NESAF Leadership Training Academy - Ken Laustsen

On Friday morning, April 6, 2012, 17 individuals representing members, student members, and non-members from six different local units attended a 5 ½ hour session on leadership. The nine professional members were invited to attend at the behest of their local unit (Maine, Granite State, Yankee, and Green Mountain Divisions) and the students represented the Universities of Maine & Massachusetts, Yale, and Paul Smiths College.

The NESAF Leadership Training was first offered at the 2009 NESAF Annual Meeting held in Portland, ME. Due to the success of the first training a follow up session was felt in order by the two instructors, Ron Lemin and Ken Laustsen. Their core focus is to provide a leadership skills session for members in the

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**Distinguished Service Award: George Frame**

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by the New England SAF, recognizing professional achievement in forestry, irrespective of age or tenure, by a New England SAF member.

“The old adage if you want something done, go to the busiest person and he will find time in his busy schedule to take on one more assignment,” noted one endorsement. George’s service to NESAF comprised a 10-year span starting as the Granite State Division representative for 4 years, then 2-year stints as NESAF vice chair, chair, and immediate past chair, ending in 2010. He did not languish long, he was appointed in mid-2011 to serve out the remainder of the SAF District VI Council term, representing both NESAF and NYSAF. His other prior SAF service includes 4 HSD meetings, for which he was a regional convener for 2 of those years. George is not just SAF; he has provided additional service to the Tree Farm program, serving as state chair in 2000, and since then as the NH Inspector Trainer. In 2005 he served on a national committee for strategic planning and has for the last 5 years been the NH representative to the Tree Farm Leadership Conference.

His efforts have been recognized with several awards, including SAF Fellow in 2010, the NESAF Toumey award in 2009, Granite State Division Outstanding Forester in 2007, and National Tree Farm Leadership Award in 2007.

George’s career in forestry includes being a National Forest Asst. District Ranger on 4 separate forests, working in real estate and digital mapping, and a private consulting forester in both NH and VT. In 2005, became the Conservation Easement Steward for SPNHF. He is the author of the 2006 publication “A Forester’s Guide to Conservation Easements.” George recently accepted a new position in SPNHF as the Senior Director of Forestry, directing the management of 170 parcels and 50,000 acres.

For all of his leadership, an endorsement also noted, “Most importantly for me, George has taken on the role of mentor, he always took time to lend advice, share information, or set me in the right direction. He’s genuinely supportive and cares about my professional career.”

George has a 1970 BS in Forest Management from UNH, a SAF member since 1982, is a licensed forester in NH and MA, and a SAF Certified Forester (CF) since 2001. He is also a craft brewer of some very fine beers, lagers, and ales; which he shares upon occasion.

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**James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award: Janice Mulherin**

The James W. Toumey Award is given for outstanding achievement in service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Toumey was one of the founding fathers of the New England Section in 1920, author of Seeding and Planting and Foundations of Silviculture, one of the first two regular staff members at the Yale School of Forestry. Henry S. Graves noted in a memorial, “Almost at once he took a prominent place in the forestry movement and throughout his career was in the foremost ranks of the leaders of the profession.”
One endorsement commented as follows. “Her career and service has been an outstanding example for other young women, that there is a place in the woods for female foresters and that they can play a leading role in the profession.”

Janice is recently retired after a 30-year career as a USDA Forest Service Forester in the Pemigewasset Ranger District of the White Mountain Nation Forest. She was responsible for stand inventory, timber sale layout and preparation, and EIS analysis. She was instrumental in establishing a program for university students to work in the White Mountain NF.

“There is no one in the past 14 years who has donated more time to assuring successful NESAF annual meetings in NH than Janice,” noted another endorsement. Her service to NESAF includes being GSD secretary for 2001 to 2010, and her recent election becoming the GSD State representative to the NESAF Executive Committee in 2011.

“She is a great example of what individuals can return to SAF, not only through her tireless direct activity within the Society, but also through the way she lived her life outside SAF.” In support of that quote, she has been very active in her community of Rumney, NH. She has served two stints on the Planning Board (1986 – 1996 and 2005 – 2011), since 2005 has been a Select Board member, and starting in 2011 is on the Board of Director’s for the Quincy Bog Ecological Systems.

The closing thoughtful remark, “I hope SAF never loses her expertise, her genuine concerns, and her smile over her tea cup.”

**Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award: Stephen Coleman**

The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary’s Woodsman’s Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960’s.

Quoting from the nomination letter, “Steve was more than a forester in the technical sense of the word. He was a true woodsman, whose skills in the woods, on the water, steering a snowmobile, or in the cabin of his 185 Cessna floatplane allowed him to bring a unique, practical, and always efficient effort to implementing the most appropriate forestry on the ground.” Another endorsement embodied this thought on Steve’s qualifications, “Steve is who I think of when I hear the term “Dirt Forester.” With his scale rule, a pencil in his pocket, and a Leatherman on his hip, he was a woodsman, a problem solver, and a dedicated forester.”

In 1977, Steve began his professional career with Scot Paper and served 10 years as the District

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Forester of the approx. 300,000 acre Jackman Unit. In 1987, he transitioned to LandVest, serving as a regional forester for 13 years, with 100,000 acres of management responsibility. In 2000, he was appointed LandVest’s Chief Forester and his scope and responsibilities increased. Now his oversight of the Timberland Management and Consulting Division encompassed 1.5 million acres, and a combined staff of 31 foresters and 14 administrative positions.

In addition to practicing his forest management, Steve generously committed time to other professional and community activities. Some of these include serving on the MESAF Executive Committee, Director for Maine Forest Products Council, appointment to the Maine Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters, CFRU Advisory Board member, most recently on a Task Force for the promotion and expansion of Maine’s Maple Sugar Industry and Dennistown PIt. assessor for 30 years.

“Steve was much more than a highly competent forester working independently (although he was certainly independent). He was a source of definitive answers and provided insight (and often debate) about silviculture and its systems, road building, regulations, politics, and human nature. He inspired and role-modeled honesty, integrity, innovation, hard work, and perhaps more than anything else, professional and personal ethics to what is now a staff of 30+ foresters at LandVest, as well to countless others in forest industry and beyond.”

Steve graduated from the NY State Rangers School with an Associates degree in 1971 and then added a BS in Forest Management from UME in 1977, becoming a SAF member in the same year. In Maine, he held licenses as a forester, wood scaler, real estate salesperson, Master Guide, and commercial pilot.

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award: William Livingston

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for 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. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

Bill is the current Associate Director of Undergraduate Programs, coordinating curriculum activities including revisions and course proposals, a contact person for other program leaders, and providing support for student recruitment and retention; and an Associate Professor of Forest Ecosystem Science for the School of Forest Resources (SFR) at UME, teaching courses in forest biology, tree pests and disease, and a week-long field class for new students. His research has investigated white pine decline, beech dieback, balsam woolly adelgid, and now developing a risk model for hemlock decline.
Four major areas are noted for technology transfer: Maine Project Learning Tree (PLT), MESAF Forestry Awareness Committee (FAC), Maine Envirothon; and a Maine Department of Education, “Forests as a Theme” in High School Math and Science Curriculum.

Pat Maloney, ME PLT State Coordinator comments, “Bill has been available to advise our program on ways to build a School Forest Network and provided his expertise to attendees on the summer PLT Teacher Tours. He explores new ways to attract teachers to UME so that they can gain a professional understanding of the richness of forestry as a discipline.”

Sue Aygarn, also a recent Gould awardee, shares this about Bill’s involvement in FAC, “Bill had the idea for FAC to hold a summit for grass root organizations interested in forestry education. This dialogue about the importance of outdoor learning and forestry was held in 2005. Over the last 6 years, it has lead to an increased exposure of MESAF members providing a balanced approach and their expertise to outdoor learning opportunities.”

“The Envirothon partnership with UME and specifically Bill has grown steadily over the past few years. This partnership has made a significant impact on program development and student participation. Bill was instrumental in developing a “Fall Field Day”, a mock Envirothon to help students prepare for the next spring’s competition. Introduced in southern Maine in 2009, it had 6 schools and 20 students in attendance; last year there were 4 field days, 19 schools, and 120 students,” notes Tish Carr.

Bills’ education background includes a 1976 BS in Forest Ecology and Forest Management from Michigan Technological Univ., a 1978 MS in Forest Sciences from the Univ. of Idaho, and a 1980–1985 PhD in Plant Pathology at the Univ. of Minnesota. Bill was a Fulbright Scholar in 1984, a 3-time awardee of the SFR Outstanding Forestry Teacher Award, and the 1998 SFR Distinguished Professor Award. Bill has served as MESAF treasurer since 2001 and been an advisor to the SFR Student Chapter.

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award: J.P. Barskey

The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored *Working with Your Woodland*; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage.

J.P. graduated from UME in 1995 with a BS in Biological Resource Engineering Technology and then went to work for a year on the White River National Forest in Colorado as the Lead Forestry Technician. He returned to New England in 1997 as a Forester for the Northern Research Station, Forest Inventory & Analysis Unit working on the fifth forest resource inventory in MA. For the last 14 years he has been a Technician at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. His duties include train-
The David M. Smith award recognizes a New England SAF member engaged in research, teaching, or the field application of silviculture, whose work reflects Dave’s advice that “we should observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first, and devise silvicultural treatments to fit or modify them afterwards.”

It was noted in the nomination, “Although born in New Jersey, Robert M. Frank, Jr. is the quintessential New England forester. Bob has a keen understanding of mixed-species; multi-cohort stands that are common across the New England landscape, an appreciation (perhaps obsession!) for wood and its many uses, a strong work ethic, and above all, a practical approach to forest management.”

Principal Silviculturalist for the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station for over 30 years, Bob is indelibly linked to the long-term, mixed conifer silvicultural experiment known as the Penobscot Experimental Forest (PEF) in Maine. Though already underway when Bob arrived in 1963, he added his personal expertise to this array of operational scaled even-aged and uneven-aged treatments, and then fought successfully for the continued existence of the PEF in more than one budgetary proposed axing.

In Bob’s own words, this is how he described his research assignment, “My primary responsibility is the conduct of research toward the development of silvicultural systems and forest management techniques consistent with multiple use of the total diversified resource for the spruces, balsam fir, and associated species in our northeastern forests. Recent focus has involved tree and wildlife diversity responses to various silvicultural systems, methods to improve natural regeneration, and early stand culture. With current and past involvement in long-term silvicultural studies, a shift towards more effort in ecosystems research and global climatic change research is imminent.”

After his retirement in 1995, Bob hung out a shingle, and opened a consulting forestry business, just (Continued on page 8)
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in time for the 1998 Ice Storm. Bob is a long-
time volunteer at the Maine Forest and Logging
Museum and their living history site at Leonard’s
Mills, located within the PEF. He is not a snow-
bird, still residing full-time in Hampden, ME.

Bob received a BS in 1954, and then a MS in 1956 from Penn State and in the same year
began his forestry career working for the Blanch-
ard Lumber Company in Boston. A year later,
his becoming a Research Forester with the Forest
Inventory & Analysis Unit (FIA) and worked on
the first Maine periodic inventory, and he has
some good stories to tell about those plot meas-
urements.

Another endorsement noted, “That much of
Bob’s work on the PEF involved even-aged silvi-
culture, and some of his most forward-thinking
work was related to shelterwood and intermediate treatments. The first draft of the study plan
for the PEF, written some years before Bob ar-
ived, did not include even-aged silviculture.
These treatments were added at the urging of
David M. Smith, then a young faculty member at
Yale, who had been asked to review the study
plan. So it seems very appropriate for Bob to now receive the David M. Smith award for his work on a
study that David M. Smith helped design.”
Ancyl Sterling Thurston, of Chelsea, died May 12, 2012, in Portland, Maine after a short illness.

He was born in Saco on Sept. 16, 1935, the first surviving child of Lawrence Beulan and Esther Marie (Nielsen) Thurston. He was educated in local schools, graduating from Thornton Academy in 1954, where he was given the nickname "Tiger." He graduated from the University of Maine in Orono in 1958, with a bachelor of science in forestry, and a membership in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

He began his career with the Maine Forest Service, first as a district forester, based in Wiscasset, and then as the regional director, based in Island Falls. He next was the operations manager for the Spruce Budworm spray project for the duration of that project. His last position was as the special project coordinator, a liaison between the state and the large land owners. His professional associations included The Society of American Foresters, the Small Woodlot Owners Association, the State of Maine Tree Farm Committee, and the Western and Northern Maine Forest Forums.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, of 54 years; his son, Scott, of Milton Mills, N.H.; his daughter, Linda, and her husband, Phillip Weston, of Gray; and his son, Timothy, and his wife, Del, of Pittston. As well as his many friends from all his walks of life.

Congratulations to the 2012 Quiz Bowl Winners!

Great Job Paul Smiths College!

Golden Member Recipients 2012

At the annual NESAF winter meeting in Amherst, Mass there were three members who were recognized.

• David R Miller of Storrs, CT
• Maxwell L. McCormack, Jr. of Thorndike, ME
• Paul Johnson of Monmouth, ME

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Thank you!
Developing a Comprehensive Model for Urban Forestry in the 21st Century

In April 2012, Knox Parks, Inc., (Knox) successfully competed for funding through the annual competitive grants program of the U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry unit. The title of the funded grant is “Developing a Comprehensive Model for Urban Forestry in the 21st Century.” The mission of Knox is to partner “with residents, businesses, and government to build stronger, greener, and more beautiful communities in Greater Hartford, CT, with a special emphasis on the Capital City itself.”

The project will rekindle the link between trees and people. Urban forest action plans throughout the country emphasize the need for an increasing, well-maintained tree canopy and a greater appreciation of the tree canopy in urban settings. Knox possesses the history, knowledge, and community ties to help accomplish these needs in Hartford and to help teach other cities how to achieve these goals.

Knox will expand its award-winning, tree-planting program, Trees for Hartford Neighborhoods, into a comprehensive and replicable model for urban forestry stewardship in the 21st century. Over 3 years, this model will be developed and demonstrated in Hartford. Activities will include:

- Planting 600 new trees;
- Tree tending by 75 trained volunteers to care for some 1,800 trees;
- Holding workshops in urban forestry to educate 720 people in person and videotaping the workshops for Internet distribution;
- Developing an Urban Forestry Plan for the city; and
- Conducting outreach of Trees for Hartford Neighborhoods as a national model for urban forest stewardship.

Tree Plantings

The grant will cover the costs for a portion of the staff time, equipment rental, tools, mulch, and trees for the planting of 200 1.5- to 2-inch caliper trees annually over the 3 years of the grant. The city of Hartford and the Metropolitan District Commission will provide additional funding for this portion of the project. This partnership will ensure that Hartford has 200 native trees in areas already targeted for tree planting through a tree canopy survey conducted in 2010. Knox will ensure that trees are native species and will seek to diversify the tree canopy, which is overwhelmingly made up of red maples and American elms. These trees will replenish tree canopy cover in Hartford and the biodiversity of the forest. This is especially important given the threat of the Asian longhorned bee-

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Planting and maintaining urban trees is critical in achieving environmental goals typically outlined in urban forest action plans. Urban trees are particularly useful for carbon sequestration given that 75 percent of man-made pollution emanates from urban centers like Hartford. In addition, trees planted in Hartford help absorb contaminated stormwater runoff that otherwise would end up in the Connecticut River and ultimately the Long Island Sound.

**Developing and Implementing a Citywide Tree Tenders Program**

Funds will be used to cover staff costs related to training and the purchase of hand-pruning equipment for the Tree Tenders. Seventy-five volunteers will be required to attend two half-day training workshops on tree species identification, mulching, watering, and pruning; complete a hands-on training day with Knox staff; and log 25 hours of volunteer work annually to maintain their Tree Tender certification. Training sessions will be conducted by staff from Knox and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). Knox’s Executive Director and Green Space Manager, both of whom have extensive experience in the tree and landscaping industries, will perform quality checks on activities performed by volunteer laborers. A tree that is well pruned early in its life will thrive later on. By deputizing volunteer stewards, Knox will help ignite passion for forestry and create a cadre of advocates for Hartford’s most vital natural resource.

Knox now manages over 2,000 environmentally-minded volunteers each year. This volunteer base, as well as Knox’s ties to community, environmental, business, and government organizations statewide, will help ensure that the activities proposed in this grant will succeed. Volunteers come from all walks of life, live all over the region, and come to Hartford because they care. Empowering and harnessing this volunteer base is important. Knox will help direct the power of volunteers and the community at large to show measurable progress that other organizations, cities, and municipalities will be able to replicate.

**Workshops**

Funds will cover staff time and marketing costs for workshops. Knox will conduct four workshops annually, seeking out audiences from Hartford’s diverse community that may be interested in Knox’s mission. Additionally, Knox will conduct two tree tours each year to raise attention about Hartford’s tree canopy. These workshops and tours will be videotaped and embedded online to hopefully reach a broader audience and to serve as a resource to the broad world of forestry. Some activities will be specifically marketed to families and children. In all, the workshops will have a goal of reaching, face to face, about 720 participants. Information from the workshops will be distributed to other municipalities through the publicity efforts of Knox and the CT DEEP, publicized through widespread e-newsletters such as the Alliance for Community Trees’ Treebune News, and presented at forestry conferences within the State.

**Development of an Urban Forestry Plan**

The development of an urban forestry plan will be covered by in-kind donations and voluntary staff time. Knox and the city of Hartford have wanted to develop an urban forestry plan for many years.

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The city’s new tree ordinance calls for the plan to be in place by 2013; Knox hopes this grant will help catalyze the development of this plan. Since much of the information, vision, and components of the plan already exist, concerned parties just need to sit down and develop a comprehensive document. This plan will guide tree planting, maintenance, and education efforts for the next 10 years and is crucial if volunteers, nonprofits, municipalities, and corporations are to work together to create a thriving tree canopy for the future.

Outreach of Trees for Hartford Neighborhoods as a Model for Urban Forest Stewardship

CT DEEP staff will work with Knox to package and disseminate this model as part of their work with the Connecticut Urban Forestry Council.

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The Quiet Corner Woodland Partnership: Engaging a Landowner Community through an Adaptive Learning and Outreach Program

In April 2012, Yale University successfully competed for funding through the annual competitive grants program of the U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry unit. The title of the funded grant is “The Quiet Corner Woodland Partnership: Engaging a Landowner Community through an Adaptive Learning and Outreach Program.”

Landscape-scale conservation in northeastern Connecticut, a region known as the “Quiet Corner,” requires engaging the private landowners who live there. Many of these landowners and others in Southern New England want to have the knowledge and the resources they need to sustainably manage their forests and generate acceptable levels of income from their resource.

This funded grant will create an experimental woodland partnership that uses a collaborative approach to private forest land management. The partnership will bring together private forest landowners with people from Yale University, the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Division of Forestry, nongovernmental organizations, and the local forest products industry. The project will include the following:

- Developing and carrying out at least 40 scale-appropriate conservation and landowner stewardship plans and 3 landscape-level stewardship plans
- Carrying out silvicultural prescriptions
- Providing guidance and assistance for creating conservation easements
- Developing new sources of income through Forest Stewardship Council certification and payments for ecosystem services
- Developing and holding workshops that address land management and conservation issues that specifically concern small landowners

The project will be a learning experience for all involved. Project personnel will gather information...
systematically; monitor changes; and record and discuss successes and failures in order to learn, adapt, and move forward. This grant will continue a process that was started in 2010 to fully develop and expand a program intended to be long term in nature and provide a potentially valuable educational and demonstration benefit to the community and region.

**Background**

To date, a survey has been made of all landowners who own 20 or more acres in the four towns surrounding the 8,000-acre Yale Myers Forest—Ashford, Eastford, Union, and Woodstock—to assess their values and willingness to participate in a partnership. Feedback has been very positive. Approximately 40 landowners who collectively own 3,000 acres indicated immediate interest. There have already been discussions with conservation commissions, extension foresters, and the local forest products industry, and many are enthusiastic about the possible opportunities associated with this woodland partnership. In November 2010, university funding was received to study current and potential future economic values held in private forest land within the four towns. In December 2010, a preliminary meeting was held with interested landowners to introduce this project and identify opportunities for collaborative management. During the spring and summer of 2011, an ecosystem service valuation study was carried out, and the first workshop was held for member landowners.

Building upon a U.S. Forest Service-funded analysis of the Natchaug River Basin by the Green Valley Institute, an options analysis for a potential multiproperty conservation easement along Bigelow Brook in the towns of Ashford and Eastford was completed. The existing analysis identified seven properties as having the greatest impact on water quality; their protection would connect Bigelow Brook between the Yale Forest and Natchaug State Forest. In the fall of 2011, a riparian assessment was made and the seven properties had stewardship plans developed with accompanying financial assessments. Stewardship plans will be carried out next year in concert with the landowners.

**Accomplishments**

Some of the funded grant’s expected accomplishments include these:

- Provide management and conservation planning on both a property and landscape level based on existing data regarding conservation priorities in the region
- Increase the amount of working forest land that is conserved and sustainably managed
- Prepare stewardship plans and conservation assessments for at least three aggregated groups that comprise a total of at least 40 properties and 4,000 acres
- Carry out a trial Forest Stewardship Council certification program, and assess and potentially design a payment-for-ecosystem services program
- Conduct nine workshops

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5 – 10 year range and encourage them to become engaged in their local SAF environment. The 2012 version was unique in that it welcomed student members and even allowed non-SAF members to attend if interested in the training and skill development.

Based on attendee evaluations, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is the most interesting and informative segment, and a lot of that is due to our consultant Maayan Lahti and her engaging presentation. Her dual focus on helping attendees first understand their own MBTI, and then how to recognize and work with the other MBTI personalities provides core knowledge and a great take-home skill, and not only for work.

Lemin and Laustsen are thankful for the ongoing financial support of the Leadership Academy by the SAF Foresters Fund, NESAF, and the respective four Divisions. These three sources completely underwrite the cost of the training, eliminating a potential barrier for the chosen or interested young professionals. We both look forward to a future opportunity to again provide leadership training for our region and state societies.

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DOGS SNIFF OUT ALB

Asian longhorn beetles from China have also found their way to Europe. The German town of Bornheim is the site of an infestation discovered in 2005. As in Worcester, MA, more ALB infected trees were found in surrounding areas in 2008 and 2009. Control authorities have trained 3 dogs to identify ALB present in both dead and live wood. These tracker dogs specifically respond to ALB scent and not to any of the other indigenous beetles similar to ALB. The dogs reliably identify trees with mature beetles as well as larvae. Until now, control authorities had relied solely on visual surveys of trees looking for ALB exit holes.

Source: ISA Arborist News.

New SAF Fellow

Sidney (Si) Balch recently named as a SAF Fellow. He was recognized at the annual winter NESAF meeting.

Current Fellow criteria require both of the following: 1) A strong commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities, and 2) exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession in at least one of the following areas: a) application of forestry, b) education, c) public policy, d) research, or e) technology transfer. Both criteria need to be typically demonstrated and performed at two or more levels (local, state, regional, national, or international).

Congratulations Si!
DIVISION NEWS

Maine - Anthony Filauro

Problems With Ticks
Due to the mild winter, health problems are expected due to an increase in the population of ticks. The Deer Tick (Ixodes scapularis) is of particular concern due to the possible transmission of Lyme disease. Judicious use of an insect repellent is encouraged when working in the field. Individuals should refer questions about ticks to the Maine Center for Disease Control. Tick samples can be mailed for identification to the Maine Medical Center Research Institute Vector Borne Disease Lab (the tick will not however be tested for Lyme disease). Information about ticks is available at the website: www.maineforestservice.gov/ticks.htm

Conservation Easement
A conservation easement has recently been enacted on 363,000 acres surrounding a significant portion of Moosehead Lake. The easement between Plum Creek Timberlands, The Nature Conservancy and the Forest Society of Maine, prohibits land development but allows for traditional uses such as public access, recreational activities and forest management. The Forest Society of Maine will oversee compliance with terms of the easement.

EAB - An On-Going Effort
In 2012, the Maine Forest Service, in cooperation with other organizations, will monitor for the presence of the emerald ash borer using 955 insect traps placed in the crown of ash trees throughout the State of Maine. The traps are purple in color, prismatic in shape and about 30" in length. This effort is a continuation of a monitoring program begun in 2011.

Most of the traps will be located in western Maine, to intercept the movement of existing populations identified in eastern New York State and Quebec, Canada. Information about he traps is available from the Maine Forest Service, at 1-800-750-9777. A map showing the location of trap sites can be viewed at http://bdn.to/ashmap

The state has imposed a quarantine on importing firewood into the state. A concerted effort is needed to ensure that out-of-state sportsmen or campers do not introduce this insect into Maine.

Land for Maine’s Future
In May, the Maine Legislature approved a $95.7 million bond package that will be sent to the voters for approval in November. A small portion of the package ($5 million) is dedicated to the conservation of forestlands. Possible use of the funds will be for protection of deer wintering habitat which has been in decline due to the past budworm epidemic, limited management of regulated DWA’s and the harvest of unidentified deer wintering areas. Maine’s deer population has suffered significant decline in recent years due to particularly harsh winter conditions and the absence of sufficient deer wintering habitat.

Bald Mountain – T12R8
In response to an interest in mining on lands managed by J.D. Irving Company, Governor LePage recently signed LD 1853, a bill to streamline Maine’s mine permitting and regulatory process. The new law places all permitting and regulation of mining activities under the jurisdiction of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and extends the life of a mining permit from five years to thirty years, with a possibility of extending beyond thirty years. The DEP will require a year’s time to draft rules and regulations to govern mining operations under the new law.

Bald Mountain, west of the Town of Portage, is the area of interest to the Irving Company. Initial plans indicate that an open pit-mining site would encompass about five hundred acres, with the open pit comprising about 20% of the area. It’s possible that Maine’s landscape will change in future years, as mineral deposits and other resources are exploited on its forestlands.

Land Use Regulation Commission
In 2012, efforts are continuing to revise operating procedures of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. In response to proposed changes, James May from the Town of Mapleton and Durward Humphrey from the Town of Benedicta, nominated by Governor LePage, were recently appointed to serve as members of LURC. Jim May is a forester, previously employed by International Paper Co. and Prentiss & Carlisle Co. Durward Humphrey is CEO of Katahdin Valley Health Center in Patten, ME. Both individuals have experience with Maine’s environmental issues and (Continued on page 16)
Massachusetts SAF Chapter – Resurrected by the Membership – submitted by Dana Hachigian, Massachusetts State Representative

On April 4th at the annual NESAF winter conference in Amherst, MA approximately 30 of the MASAF membership came together to participate in a special meeting to discuss the future of the “leaderless” chapter. Overall, the membership felt the chapter was worthwhile to continue running rather than dissolving.

Under the expert mediation skills of Ed O’Leary, NESAF Executive Committee Chair, the membership nominated from the floor a new acting chair, Keith Ross, CF and a new acting vice-chair, Christina Petersen. Paul Gregory agreed to continue in his current role as Treasurer/Secretary. In addition approximately 10 members-at-large agreed to meet with the new acting executive committee at a later date to discuss the direction the chapter should take.

At that follow-up meeting, the acting executive committee with input from various members at large honed in on two important directions for MASAF to follow:

Become the “go to” organization for Forestry information in Massachusetts based on the highest degree of scientific expertise

Develop Outreach programs across the Commonwealth to engage the public in learning more about the practice of Forestry

Thank you to the Massachusetts SAF membership for your genuine concern and strong commitment to continue this organization!

In other news, the Massachusetts Association of Professional Foresters (MAPF) membership voted on May 17 to dissolve the organization and to join the newly forming Massachusetts Forest Alliance (MFA) made up of Massachusetts Landowners, wood producers, timber harvesters and now professional foresters. The MAPF will be enfolded into the MFA with a position on the newly formed board of directors. The membership at large will form a Council. The council will function to approve new memberships, advise to the MFA executive board and plan educational programs to assist Professional Foresters obtain credits to maintain their licenses.

New RPS Proposal Press Announcement submitted to MASAF by Robert Rizzo, Bioenergy Program Manager, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

Patrick-Murray Administration Announces Public Comment Period for Revisions to Biomass Regulation

Public comment period open from May 19 until June 18

Final Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Class I regulations

BOSTON – Friday, April 27, 2012 – The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) today released the proposed final Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Class I regulations, which implement changes to biomass energy eligibility.

This proposed final regulation follows more than two years of evaluation, public input, and careful consideration of how best to utilize woody biomass resources for energy in a manner consistent with the Commonwealth’s commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect forests.

A draft regulation was filed in May 2011 and was the subject of two public hearings, a written public comment period, and comments from the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. Based on stakeholder and committee comments, DOER has incorporated changes to prepare this proposed final regulation.

With the submission of these revisions to the draft regulations, DOER will open a 30-day public comment period from May 19 to June 18, 2012. All written comments on this proposed final regulation should be submitted electronically in PDF format by 5 p.m. on June 18, 2012 to DOER at doer.biomass@state.ma.us. Any questions may be directed to doer.biomass@state.ma.us.

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As part of this regulation package, DOER has amended its two proposed biomass specific Guidelines - the Overall Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Guideline and the Eligible Fuel and Certificate Guideline. These Guidelines are also open for public comment during this time frame.

Once the comment period is complete, DOER will prepare the final regulation for filing with the Massachusetts Secretary of State Office for promulgation. DOER expects to have a final regulation in place this summer.

“The proposed revisions are consistent with the Patrick-Murray Administration’s commitment to the Commonwealth’s clean energy goals, while protecting our economy and the health of our forests,” said DOER Commissioner Mark Sylvia. “Due to the impact these proposals will have, we want to make sure we hear from all stakeholders before finalizing this regulation.”

The RPS program requires all retail electricity suppliers in the Commonwealth to obtain a minimum percentage of their supply from eligible renewable energy generation sources. After passage of the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA), which requires the Commonwealth to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions across the economy 80 percent by 2050, DOER hired Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences to study the long term greenhouse gas implications of utilizing biomass for electrical energy generation. DOER began this regulatory process with the goal of incorporating greenhouse gas emissions requirements consistent with the GWSA as part of eligibility for the RPS. To that end, the revisions released today aid in that effort. A summary of the changes are listed below.

- Defines eligible forest-derived woody biomass fuels, including classifications as either residues or thinned trees, while ensuring sustainable forest resources, and protecting habitats and ecological functions. The determination of volume of eligible woody biomass is based on soil productivity.
  - Requires all woody biomass units to achieve a 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over 20 years as compared to a combined cycle natural gas unit.

  Establish an electronic certificate registry to track and verify carbon accounting differentiating between the carbon impacts of forest-derived residues and thinnings.

  Mandating a minimum operating efficiency of 50 percent to receive one half of a renewable energy credit (REC) with the ability to receive a full REC at an efficiency of 60 percent.

  Creates a special category of biomass units deemed to be advancing the technology that will be eligible for half-RECs at an efficiency of 40 percent.

  Requires a Forest Impact Assessment every five years to review program implementation and any impacts on forests and markets as well as an Advisory Panel to review tracking and enforcement mechanisms.

Massachusetts Forestry Legislative updates – Provided by Kent Lage, Director of Forestry Programs, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.

Two forestry related house bills that have been sent to study which means no further legislative action expected:

- House Bill 2006 – to ban clear-cutting on state land – sent to study to die
- House Bill 2584 and Senate Bill 86 – to move the forester licensing board out of DCR and send it to the Division of Professional Licensure – sent to study to die

Two forestry related bills that are moving forward to House Ways and Means for further debate:

- House Bill 236 – to create old forest reserves on state land – favorable report from Ag & Natural Resources Committee – sent to House Ways and Means – where lead sponsor is Committee Vice Chairman.
- Senate Bill 331 – to change the formula of disbursement of revenue from timber sales to 2/3rd to towns & DCR and 1/3rd to general fund – favorable report from Ag & Natural Resources Committee – sent to Senate Ways and Means.

Rhode Island - Paul Boisvert  No News
Connecticut - Mel Harder

Connecticut Forester Licensing
Forest practitioners in CT are licensed by written exam. See exam schedule below. There are currently about 115 licensed foresters, 330+ supervising forest products harvesters and 46 harvesters. The directory of license holders is available at http://www.nesaf.org. Follow the divisions/chapters link to CT Chapter. Additional certification is required for foresters who prepare qualified forester’s reports for the certification of forest land for the purpose of current use assessment under public act 490. Attendance at a training session followed by a written exam is required. Certificates are good for 4 years. The training session for 2012 will be held June 28 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sessions Woods in Burlington CT. Registration required by 5/26. Contact Sheila Hoefle at sheila.hoefle@ct.gov.

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Granite State - Jon Nute

2012 “Mud Season” Breakfast
On May 18th the 22nd annual Mud Season Breakfast was held at the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield, New Hampshire. The meeting was well attended and it was a beautiful day. The topics of the meeting included “Bringing Critters and Soil Together”, Effects of Moose Browse in NH and Learning about native Trout including an ongoing pit tagging project. Afternoon field tours followed the morning program. The meeting was very well received by all.

2012 Black Fly Breakfast
The 14th annual Black Fly Breakfast was held on April 25th at Pat’s Peak. The theme of the meeting was Changing Attitudes, Changing Towns- Timber Harvesting in New Hampshire Today. There were several speakers that covered various topics surrounding this issue, including NHTOA, NH Division of Forests and Lands, and UNH Cooperative Extension. Copies of the presentations can be viewed at http://extension.unh.edu/resources/resource/2033/14th_Annual_Blackfly_Breakfast

Green Mountain - Bill Samal

VWA Spreads The Word
The “Local Wood, Local Good” sticker was formed by a collaborative effort. A Vermont woodworker came up with the slogan and the Vermont Woodlands Association designed and purchased the stickers to help promote the idea of buying wood & wood products locally. Because it is not state specific, the idea is that the sticker’s message is widely applicable throughout the Northeast and beyond! Stickers are available for purchase online at http://www.vermontwoodlands.org/shop.asp for $1 each or 6 for $5 (includes shipping) or by calling 802-747-7900.

GMD Member Receives Top Award at ESRI Conference
In the first week of May, Zach Hart of LandVest attended the ESRI Forestry Conference that was held in Redlands, California. It was a well-attended meeting with foresters and GIS personnel.

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Elections are coming!

All state and executive committee election packages are due to Paul Dolan by **August 1, 2012**.

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Don’t forget to run for office.  
*Remember to go to the National website and update your e-mail address if it has changed or you will not receive a ballot.  www.safnet.org

Graduating UMass Student SAF Members receive Rings  
On May 2, 2012, nine UMass forestry students who are SAF members and are graduating were presented at the annual Department awards picnic with their SAF rings.

from left to right - Dan Lawrence, Colin Monkiewicz, Jim Ferrante, Bruce Danek, Ross Hubacz, Tom Regan, Joshua Soojian, Alan Herrmann, with Professor Paul Barten [back] and Professor Dave Kittredge [far right]. Student Adam Riquier [missing].

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from all across the Country, including a few New Englanders. At the meeting there were discussions on application of GIS, new and future products and workshops related to GIS. In addition, there was a competition for the best cartograph submitted by attendees of the conference. In the end, Zach’s cartograph won the best overall and also took second place for best map as judged by peers attending the conference. Congratulations Zach!
Council Corner June- 2012
George F. Frame, CF
Council Representative District VI
Winter meetings are over, black flies have joined the party, gear is being purchased for the upcoming field season, interns are getting their finals out of the way and dreaming of idyllic woodland romps, and us old curmudgeons are thinking “Well, here we go again”. It must be Spring!

I enjoyed visiting at both New York’s and New England’s Winter Meetings this year and got to meet a lot of hard working, concerned foresters. Discussions hardly ever touched on silviculture at either meeting. The greater concerns seem to be over invasive plants and insects followed by the perennial question of how to better connect with land owners. The Winter Meeting programs were filled with presentations of the research that is taking place on both those heady topics and a lot more. There was some very good information provided that literally held everyone’s attention for hours.

On the organizational front the good news is membership revenue is up 12% over budget projections. The bad news is that with nearly 11,000 members renewed for 2012 there are still about 2000 members who have not. If you know of someone who has not renewed why not give them a call and see what’s on their minds. The percentages of members in each of the categories of the tiered dues structure haven’t changed since they were reported last time (77% Gold, 21% Silver and 2% Platinum). The one message that apparently didn’t get out with the tiered dues structure information was that these numbers and levels only applied to your National dues. The National office is sending out some communication to those who renewed but didn’t pay their State Society and local Chapter dues.

The next Council meeting is in Bethesda the beginning of June. On the agenda is an important discussion around some proposed changes to the wording of the strategic plan that will more fully incorporate the broader field of Natural Resource Management and the professionals graduating from university programs of that curriculum. Council members will also be involved in further discussions about strategic implications of SAF brand identity, which is very similar to what has been called the SAF hedgehog principal. It seems every article like this I’ve written has contained some reference to this process of finding our strategic clarity or brand which boils down to just simply answering the question of who we are. Should be easy right?

So, keep up the good work. If there are questions or concerns you want communicated up the chain, please do not hesitate to call or email me at gframe@forestsociety.org where I will be waiting to hear from you.

NE SAF AFFAIRS

NESAF Chair Report – June 2012
By: Ed O’Leary
Another very successful and informative NESAF annual winter meeting has come and gone. It was a pleasure for me to chair this meeting at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, which I attended and where I received my forestry degree and first became an SAF member 37 years ago! I would like to pass along my personal congratulations to all of the NESAF award winners including our three newest NESAF Golden membership Award recipients. I want to thank all of those who invested their time and energy to put on such a great meeting, and to particularly commend all of those NESAF members who took advantage of the Leadership training session. Plans are well under way, with the establishment of a growing number of folks from both NESAF as well as NYSAF, to hold our annual winter meeting jointly with NYSAF at the end of January in 2013 in Saratoga Springs, NY, and NESAF members from Maine have also begun planning for a field type NESAF meeting later in the spring of 2013. Finally, a very well attended meeting was held early one morning of the NESAF annual winter meeting, during which enthusiastic members from Massachusetts got together to begin discussions as to how the Massachusetts Chapter can be revitalized. I offer my encouragement and assistance as those folks move forward with this exceptionally important effort.

It is certainly not too early to begin seriously considering running for one of NESAF’s elected positions. As has been said many times, an organization such as NESAF is only as good as the volunteers who step up to help keep things going. Please consider getting involved! The positions of Chair Elect and Secretary are up for election this year, as well as a couple of the state representative positions. Please contact Paul Dolan in Rhode Island to find out what is required to put yourself or a colleague up for consideration.

In the fall, I will be attending my last National SAF Convention in Spokane, WA as one of the two NESAF representatives participating in the House of Society Delegates. If you have issues or concerns you would like to be raised during that part of the convention, please bring them forward to either me or Kurt Zschau, Vice Chair.

Remember that you are always welcome to attend any meeting of the NESAF Executive Committee and we encourage your involvement. Please contact any member of the NESAF Executive Committee for details as to dates, times and locations of our meeting. I will sign off for now wishing you all a very enjoyable and rewarding summer.
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At the annual NESAF business meeting held this year in Amherst MA on April 4, treasurer Russell Reay presented a revised 2012 budget predicting a year-end deficit of $1900, and a proposed FY 2013 budget anticipating $4900 of red ink. He followed these proposals with the observation that NESAF’s net worth has steadily declined from $57,000 in 2007 to $32,000 in 2012. He declared that this financial course is not sustainable.

This revelation gave rise to several proposals from the floor. These dealt with generation and allocation of meeting revenues, and dues assessments, all generating spirited and positive discussion. Ultimately, the membership voted to raise annual NESAF dues from the current $16.00 per year to $20.00 per year.

Below is a table of NESAF income and expenses since 2004. For ease of reading, figures have been rounded, and totals do not ‘prove’.

Please see table on next page.

Notable trends:
- dues receipts have declined by 30% since 2004
- winter meeting receipts, while holding about steady, are an increasing proportion of our annual income
- Interest income from the $25,000 CDs has dropped by 95%
- executive committee expenses were unusually high in mid-decade
- FY 2008 was conspicuously bloody

Do not seek or identify trends in the grants account (other than decline in interest income), because timing of receipts and incursion of expenses are often disconnected by as much as three years

Measures recently taken by the executive committee to reduce expenses without reducing membership services include:
- 2011-reducing mileage rate for attending EC meetings from 50c to 30c
- 2011- limiting total annual EC cost to $3500. This was not intended to be a permanent policy, but in 2011 they came in $1300 under budget

Moving the News Quarterly to predominantly an on-line publication. Invoices to date for 2012 indicate substantial cost savings

In financial discussions which occur at every executive committee meeting, the EC is unanimous in its resistance to tapping any of the $25,000 CDs for operating expenses. Treasurer Reay has voiced strong concern that a $10,000 savings account cannot long sustain deficit spending.
## NESAF FINANCES, 2004-2011

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