next several meetings.

Jon Helms, Chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board, indicated in June that with a little good fortune the revision of "Forest Terminology" should be completed by September. The new edition of this useful reference will contain more than 5000 terms.

Finally, the feasibility of developing another Video Conference is under discussion in Council. A subcommittee chaired by Steve Alexander from Oklahoma State University, Council representative from District IX, is developing a tentative format and has provided estimates of anticipated costs. Council has approved "Sustainable Forestry" as the subject, but also stipulated that outside funding is essential before this can be fully endorsed. The objectives are to provide a learning environment for foresters and other natural resource professionals, to present the basic principles of sustainability, to explore policy tools necessary to encourage sustainable practices, and to stimulate dialogue and scholarly debate of this issue.

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.
New Members

We sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S).

Granite State Division: Amey Bailey of Plymouth (N); Jeffery Coombs of Sandwich (T); Edward A. Doane of Dover (T); Greg Comora of Queensbury (S); Corin Hallowell

of Newmarket (S); and Brennan Sheahan of Mirror Lake (S).

Green Mountain Division: Dennis Roy of Manchester Center (T); and the following students: Mark Freda, Kevin Grant, Nathan Guilmette, Jeanne Hayden, Eisenstadt, Alexander Evans, Christine Johnson, H. B. Tyrrell, Brian Watson, H. Casey Cordes, and Gary Barrett.

Maine Division: Robert Bosshart of Rumford (N); John Willard (N); Ben Woodard of Bryand Pond (T); Peter Enskon of Houlton (S); and Scott King of Stillwater (S).

Yankee Division: Bruce Bayleran of Boston (N); Mark Herberger of Amherst (T); Gary Culver of Athol (S); Matthew Ferrante of Amherst (S); and Nathan Goard of S. Windsor, Ct (S).

Connecticut Chapter: Justin White Sr. of Putnam (N); Tonja Carriere of New Haven (T); Scott Folk of Ridgefield (T); Robert Vodra of Breckfield (T); Brett Chedzoy of Watkins Glen, NY (T); and the following students: Keith Eisenstadt, Alexander Evans, Christine Johnson, H. B. Kahn, Geraldine Lee, Dirk Ludwig, Terry Terhaar, Mary Tyrell, Brian Watson, H. Casey Cordes, and Gary Barrett.

Current Year/Previous Year Comparison

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May the Beetles Not Be With You

Ken Law of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) reported in March that the eradication efforts taking place in Brooklyn and Amityville, New York were progressing. Nearly 800 trees are scheduled for removal to eradicate the Asian Long-Horned beetle. In Amityville all infested trees have been cut down and all but a few of the larger trees have been chipped. Eradication of infested trees was due for completion by the March 21. In Brooklyn, the removal of infested park trees is complete and infested public street tree removal is 80-90% complete. Removal of tree on private lands is moving slowly due to the difficulty of accessing many trees and many landowners for permission. About 33% of the private properties have been surveyed and the eradication crews have obtained releases for removal from about 61 property owners.

While on paper the need for removal seems obvious it isn’t until the trees have been removed from an entire park (like Greenpoint) or an entire street that the need for education and replanting becomes equally obvious. It is devastating to look at the results. To help ameliorate the situation about $2.5 million has been scheduled for replanting efforts in these two communities; $1 million each from New York State and New York City and a half million from the USDA-Forest Service. Another bright spot throughout this effort is the huge volunteer response to help out the project. Volunteers from many other agencies and communities and citizens from along the entire east coast have offered assistance in surveying and other aspects of this project. Monitoring will be a major part of this project for the next several years to insure that the beetle has in fact been eradicated. Projected project costs thus far are in the $5 million dollar range.

77th Winter Meeting Highlights

On March 12-14 the New England Society of American Foresters, the Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and the Northeastern Forest Pest Council jointly hosted the 77th Annual NESAF Winter Meeting. Over 300 foresters came to Portland, Maine to attend the 28 concurrent sessions, view 20 posters, hear the Keynote Address by SAF President Harry Wiant, and otherwise share information on the meeting theme of “Our Forest’s Place in the World: New England & Atlantic Canada’s Forests.”

SAF President Harry Wiant opened the gates for discussion during the keynote address by advocating a large expensive National SAF media campaign aimed at refuting environmentalists’ claims and promoting the proper answer through science rather than through emotion. Debate about this talk continued into the business meeting and was still a topic for debate at the concluding session on Friday morning.

The business meeting also invited a great deal of discussion. The budget, in fact the very way we determine NESAF budgets was changed this year. In light of last year’s Winter Meeting income (or lack thereof) and a very reserved estimate of $79 income, the proposed budget was slashed nearly $5000 to a very, very lean $16,300. It was adopted and so was the new process which will be to establish a yearly budget for the year in progress rather for the year to come. This allows the Executive Committee to more closely budget and make adjustments more quickly. After much discussion, the NESAF fund was passed in nearly the form described in the January News Quarterly. It will be held to grow towards an endowment fund with built in restrictions for removal of the principal. In a motion by Tim Hawley, it was moved to rename the NESAF Young Forester Award to be hereby known as the Mollie Beattie Young Forester Award. An attempt to establish a new Integrity Award was much discussed and tabled for further refinement. A very busy business meeting.

Two new events were highlighted at this year’s meeting. A NESAF forester’s hockey game kept the energy alive on Thursday evening and a State Forester’s Forum featuring the six New England State Foresters highlighted events on Friday morning. Other meeting events included: a lively quiz bowl with five student teams vying for a claim to the ‘bowl’ for a year and the awards luncheon which honored 10 foresters with awards.

In addition to the five NESAF awards (see photo) other awards went to: Past Chair Phil Bryce and past membership chair Larry Smith for outstanding service; Fellow Certificates to John Hibbard and William Leak; and a 50 year certificate went to NESAF Executive Director Richard Watt. The posters were also judged this year and while there were no prizes, first, second, and third place were awarded to: Barry Sims of the University of Vermont for “Effect of Climate and Stand Dynamics on Radial Growth of Red Spruce in the Northern Appalachians”; David Capen, University of Vermont and James Bove, US Forest Service, Burlington for “Relating Overstory Vegetation to Ecological Land Classification Units on the Green Mountain National Forest, Vermont”; and Philip Bryce of New Hampshire for “New England’s Oldest Living Tree Discovered in New Hampshire.”

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Comments of the Chair

BY KAREN BENNETT

Leadership and membership - I have been thinking about those two "ships" as I begin my year as your Chair. They both mean a lot to me. I belong to many membership organizations and as a member, I value what each organization does for me as an individual and as a professional. I value the work they do for me in the political arena and in the arena of public opinion. I have yet to find one all-purpose organization that satisfies all my needs for professional and personal growth and speaks my thoughts in every public matter. So I belong to many. SAF has been my professional organization in every sense of the word.

I do not see a large divide between being a member and being a leader in NESAF. We would be an impoverished organization if we did not have members who lead. I hope I have been a good member - committed, involved, and enthused. I pledge to bring this commitment, involvement, and enthusiasm to my job as chair.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see that your Executive committee has developed a solid strategy for investing the funds earned from the 1995 national convention in Portland and that those members present at the annual business meeting endorsed our proposal. This proposal outlines long term strategies to insure that this fund will be secure now and in the future. My major goal for this year is to further refine the direction for the use of these funds so that we can accomplish our mission. Also, I hope to help develop strategies for its continued growth.

There is potential to develop the principal through charitable contributions. SAF members donate considerable time to our organization. Are we willing to donate money in excess of our dues in order to further our mission? I would like to engage the membership in this discussion as individuals and through our chapters and divisions. The Executive committee will now work to develop the direction for the worthwhile use of the income generated from the SAF fund. To that end, we are revising our grants program. We hope to have something to report in the next Newsquarterly.

My last thoughts are - read the rest of this newsletter. It is full of great updates on what happened at our Annual Meeting and what is going on throughout the region. Technology Coordinator's Report

Once a Student......

State Foresters Assemble for NESAF Forum

Featured at Friday morning's session of the NESAF Winter Meeting was a State Forester's Forum and open discussion around the news and views on forestry from the New England State Foresters. Assembled (l-r) are: Philip Bryce of New Hampshire; Charles Gadzik of Maine; Donald Smith of Connecticut; David Stevens of Vermont; Warren Archer of Massachusetts; and Thomas Dupree of Rhode Island.

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THEME CRITERIA - The message should (1) celebrate SAF's 100 years of progress, successes, tradition, professional pride, and vision; (2) be recognizable to foresters and be related to the SAF mission or forestry concepts; and (3) be simple, memorable, and appropriate for such items as letterheads, bumper stickers, and buttons.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES - Ideas may be submitted by individual members or by state societies, division, or chapters. Submissions should be sent to: CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198.

The deadline is July 25, 1997.

There is no limit to the number of themes a member or unit may submit, but each theme must be submitted separately on an 8.5x11 inch sheet of paper. On each submission, clearly indicate the contact name, address, and phone number and on whose behalf the submission is being made (individual member or state or local unit). Ideas for a logo accompanying the theme may be included but are not required. Should a theme submitted with a logo be chosen the winner, the logo may or may not be used.

SELECTION PROCESS - The Centennial Committee will screen all submissions and choose the semifinalists. If two or more submissions of the same theme are received and that theme is chosen as the winner, the prize will be divided equally between entrants. semifinalists will be forwarded to the House of Society Delegates, whose members will choose three finalists. In case of a tie, the HSD Chair will break the tie. A 1/3 + 1 type of vote will be used; if there are 15 semifinalists, each HSD delegate gets six votes and can cast all six votes for one theme, or one vote for each of six themes etc. The three highest vote getters become the finalists.

Finalists will be forwarded to Council, whose members will choose the winner. In the event of a tie, the vice-president will break the tie. Again the voting process will be as above. The winning theme will be announced to the Society in the January 1998 Journal of Forestry. The appropriate award has yet to be determined.

Flooding/Streamflow Information Needed

The repeated flooding and incidences of high streamflows within the East in the past year have resulted in concerns being voiced by private citizens and various groups about the impacts of forest activities on flooding. As a result, several National Forests and watershed conservation groups have asked me to compile an up-to-date literature review of material that describes the effects of forest land disturbance and/or forest management practices on flow parameters (e.g. total annual flows, stormflows, peakflows, runoff patterns and timing, etc.) and sediment exports and deliveries for streams and rivers of the Eastern United States.

Computer literature searches have provided some valuable information, but I know that much more exists than I have been able to locate thus far. Consequently, I am asking via this article for information via reprints, copies, or citations of reports or published articles that you may know of concerning these topics. I am interested in materials that focus on the topic of forest management/disturbance and hydrologic effects or those which include this topic as a small piece of some larger work.

People induced disturbances, such as road construction, harvesting (at all levels from single tree selection to clearcutting), denudation, land use changes, land conversion, burning, and development are of particular interest. Information could be responses of small headwater streams or larger downstream river systems, where single or cumulative effects may have been documented. Even materials that do not deal directly with forest hydrology, such as agricultural or urban influences, would be useful since resulting responses can be compared to forest literature.

I believe that this product will have wide application and use given the percentage of forested land throughout the East. In addition to my sincere thanks for time spent on this effort, I will also send you a copy of the review upon its publication. All information and questions regarding this work should be addressed to: Pamela J. Edwards, Research Hydrologist, USDA-Forest Service, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Timber and Watershed Lab, PO Box 404, Parsons, W. Virginia 26287-0404 (phone (304)478-2000 Fax:(304)478-8692.

For A Forester

Every Day Is Earth Day

New England forestry organizations during his 26 year membership with the Society. He holds a BS degree in forestry from Michigan State, MS from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D in economics from Yale University.

He left his position as Associate Professor at the Yale School of Forestry in 1976 to join the State of Maine as Forest Insect Manager. There was a desperate need at the time to manage the spruce budworm and he assumed the responsibility for the control program which included spraying, research, and environmental monitoring. Under his leadership the spray program was overhauled to better serve the landowners and the State of Maine.

In 1979 he became the Director of the Maine Bureau of Public Lands assuming responsibility for the management of 250,000 acres of public forest and in 1981 became the State Economist with Maine's State Planning Office. While there he participated in a 10-year state economic forecast project and prepared a detailed study of natural resources in Maine's economy. In 1987 he founded and has served as president of The Irland Group, a forestry, economics, and marketing consulting firm.  

Working Group in the 1980's and was a member of the Society of American Foresters Task Force on Federal Taxation and Policy Committees.

Mr. Irland has also made important contributions in the fields of teaching and writing. He is a Faculty Associate with the College of Forest Resources at the University of Maine and has presented courses at Colby College, Antioch Graduate School of New England, and the University of Southern Maine. He was a founder of the Northern Journal of Forestry and has reviewed manuscripts for many forestry related publications including Forest History, Forest Science, and the Journal of Forestry. He has authored or co-authored several publications on a variety of forestry topics. His book Wildlands and Woodlots published in 1982 described history of New England's forests and his Ethics in Forestry, published in 1994, stimulates and supports selfconscious reflection on the many ethical questions that arise in the daily practice of forestry.

Lloyd Irland was the Program Chair for the 1995 SAF National Convention in Portland, Maine and has served as an officer, speaker, and committee member of many
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### Quiz Bowl To Thompson School

Five student teams vied for the 1997 Quiz Bowl in Portland, Maine. The University of Vermont made up for poor past participation by entering two teams. However it was not enough as a four member team from the Thompson School in New Hampshire claimed the Bowl for 1997. Other teams attempting to take the bowl home included the University of Maine (somewhat handicapped because the team was one person) and the University of New Hampshire (also somewhat handicapped in its effectiveness although it was twice the size of the Maine team). The winning student team representing the Thompson School consisted of Patrick Kenney, Matt Gunn, Corin Hallowel, and Joseph Hempfling.
Don has served on the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Logger’s Association and its education and safety committees. He is active in the Tree Farm Program and has conducted numerous workshops for landowners, loggers, foresters, and school children. He has also served on the Industry Awards Committee of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. He was recently appointed to the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands Advisory Committee.

Don is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and has been a Society of American Foresters Member since 1978. He is the ninth recipient of this award honoring Ernest M. Gould Jr. who achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while at Harvard University. He was a research fellow and Assistant Director of the Harvard Forest.

The James E. Tourney Award is presented annually to a member of the Society who has rendered outstanding service to the New England Society, its Division or Chapters. The award for 1997 is presented to James B. Cullen of Center Barnstead, New Hampshire.

J. B. Cullen has devoted energy, enthusiasm, and countless hours to the Granite State Division and New England Society of American Foresters. He has served as the Director of the Granite State Executive Committee for three two year terms and has served on the Division’s education committee since it’s inception. He served as Operations Chair for two New Hampshire hosted NESAF Winter Meetings in 1987 and 1993. In addition he has been involved in the planning and operation of numerous workshops for Division members or by Division members for the general public.

His most recent notable activity included co-chairing the Rooms and Audio Visual Committee for the National SAF Convention held in Portland, Maine in 1995 where the rooms and audio visual needs for an entire convention were met by this critical committee over a seven day period.

Mr. Cullen is the Administrator of Information and Planning for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. He holds Associate degrees in Forestry from Paul Smiths College; a BS in Forestry from the University of West Virginia; and an MS in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire. He has been an SAF member since 1987. He is the eighth recipient of the James Tourney Award named for one of the first fifteen forester members of the Society and a founding member of the New England Society. Mr. Tourney helped develop the Yale Forestry School and authored Foundations of Silviculture which was a standard text for a half century.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is presented by the Society to a member who has practiced forestry for less than 10 years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Those assembled in Portland were honored to present this award for 1997 to Patrick D. Hackley of Concord, New Hampshire.

Patrick Hackley is the Communications Director for the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association with primary responsibilities for the management of all programs and communications for this 1,400 member forest landowner and forest industry trade association. Duties include the preparation and publication of the Association’s periodicals which serve a vital role in keeping members informed. He also represents the Association and the NH Timber Harvesting Council on numerous committees, task forces, and work teams. He has also been a leader who has brought many innovative changes to the NH Tree Farm program while in his role as Association representative on the Tree Farm Executive Committee.

In 1995 Hackley facilitated the extensive negotiations between landowners and the state to develop the “High Elevation Memorandum of Understanding” and his skill and dedication have been cited as a major force in keeping the negotiations moving. The final agreement, setting voluntary limits on harvesting in forests above 2,700’ in elevation was hailed by the Wall Street Journal as a significant public/private achievement. He has also played a key role in the New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Council and its logger certification program.

Mr. Hackley has an associates degree from Paul Smiths College and a Forestry Degree from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University. Earlier forestry experience included work as a research forester with Hammermill Paper Company in Pennsylvania and as a Distinct Operations Forester with Champion International in New Hampshire. He has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1987 and is the ninth recipient of this Award.

The Young Forester Leadership Award in 1998 will be changed in name to honor the forestry leadership of both the honoree and the memory of Mollie H. Beattie. Henceforth this award shall be called the Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award.

The Austin Cary Practicing Forester Award is awarded annually to a member of the Society who has shown outstanding achievement as a practicing forest manager. The award for 1997 is presented to D. Jensen Bissell of Milo, Maine.

For the past decade Jensen Bissell has been the forester for Maine’s Baxter State Park Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA) and also serves as the Baxter State Park Business Manager. Upon assuming the position in 1986, Bissell was faced with developing a consensus among a diverse group of individuals comprising the newly appointed standing advisory committee, which included some of the Park’s strongest critics regarding the types of forest management that would best implement Governor Baxter’s deeds of trust. He also was faced with developing the trust of park administrators and long-standing advisors who had become quite skeptical about the political and financial viability of any forestry operation within the boundaries of New England’s largest wilderness preserve.

Ten years later, through patient, competent, professional leadership Jensen has gradually transformed the SFMA into a showplace of scientific forestry. Political controversy is a distant memory and the SFMA now hosts tours for a wide variety of interest groups and resource professionals interested in observing a brand of forestry that exists nowhere else in the region. Specifically Jensen has practiced exemplary silviculture in the context of natural stand dynamics. The SFMA has become perhaps the best example of a managed forest in northern Maine. Here silvicultural needs dictate the type of harvesting machinery used rather than vice-versa. Jensen has worked continuously with the professional community and advisory committee to refine the silvicultural systems for the SFMA and his proficiency has come to command universal respect. Jensen’s management meets a very high ecological and aesthetic standard, produces a modest but ever increasing net income for the Park, and is retaining the high quality growing stock that builds value for the future—qualities that Percival Baxter would applaud.

D. Jensen Bissell has a forestry degree from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1986. He is the ninth winner of the Austin Cary Award named for an early New England forester who, among other notable achievements, authored the Woodsman’s Manual in 1909. The fourth edition of this publication was still in use as a textbook in the 1960's.
The NESAF Executive Committee has met twice in 1997 primarily to prepare for the NESAF Winter Meeting. The February meeting in Concord, New Hampshire focused on budgets and how they were developed. The recommendation for the NESAF membership is to alter the budget process to a current year basis (see business meeting section of Winter Meeting review). After several meetings and discussions the Executive Director’s position has been altered. Priorities are now given to Elections - preparation and administration thereof; Annual Meetings - working with State Society in Winter Meeting preparation; Awards - submission of nominees and administration of awards program; record keeping - maintaining our written records; and grants - coordination of program. Much time has been spent developing the NESAF Fund position and a Leo Laferriere designed proposal for a NESAF Integrity Award.

Although budgets are lean, the Executive Committee anticipates a future for the Grants Program. Some work has been done restructuring this process to make it fair and timely. Addressed are the criteria, eligibility, actual application process, deadlines, and follow up reports.

After developing the proposed NESAF Fund proposal for the January News...Quarterly the Executive Committee reviewed the comments and prepared the final NESAF Fund document for review at the business meeting.

DIVISION NEWS

GREEN MOUNTAIN Division

Winter Meeting Sets Direction - The thirty foresters who gathered at Vermont Technical College on February 8, had a full agenda considering the legislative activity related to forestry issues in the state. The morning business meeting generated nearly as much discussion as the land ethics panel did in the afternoon.

Money always generates interest and our relationship with VNRC and with our students withstood the test of debate. A motion was made to withdraw our support for VNRC as they seemed to be moving away from many of our positions. We decided to remain members and to keep the dialogue between the two organizations open. Our next dialogue will be a strong letter of concern to the VNRC Board about recent VNRC positions. The UVM Student Chapter is the largest in near history with over two dozen active students. So active in fact that Tiffany Potter requested a $50 increase in the budget. The increase will be used for continued student outreach, forestry education programs to local schools, and attending meetings like the Winter Meeting in Portland. The Division also contributed $100 to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

On the policy front GMD has been very busy. Two positions statements have been developed on: Property Rights and Forest Certification. The GMD Executive Committee has developed two more: on Forest Herbicides (support limited use while continuing to do research and testing) and AMP’s (support current AMP system).

The Vermont Forestry Foundation is now a 501(c) non-profit and will continue to conduct logger workshops in 97. Topics for 97 include logger safety, OSHA regulations, AMP’s, and business management to name a few.

The Forestry Information committee recently concluded a legislative coffee again at the statehouse (later in Vt. News). We did not get to a “Walk in the Forest” program planned for 1996. We do need to start thinking about the 1999 Winter Meeting to be held in Vermont.

Ethics held our attention in the afternoon as Alan Peterson covered Champion’s position regarding the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and presented some information closely tying ethics and religion. James Wilkinson then tackled the ethics issues facing consulting foresters and Ed Leary presented information on ethics as they relate to public lands management. The remainder of the meeting focused around a group discussion of case studies involving all three components of forest management - industrial, private consulting, and public lands. Good meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - As of late March the Senate version of the herbicide bill - an indefinite moratorium on all applications of herbicide in the production of hardwoods and softwoods with a report within five years by the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation on the current status of information on herbicide manufacturing and application and information on the current status of information assessing the health and environmental effects of these chemicals - had been moved over to the House of Representatives. A public meeting held on March 27 attracted about 150 attendees. Champion again presented their position as did the environmental contingent. The Green Mountain position is to support the FRAC recommendation of a five year moratorium and to conduct carefully monitored testing during that period.

A draft bill on heavy cutting is being considered by the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee. It was crafted by a broad coalition of interests, supported by the Green Mountain Division, and adopted unanimously by FRAC. The supporting interests have all agreed that only what was introduced will be supported. Any changes to the bill will result in unanimous withdrawal of support. Two committee hearings and a public hearing have been held to date. A lack of forester participation was obvious at all. If anyone wants to get involved in this process call Bill Samal.

CURRENT USE - This program was substantially revamped in 1996 with a sunset date in July 1997. There is a Senate effort to extend the sunset deadline to January 1998 to keep the program in effect while the legislature deals with extensive education reform work and tries to uncouple school funding from property taxes. For more information on the current status of current use call Ed Larson - Current Use Tax Coalition, 9 Bailey Avenue, Montpelier, VT 05602.
GRANITE STATE Division

Jonathan Nute

Large Crowd at Winter Meeting · Two hundred foresters attended the Granite State Winter meeting on February 14 in Campton, New Hampshire. Ellen Snyder, NH Extension Wildlife Specialist opened the meeting with a slide show on biodiversity. She discussed the great variety of habitats and wildlife from Great Bay to Mount Washington pointing out that about 15,000 species occupy 130 natural communities.

New Officers include Chair · Mary Chapman; Vice-Chair · Charles Niebling; Treasurer · J.B. Cullen; Secretary · Christopher Lincoln; Education Director · Beth McGuinn and Special Projects Director · Paul Mulcahy. Awards and presentations made during the day included: Certificates to Laura McCarthy and Jack Sargent as past GSD Chair and retiring State Forester respectively; an inscribed scale stick was presented to outgoing SAF Chair Charles Moreno; Outstanding Forester award to Phil Auger; Outstanding Student awards to Mike Dolbow of UNH and Corin Hallowell of the Thompson School. Student scholarships were presented to Corin Hallowell (M.E. Jenkins) and GSD Scholarships (first ever) went to Ben Applegate and Patrick Kenney.

The morning activities included comments regarding involvement in the White Mountain National Forest plan by Charles Levesque and an update on the establishment of the Rich Kinder Memorial Forest. The GSD is also invited to participate in the reaccreditation of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture forestry program scheduled for this fall. Volunteers are also needed for the Forest Field Day program on May 8-9. Seventy educators are needed for the 2,000 students who will attend.

New Hampshire Affairs revolved around new wood markets, timber harvesting council activities, ecological reserves and legislative actions. Patrick Hackley forecasted that lumber prices would continue strong but that biomass chip market will soften due to complications with the PSNH buy-down. The Timber Harvesting Council certification program has been completed by 252 loggers. Susan Francher reported that the Biodiversity and Ecological Reserves Steering Committee is planning for a system of ecological reserves throughout the state using a mix of public and private lands. Legislative bills worth monitoring include ones on current use, pesticide use, and the sale of hunting rights.

The afternoon was dedicated to a panel discussion of "Sustainable Forestry · Where’s NH Headed" moderated by Charles Niebling.

Tammara Van Ryn outlined the goals of the Forest Sustainability Standards Work Team. The 100 page draft of the "Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire" has been reviewed and the final publication will be distributed in May in conjunction with workshops. Contributing significantly to the afternoons discussion were Chip Chapman with comments on sustainability and Jeff Farnes discussing loggers and foresters working together. The meeting concluded with a survey to be filled out regarding the quality of New Hampshire forest management activities.

Outstanding Tree Farmers Named · Tom, Shelia, and Stacey Thomson of Orford were recently named New Hampshire’s Outstanding Tree Farmers for 1997. The award was presented by Robb Thomson (Tom’s brother), Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development at the Annual Farm and Forest Expo Awards Ceremony in Manchester.

The annual Fall Field Day will be hosted at the Thomson Family Tree Farm this September 20th.
The Yankee Division Spring/Early Summer SAF Meeting will be hosted by the Connecticut Chapter on Thursday, June 5, 1997 at the Cockaponset State Forest in Haddam. The program focused around the use of prescribed fire for successful oak regeneration and will be presented by Jeff Ward of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and Emery Gluck of the Connecticut Division of Forestry. For more information regarding this meeting contact Jerry Mune, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, PO Box 161, Pleasant Valley, Connecticut 06063 (860-379-7065).

Mission Statement

OUR MISSION AS FORESTERS IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH’S FORESTS WHILE MEETING SOCIETY’S VITAL NEEDS. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR MISSION LIES IN KEEPING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY AND INTACT WHILE CONCURRENTLY DRAWING ON THEIR RESOURCES. WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL AND HUMAN FORCES ON THE FOREST. OUR DECISIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CITIZENS’ LIVES, AND OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE FOREST ECOSYSTEM. BY ADVANCING FORESTRY SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY, NESAF WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.
Rhode Island  Marc Trombely

Chapter Activities - Chapter members participated in the publication of the new Rhode Island Forestry Best Management Practices Handbook. RIFCO and the Division of Forest Environment headed up the effort. Chapter member Tom Abbott coordinated the two workshops held in February for woods operators and others to learn about the BMP's and their application. CE credits from Massachusetts and Connecticut were sought for the workshops.

Chapter members, through their various agencies, are being asked to participate in a new statewide effort by the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District to review the state's current use tax law structure. The past experiences and efforts by RI DFE, RIFCO, and the Providence Water foresters on this issue are being called on by the new Task Force to guide their efforts and avoid duplication. The SRICD has received an EPA grant to hire a coordinator for this effort. RI's current use tax law, the Farm, Open Space Act, is notoriously ineffective due to the local influence on its implementation.

Connecticut  Larry Rousseau

Certification Update - The 4th round of Forest Practitioner Certification was held in March with another round scheduled for this fall. A draft of the "Regulations Pertaining To The Conduct of Forest Practices In The State of Connecticut" by the Department of Environmental Protection will soon be available for public review. Public hearings on the regulation should be held later this spring. For more information contact Doug Ermerthal at CT DEP-Forestry, 79 Elm St. Hartford, CT 06106 (860-424-3630)

Forest Health Update - The Ct. DEP Division of Forestry's staff met with scientists and staff from the Ct. Agricultural Experiment Station and the State Entomologist's Office in February for the 3rd Annual Forest Health Monitoring Workshop held at the Ct Ag Station in New Haven. Topics covered were: Hemlock Wooly Adelgid control update, Lyme Disease and other tick borne diseases, American Chestnut Blight control, Forest Pest Survey Updates, and Forest Research Updates. The newest potential threat to Ct. forests is the Asian Long-Horned Beetle currently found across the sound in New York. For more information contact Carroll Lemmon at Ct. Ag, Exp Station, PO Box 1106, New Haven, CT 06504-1106 (203-789-7236).

Winter Meeting/New Officers - The Connecticut Chapter held its Winter Meeting on January 30 at the Ct Forest and Park Association headquarters in Middlefield. New Officers are: Chair - Jerry Milne; Vice-Chair - Larry Rousseau; and Sec/Treas - Tom Degan. Thirty eight members heard State Forester Don Smith discuss the proposed forest practices regulations pertaining to timber harvesting in Connecticut.

UI&CF News - The Connecticut Chapter SAF voted at their winter meeting to sponsor the planting of an Arbor Day shade tree at the school of the winning student of Connecticut's Arbor Day poster contest. Urban Forester and Hockey Player Fred Borman III, will coordinate the planting.

Additional Awards to SNEEC - the Southern New England Forest Consortium received yet another award for its fine Cost of Community Services Study. The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association presented them with an award which cites the Study's focus on quantifying the affect open-space lands have on municipal budgets.

Tree Farm Program Shows Different Uses - Last fall's RI Tree Farm program at three sites near Burrillville focused on non-traditional forest uses. Co-Chairs Hans Bergey and Charley Bolwell located three Tree Farmers who had interesting skills and projects not directly associated with forestry. The tours focused around these activities.

BMP Manual Available - The Rhode Island Best Management Practices Manual is now available. For a copy contact RIFCO at PO Box 40328, Providence, Rhode Island 02940.
Canada

New Publication Out - The recently published Manual of Forestry for Quebec is already enjoying great success. Published by the Laval University Press (Copyright 1996) and initiated by the Order of Quebec Forest Engineers as a part of its 75th Anniversary celebrations, the book is the result of six years of efforts and contains 1500 pages written by some 165 authors. It is the first such manual written in French in North America. Subjects range from the more traditional — eg. silviculture and forest protection — to relatively recent developments — eg. remote sensing and geographic information systems. Already 1800 copies have been distributed. The manual costs $90 CN and can be ordered by contacting Laval University Press.

New Wood Measures Studied - The Ministry of Natural Resources in Quebec is in the process of establishing a new method for measuring wood cut on government lands and paying the contractors who have done the cutting. Under the new system, contractors will transmit the amount of wood cut to the Ministry by electronic mail. The new system will improve the efficiency of the Ministry and should provide for the refinement of the whole process. In particular, the new system should eliminate the need for the paper forms previously used during the measuring and payment process, and should decrease the delay in payment to contractors. This process responds to an important point of the 1992 Business Strategy undertaken by the Ministry.

Timber Salvage Successful - Thanks to cooperation among forest companies, a large amount of timber that would otherwise have been lost is being recovered. In 1994, exceptionally violent winds cause severe windthrow in forests in the Gaspe peninsula and the region of the Charlevoix and the Laurentian Mountains. The Ministry of Natural Resources established a special salvage plan for these regions which required various companies to work together — something that is not the norm in Quebec. At stake were 100,000 cubic meters of wood in the Gaspe and 45,000 cubic meters in the other region. Joint planning and operations were conducted including an accelerated improvement of the road system and considerable flexibility in determining who was going to cut where and when. Presently, three years after the wind damage, the salvage operations are on schedule and represent a success in cooperation among individual companies and the government.

Two Forest Companies Merge - Two of the larger forest industries in Quebec have joined forces. Stone Consolidated and Abitibi-Price have become one company with corporate offices in Montreal. As of late March no new name for this corporate giant had been announced.

University News - For the first time in 12 years, Quebec will host the Biannual Conference of the Canadian Tree Improvement Association. It will be held at Laval University between August 17-21. This 24th edition entitled "Tree Improvement for Sustained Yield" is organized by Jean Bousquet of the Centre for Research in Forest Biology of Laval University and Jean Beaulieu of Natural Resources Canada. More information is available on the Web at http://crbf.rsvs.ulaval.ca or by contacting Pierre Belanger at (418)643-7994. Simultaneous presentations will be made in both French and English.

Leval University Department of Wood and Forest Sciences has hired Luc Lebel as a professor in Forest Operations. He has B.Sc. from Laval in 1990; M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Forest Operations from Laval as well. In addition he holds an M.Mc. in Engineering Administration from Virginia Polytechnic University. He research at Laval will focus on the economic efficiency of various harvest systems and the environmental impacts of harvesting machinery.

Doctoral Candidate Sophie Calme` in the Forest Sciences program has won a research scholarship from the Mexican Government. It is awarded by the International Council of Canadian Studies for one year and will be applied at the Autonomous University of Campeche in the research program ECOMAT (Applied Ecology and Management of Terrestrial Ecosystems).

New Brunswick - Ardith Armstrong

New Partnership Announced - The Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management has established a new centre in partnership with two forest industry giants. Avenor Inc. and Noranda Forest Inc. have contributed $1 million to the Avenor-Noranda Forest Centre for Watershed Conservation and Management. It is expected to be in operation next spring on the Fredericton campus. "The primary purpose of the centre is to partner with forest industry and other institutions such as l'Universite de Moncton and the University of Maine to implement adaptive environmental assessment and management at the watershed level," said Dean I.R. Methven. "We expect that the research undertaken by the centre will enhance the international competitiveness and reputation of the forest industry and its stewardship of forested land." The centre will receive advice from an advisory board controlled by a university-industry partnership dedicated to ensuring success and industrial relevancy of initiatives. (from UNB Alumni News, Winter of 97)

New Masters Program Announced - The Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management has announced a new extramural Master's program designed for practicing foresters and forest engineers. The program focuses on technical and professional abilities tailored according to the needs and interests of each participant. Current problems faced by each participant provide the context for learning. The program is primarily designed to allow practicing forestry professionals to continue their education without leaving their current job. Anyone wishing further information is invited to contact: Ardith Armstrong, Outreach Coordinator, Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Management, University of New Brunswick, PO Box 44555, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 6C2

Proposed Stand Level Management Cooperative Proposed - The Applied Stand Dynamics and Management Group (ASDMG) at the Faculty is currently holding discussions with FERIC, NB forest industry companies and with various levels of government to try to bring together a problem solving and applied research cooperative in stand level management. The proposed cooperative would have as its mission to improve forest land management by providing practical, implementable solutions to important land management problems. The focus is on developing practical solutions to real problems identified by practitioners. In addition to enhancing professional forestry practice, ASDMG hopes the cooperative will provide problems for students working toward a proposed minor or Masters of Forestry in Stand Intervention Design and Implementation (SIDI) a chance for them to interact closely with practicing foresters and forest engineers. The cooperative would also provide a means of ASDMG faculty members to maintain contact with forestry practitioners and the problems they face. While the cooperative project is still in discussion stages, it is hoped that its fate will be resolved within a month or so. For more information contact: Dr. Pierre Zundel, R.P.F. Telephone (506)453-4934; FAX (506)453-3538; e-mail:zundel@unb.ca.
Who were those guys? In all that equipment they can't be recognized as real people but occasionally I could recognize one when they shouted at me. The ad said full equipment required but did not mention anything about prior experience. So it was all comers in North Yarmouth on March 13 for the first NESAF New England Hockey Game. Sixteen hockey players and one News Quarterly editor showed up for an hour of fun on the ice. And it was fun. One gets an entirely new perspective about how hockey is played when you are actually out there on the ice stick in hand with good players. While you may not recognize these folks with equipment on they were willing to at least take their helmets off and volunteer to be a source of information regarding how much fun next year's (yes the 2nd edition is all ready being planned) game will be in Manchester, New Hampshire. Helmets go off to Bob Ricard and Charlie Thompson for assembling this first game. It will hopefully become a NESAF Winter Meeting mainstay. Join us in New Hampshire in '98.

Resource Managers Certified

In February Two Trees Forestry of Coopers Mills, Maine was certified as "sustainable resource managers" under the SmartWood Program, and becomes the first certified resource managers in Maine, and only the third foresters so certified in the United States under this program. Last November the National Wildlife Federation's Northeast Office began the assessment of the Two Trees Forestry operation to insure that the firm's management practices and policies complied with SmartWood's regional guidelines for sustainable forest management.

Two Trees received a designation of "well managed" under SmartWood's Northeast Guidelines. Their 59 criteria evaluated how well the firm addresses issues such as sustainable harvest levels, environmental protection, and social and economic consideration. The three person inspection team of regional forestry and wildlife ecology experts reviewed the firm's management and harvesting operations, by inspecting 10 sites. The investigation determined the Two Trees operated "above the norm for the region" and addressed state-of-the-art forest management issues in their stewardship policies. Compliance within the program requires management plans prior to any harvest, harvesting levels that do not exceed growth, accommodations within management plans for wildlife and rare and endangered species concerns, consideration for riparian areas and wetlands, and an interest in preserving old forests, unique ecosystems, and other biodiversity issues.

President Mark Miller and fellow foresters Harold Burnett and Morten Moesswilde are all SAF members and provide forestland management assistance on over 22,000 acres throughout central and mid-coastal Maine to a diverse group of over 200 private and institutional landowners.