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## Comments from the Chair



I spent quite a bit of time not only considering what I should write in my first “Comments from the Chair,” but also trying to force myself to make time to do it. Now, here I am down to the last minute, finally sitting down to put my thoughts into motion and it is largely thanks to a recent surgery and a wife that keeps telling me to sit down and take it easy or I am going to be sorry. As foresters we tend to not like sitting behind computers, doing paperwork, or taking it easy, but sometimes it becomes a necessary evil. I figure this is one of those times and it doesn’t get much easier than typing.

I am sure I do not have to point out to anyone that it has been a long year! I am sure many of us are wondering at this time what the New Year will bring. At this point in time nothing would surprise me. So far this year we have had late winter/early spring heavy rains, followed by late freezes, followed by a seemingly never ending drought, hurricanes, elections, tax reassessments, looming fiscal cliffs, and most recently the mass shooting in Connecticut. Just when you think it can’t get any worse, right? These things are just events have made na-

tional news and really discount everything that we have all had going on in our personal lives. I know personally of many deaths, births, graduations, ups, downs, economic worries, housing market issues, high gas prices, etc. The list seems to be never ending this year and we still have a few weeks to go.

Why do I even mention all of these things? They are all things that have drawn our attention and most are deserving of it. The threads of our society seem to be unraveling faster than we can possibly weave them back together. In one way or another all of these things I have mentioned affect us as foresters. Some of them may not seem to affect us when we first look at them, but when we look at the far reaching economic and social impacts that some of these issues have or are going to have, the impacts start to become more apparent.

Any forester, without even thinking about it, can look at the unusual weather we have had and most likely conclude that our profession will be impacted on multiple levels by it. How many of you have operated or are currently operating differently because of the weather already?

The economy does not really take much explaining at this point either, at least not in the sense that it is impacting us as foresters. As foresters a lot of us, whether we are private foresters, state foresters, or federal foresters, count on government funding in one way or another. Without worrying about which budgets are going to be cut or which programs will continue, there seems to be the rising cost of everything from equipment to gas to chemicals. These are all economic issues that we have all been dealing with and will most likely continue to deal with into the foreseeable future. My biggest concern when it comes to the economy is how much is it affecting our ethics as foresters and/or how much is it affecting the management practices of our landowners. Of course there is also the whole statewide tax reassessment thing, but that is a whole other discussion.

I think the weather and the economy are two things that get talked about constantly at our meetings, in emails, on job sites, everywhere, but I personally think we still do not devote enough attention to the social issues that are affecting us as foresters. They are the things that draw our immediate attention most often because they have immediate impacts.

At this point, I think we need to readjust our attention from the economy and the weather to some of the social issues that

are deeply affecting us as foresters, but tend to get placed on the back burner because if we don't, they are going to "show up" one day and slap us in the face. I know we are all busy—no one has to tell me about being busy. I have six kids and half of the ten-county district I cover for the DNR is up in arms and wants into the Classified Forest and Wildlands Program because of tax reassessments. I understand what busy is all about, but it is very concerning to me that in all our business as a society, a Society of American Foresters, not one person has contacted me or mentioned that we have not held elections for ISAF yet this year. It started off as an honest oversight on my part (I was too busy), but then after no success in getting people to run for office I thought I would put it off to see if that drew attention to the issue or see if some people would step forward to run for office or at least ask questions about the lack of an election. As you have probably figured out by now no one beat my door down wanting to run or know what was going on. I asked, and have acquired one volunteer to run for secretary and one volunteer to run for vice chair, and I greatly appreciate both of them agreeing to do so. I would still like to see other members step up and volunteer to run against these members.

As much as the on the ground implication and scientific application parts of being a forester are crucial to our jobs, so are

the social aspects. I want to see us move forward with supporting invasive control, spreading the practice of forestry, getting the knowledge out there and implemented this year more than anything, but if we start to unravel as a Society just as the society around us is doing then who will be here to support our goals, desires, and dreams? This year my top goal is to get more people involved. I would love to see ten candidates for each position during our election and see committees that are full of volunteers, so that we can move forward and weave ourselves back together tighter than ever before. Every state Society that has heard of our financial situation is in absolute awe of us, but without people what good can be done as we move forward?

There are a lot of prayers that need sent up for our country, our state, our society and in general at this point in time. Maybe it would help if we all sent up a few prayers to help guide us into what roles we can take to help our state SAF also. We are all busy, but if we don't start sacrificing a little time for OUR state SAF, how are we supposed to grow OUR Society as everyone wishes to do and use OUR state SAF as OUR tool to promote OUR profession?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Eric Summerfield, ISAF Chair

## Comments from the Past Chair

First, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Indiana Society of American Foresters this year. I think any of us who have been Chair come into this thinking we are going to get a lot accomplished. There were some things I wanted to accomplish as chair—namely, addressing some concerns facing the forestry profession and the resource. It has been an interesting year. Those of us in government are learning to do more with less, and sometimes just do more.

Progress is being made in regards to terrestrial invasive species in Indiana. Voluntary BMPs have been developed and will be pilot tested by some state agencies. The BMPs can be found at <http://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/bmps.php>. The Official Indiana Invasive Species Council (IISC) Plant List is now online at <http://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/invasiveplants.php>. There are 95 plants currently on the list. ISAF members can help out by reviewing the list. If you know of additional invasives that are not on the list, please let Ellen Jacquart know. Send her an email at [ejacquart@TNC.org](mailto:ejacquart@TNC.org). Provide any knowledge of the invasive, any other information you have to share and if you are willing to help with this effort.

The IISC has also recommended that DNR explore whether all plants the council rates as highly invasive should be taken out of commercial trade in Indiana. Recently, this has been accomplished with aquatic invasive plants. Work on the terrestrials will begin in 2013 with rule language. Once rules have been drafted, there will be a review and comment period. This is another area where ISAF members can be very helpful.

I will keep you informed of the progress on this aspect.

At the Forest Pesticide Training in November, one presenter told us about the Bugwood Network and the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN). When he brought up the map of the Midwest to show sites where invasive species had been found, I think we were all a little surprised that Indiana was mostly blank. I am asking the membership of the Indiana SAF to start to fill in those sites in Indiana. It is relatively simple. Right now there is an app for Android phones. The app for the iPhone and iPad should be completed by the end of February 2013. If you don't have a smart phone, you can still report invasive species to GLEDN on your computer. Check out the website, <http://ibis.colostate.edu/cwis438/websites/GLEDN/Home.php?WebSiteID=17>. Register and let's start adding those dots for any invasive species to the map.

If you haven't seen the December 2012 issue of *National Geographic*, you might want to find a copy. The cover article is on the world's largest trees, Forest Giant. The overview: "A tree-climbing scientist and his team have learned surprising new facts about giant sequoias by measuring them inch by inch." Additionally, there is a short article, Hail, Timber. It is about the construction of wooden skyscrapers. The advantage—production of concrete and steel emits high levels of carbon dioxide, whereas wooden building store carbon that would otherwise be released when trees decay or burn. Maybe the architects are finally catching on!

Donna Rogler  
Past Chair, ISAF

## MEMBERSHIP UP-DATES

### 1. Welcome new members!

In the month of November we had 4 professional members join and 3 student members.

Professional Members: Justin Rhodes, Songlin Fei, William Skrobitt, Richard Meilan

Student Members: Travis Swaim, Derek Luchik, Oriana Krauss

### 2. Welcome back reinstated Members!

Thomas Thake, Philip Wagner, Robert Reber, Jason Cook, Anna Byers

### 3. Check it out

Some of the benefits of SAF membership:

- A. SAF Prescription Drug Discount card
- B. The Forestry Source Newsletter
- C. CFE credits Continuing Forestry Education
- D. SAF Career Center Find Forestry jobs
- E. Forestry Mobile Apps. Get discounts
- F. Consulting and Prescribed Fire Insurance

G. Auto Insurance discount

H. Certified Forester program

I. Journal of Forestry magazine

J. Discounted Life and Disability insurance

Find out more about any of these benefits and programs at the SAF website: safnet.org

### 4. Still unconvinced?

Step up and be proud of your organization. Let's support our profession together. Renew your membership.

On a personal note: As a Consulting Forester I have found that my relationship with SAF has been quite rewarding over these many years, not only in terms of professional development from the subject matter presented at the meetings, but also the broad range of friendships I have forged and the networking opportunities discovered.

John P. Stambaugh

ISAF Membership Chair

## PASSING OF A GIANT FOREST(ER)

In mid fall, ISAF learned of the passing of Robert (Bob) Hollowell who had been a long time SAF member. Bob helped get the Indiana Chapter of SAF going many years ago, and was there when Indiana SAF became a Society on its own after splitting from chapter status with Illinois and Ohio. Bob was active in many things that benefitted not only our woodland resources, but also society as a whole. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family.

### Obituary: Published in the The Indianapolis Star on September 9, 2012



Robert E. Hollowell, Jr.

Bob Hollowell, 85, passed away on August 31, 2012. Born on October 10th 1926, he was a life-long citizen of Indianapolis.

Bob attended Park School and then Purdue University, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, an editor of the *Exponent*, and earned the rank of Lt. JG in the U.S. Navy V-12 Program by the close of WWII.

He earned a Masters degree at the Yale School of Forestry, and was later awarded an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture degree by Purdue University.

He was president of Pierson-Hollowell Lumber Company, based in Indianapolis and Lawrenceburg Indiana, and was an

advocate for environmentally sound forest management, helping to pioneer establishment of many experimental walnut tree farms in Indiana.

Bob served over time as president of many professional organizations including the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association (receiving their 2008 Spirit award), the National Hardwood Lumber Association, the National Forest Products Association, the Fine Hardwoods Association, the National Lumber Exporters Association, the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, and the Walnut Council. He was also active in the Hardwood Research Council, the Indiana Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, the Indianapolis Athletic Club, the Columbia Club, the Rotary Club of Indianapolis, and many others.

He was an avid Class C scow sailor for years, starting in his boyhood summers at Lake Maxinkuckee, and he served as Commodore of the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club. He also enjoyed gardening, music, swimming and golf.

Bob was the son of the late Robert E. Hollowell Sr. and Juanita Baumgartner Hollowell and survived his sisters, Jody Steely and Joyce Speer. He was the loving husband of the late Cici Hollowell, his wife of 58 years. His three children Julie, Tom and Laurie Hollowell, and grandchildren, Greta and Naomi Zimmer and Irena, Andrea, and Ash Hollowell miss him and his determined spirit.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Indiana Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

# Greetings District IX SAF Leaders,

Thanks for your service to SAF and thanks for sharing your passion for forestry and SAF with me over the last three years. I've been honored to serve as your Council representative and am most thankful for your support electing me Vice President. I pledge to keep you posted as best I can and consult you when decisions are being made. Greg Hoss of Missouri (greghoss53@gmail.com phone 573-368-6518) will be your new Council Representative beginning in January. Please invite him to your SAF meetings and share your concerns with him.

**Time to renew your SAF membership** logon to:

<https://qcom.safnet.org/QCommerceNet/index.aspx?mode=login&returnurl=https://qcom.safnet.org/QCommerceNet/Membership/Index.aspx>

The three most important issues Council has moved and deserve your consideration and discussion include planned giving, brand promise and strategic plans:

**SAF's Planned Giving and 1900 Founders' Circle program** was announced which provides opportunities for members to join a group of individuals who have committed \$1900 over four years to significantly build the corpus of the SDAF Forester's Fund and secure the future of the forestry profession. For more information:

<https://www.safnet.org/about/giving.cfm>

**SAF's Brand Promise**, our Hedgehog philosophy, was approved by Council at the Spokane convention. The brand provides compelling answers to three simple questions: Who are you? What do you do? Why does it matter? I think this philosophy accentuates our mission and should provide us a lens to view ongoing activities and new opportunities. By putting ourselves on a pedestal and declaring ourselves responsible for evolving forest management, we have the responsibility to do everything possible to set the standard in forest management. I think each chapter and each SAF society should answer the question "What can we do to set the standard in forest management?"

Evolving Forest Management since 1900

## **Thriving forests. Essential resources. A strong community.**

We challenge land-owners, decision-makers and society at large to make choices about our forests based on professional knowledge, leading-edge thinking and a century of practical experience.

We seek viable pathways forward, balancing diverse demands on our natural resources.

We set the standard in forest management, bringing science, best practice and the best people together to actively shape the future of the profession.

"For the greatest good. For the greatest number. For the long run."

**Society of American Foresters**

**SAF's Strategic Plan** was edited this summer and drew some passionate comments at HSD in Spokane. The language changes, specifically the shift from "foresters" to "natural resource professionals" in our first priority was a concern expressed and I think important for our membership to be discussing. Council accepted the recommendations of the Task Force on Accreditation of Terrestrial Ecosystem Management curriculums this summer. We chose to begin the development of accreditation standards of universities who graduate students with degrees in Natural Resource management. In so doing, we felt the need to not only plan to invite these graduates to participate in SAF, but to fully welcome them. This follows the Broad vs. Elite discussions in the Forestry Source. To facilitate this change we added Key Strategic Goal #1 to SAF's Strategic Plan.

## **Vision**

The Society of American Foresters is the organization that represents forestry professionals, providing leadership to ensure that all members of the profession achieve excellence in sustainable forestry and natural resource management.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to:

1. Advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry
2. Enhance the competency of its members
3. Establish professional excellence, and
4. Use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

## **Core Values**

- Forests are a fundamental source of global health and human welfare.
- Forests must be sustained through simultaneously meeting environmental, economic, and community aspirations and needs.
- Forest natural resource professionals are dedicated to sound forest management and conservation.
- Forest natural resource professionals serve landowners and society by providing sound knowledge and professional management skills.
- Forest natural resource professionals believe the scientific process, continuing research, and coordination with community traditions and knowledge lead to best land management decisions and sustainability of our forests.

## **Key Strategic Goals**

- 1) Recruit forest natural resource professionals to become members in SAF to recognize rewarding opportunities that meet our mission and provide a broader membership base to pursue those opportunities.

- 2) Engage in cooperative efforts to achieve sustainable forestry and natural resource management.
- 3) Provide and promote superior educational materials, meaningful experiences, and credentialing resources to help members achieve greater professional competence and competitiveness in the marketplace.
- 4) Advocate forest and natural resource policies at the national, state, and local levels that use forest and natural resource science to enhance the health and use of forest ecosystems to benefit society.
- 5) Increase coordination and relationships with state societies, working groups, and partners and allies that will help SAF fulfill its mission.
- 6) Assess the activities, programs, and operations of SAF and strive for continuous improvement in all facets of our organization.
- 7) Diversify and increase revenue to meet future operational and capital needs.

**Strategic Goal #1:** Recruit forest natural resource professionals to become members in SAF to recognize rewarding opportunities that meet our mission and provide a broader membership base to pursue those opportunities.

#### **Outcomes:**

- Members speak of pride in their profession and SAF as an organization and how their role contributes to its success.
- A diversity of members become more involved and engaged in SAF, holding offices and committee positions at all levels of the organization.
- Membership is more meaningful to employers, the public, and other professionals.
- SAF is a more vibrant organization with much higher visibility in all communities: local units, regional units, legislative units, and the general public.

#### **Actions:**

- 1) Develop an action plan that maintains our core values and to formally recognize as peers natural resource professionals for membership.
- 2) Delineate specific tactics for the state and multistate societies and national office to address and expand mem-

bership recruitment to welcome foresters and natural resource professionals and to retain existing members.

- 3) Establish a forum for dialogue on the broadening of membership issue so that members will have a chance to articulate opinions/views on this change effort.
- 4) Meet with forest natural resource program deans/department chairs and jointly develop strategies for introducing students and faculty to the benefits of SAF membership.
- 5) Discuss with employers, clients, and partners, the benefits, value, and opportunities SAF membership and programs provide to enhancing the services and expertise of forest natural resource professionals bring to their work.
- 6) Encourage and engage the National Student Congress in developing strategies to introduce students to the benefits of SAF membership, participate in their local student chapters, and attend Leadership Academy workshops.
- 7) Leverage the TEM Task Force report and engage in dialogue with employers of natural resource professionals to better understand their needs and how their employees' skills and interests fit into the overall SAF mission.

#### **Success Indicators:**

- SAF broadens the membership to forest natural resource professionals while protecting the rich history of our forestry foundation and begins to build new traditions as SAF membership increases.

#### **Important Dates:**

January 31 Nominations for Fellows due to District Fellows Committee

February 15 Forester's Fund Application Deadline

February 28 National Award Nominations Due

March 15 Applications for Dist. Student Rep due Council rep.

Thanks for your commitment to our profession. Ask a colleague to join today!

Dave

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## **Dale Weigel Retires from US Forest Service**

After 34 years, 9 months and 9 days, Dale Weigel is retiring from the US Forest Service. "But, it's all been fun," he notes.

Raised in Oldenburg, Indiana, and a graduate (BS and MS) of Purdue University's Forestry School, Dale has worked in Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and 28 years in Bedford, Indiana. Dale started with the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program of the U.S. Forest Service, moving often until 1985. He then joined a research project (in Indiana) on the Silviculture and Ecology of Oak and Hickory which he worked on until 2005. At that time, he left research and came to work for the Hoosier National Forest where he has focused on the monitoring program for the Forest.

Dale has been actively involved with Indiana SAF since 1984. His wife Kelly is also a member. The two have worked together at the SAF booth for the FFA convention every year that it was held at Louisville and Indianapolis. Dale has served as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of ISAF. He has been Chair of the Investment Committee for the last several years and will continue in that capacity.

He is a certified forester, received an ISAF Distinguished Service Award in 2008 and was recognized as a SAF Fellow in 2009. Though he's retiring on December 29, 2012 from the Forest Service, he said he's not retiring from SAF and intends to still be active. So wish Dale well at the Winter Meeting!



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**EVERYONE,**

**Wanted to let everyone know that  
ISAF was just been awarded first  
place for our Success Story:  
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by the House of Society Delegates!**

**Congratulations!**

**Eric Summerfield, ISAF Chair**

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