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Comments from the Chair



Chris Neggers (forester with The Nature Conservancy) told me that in the North Carolina SAF chapter that once you were chair you were immune from ever having to do it again. He explained how they were especially good at recruiting (unsuspecting) people to be chair. Of course neither of these fit me. I wanted to do it again because of the many important, exciting things ISAF is doing behind the scenes. There is the financial support ISAF provides for educational outreach videos and shows to educate those already interested in forest management, and to provide alternative, accurate information regarding forest issues in Indiana. Also there is the hard work getting us to FFA (we are at the start of a three year reprieve while they are in Louisville) and HASTI conventions to reach our future. There is the work ISAF does in partnership with other conservation groups to help keep state legislators informed on important natural resource issues in Indiana. There is ISAF providing financial support to young forestry students to attend the national SAF convention. These are a few of the flashier things

that happen among the many less glorified things that ISAF members do day in and day out (keep financial records/funds, take minutes, track membership, track investments, create newsletters, approve continuing education, plan continuing education, plan fundraising, manage website, ...) that provide a voice in management of Indiana's natural resources, and also provide a service to the members.

I think it is the perspective that comes with age (experience would be nicer to say, but it really is an age thing) that I now see the opportunities to influence future generations, whether forestry students at Purdue, young students in K through 12, and young foresters in the first years of their career as being the most important thing we do. Experience/age has taught me that things can and do change over time. When I started working for state forests there was a metes and bounds inholding that was a real pain because the described corners were often missing. This inholding was an old field stream bottom that was being invaded by knee to chest high yellow-poplar. Also, the entrance road of the main recreation area had an attractive, mature planting of eastern white pine. It was a really nice entryway for recreational users.

But these have changed through the years. We finally had a chance to close out that old field inholding with a purchase. On visiting the site I was greeted with yellow-poplar that was 35+ feet tall where I once was able to look out across the valley over them. On the other hand that nice white pine is about gone, with the storms in November that spawned the tornadoes taking out a large number of the remaining pine. Something else will now replace it.

I used to put more weight on the close horizon things—the camaraderie and short term fundraising of selling Christmas trees for example. But now the many things I see ISAF doing are things that are going to have long term, important impacts are the ones I find most exciting and satisfying. For me it was a good reason to come back around to be chair again.

—John Friedrich ISAF Chair

Indiana Society of American Foresters

Executive Board Meeting

Hampton Inn

Batesville, IN – July 30, 2013

Attendance: Darrell Breedlove, Janet Eger, Lenny Farlee, John Friedrich, Brian Gandy, Liz Jackson, Teena Ligman, Scott Reckelhoff, Donna Rogler, John Segari, Eric Summerfield, Jayson Waterman, Dale Weigel

Old Business:

1. HASTI Update from John Friedrich and Donna Rogler
 - a. Attendance was down but good experience
2. History/ Archive Chair
 - a. John Friedrich has volunteered
 - b. Digitizing the archive to make it searchable with the help of Ball State was discussed and approved

New Business:

1. Letter from SAF student chapter at Purdue received and passed around
2. Indiana Forestry Education Foundation
 - a. IFEF request INSAF to donate items to auction
 - b. Brian Gandy makes motion to allow Jayson Waterman to purchase wooden items for up to \$500.
 - c. Motion amended to \$250, seconded by Dale , passed by voice vote
3. Proceeds from winter meeting, \$33, given to Scott Reckelhoff
4. Donna Rogler brings several funding proposals to the group
 - a. State Forester would like multiyear commitment to assist funding “Indiana Forestry Film” project.
 - i. Various amounts and time lines are discussed
 - ii. After discussion of amounts and Jayson motions to fund at the level of \$10,000 over 3 years, seconded by Lenny and passed on voice vote
 - b. Requests funding for multiday teacher training at Morgan Monroe State Forest
 - i. Dates will be 6/16 - 6/20/2014, 20 person attendance, middle school teachers, costs will be \$900-\$1000 per teacher
 - ii. ISAF can sponsor take home kits for the teachers, costing approximately \$3000/ year
 - iii. Dale motions to support annual funding at eh \$2500 level, Janet Eger amends to a 5 years limit to allow for reassessment, John Friedrich seconds, passes on voice vote
5. Elections will be coming soon

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer
2. Investment-Dale Weigel
 - a. Report passed to attending members
 - i. Overview of investment allocations,
 - ii. CY dispersal levels are \$4000 of \$9000 available
 - iii. Funds have a 71/29 stock/bond allocation, No reallocation at this time
 - iv. Fund has reached \$200,000 and Dale would like to become more conservative and choose a third fund that with less risk than the current stock fund to provide some additional security. Fund will be chosen by winter meeting
 - b. Increased dispersal ideas are discussed
 - i. Create RCD grants, limited by investment remainder each year

ii. Liz Jackson requests funding for IFWA

1. Eric Summerfield motions to allocate \$500, Janet Eger seconds and passes on voice vote

3. Audit- Jayson Waterman, update delayed until Winter meeting

4. Newsletter- Janet Eger, update address by September 15th

5. Nominations and Tellers-Eric Summerfield, look for nominations by September 12th.

6. Fundraising-Brian Gandy, Brian and Jayson completed 10 acres of TSI but have not billed the individual yet

7. Forester's Fund - Darrel Breedlove, Corn Hole raise \$100 at winter meeting, funds were turned over to treasurer, Scot will look into donating a Corn Hole set

8. Education-Lenny Farlee,

a. SIPAC field Day

b. Pesticide training November 22nd

c. Category 2 training to be held in January or February

Jayson motions to adjourn, Brian Gandy seconds

Indiana Society of American Foresters Membership update 12-16-2013

As of 12-1-2013 INSAF has 146 members (137 INSAF + 9 Students)

Still gaining!

1. ***Ongoing***

- Simplest way to direct others to join is to go online to www.safnet.org (make sure they list you as their sponsor).
- Remind your peers to join, one on one recruitment is very effective.
- Membership tries to send a welcome letter to new members and new transfers.
- Payment plan: should any member desire to pay their dues by using a payment plan, SAF offers this. Contact the national office.
- New members are encouraged to provide a brief bio for the newsletter.

2. ***Still available***

- Recruitment promo: If an SAF member recruits a new member or reinstated member, then you receive \$20 off your membership dues and the recruited member receives a 30% discount on their dues for 5 years, if both individuals remain members for 5 years. Does not apply to students.

John P. Stambaugh

INSAF Membership Chair

WANTED: A few good foresters for candidates

Every year ISAF holds elections for new officers. Every year a new Chair Elect is selected to serve a year in that role. The Chair Elect is there to assist the Chair. The Chair Elect also helps coordinate the semiannual meetings. After the year's time this person succeeds the Chair. The Chair represents ISAF in many communications with National SAF, and in the House of Society Delegates at the national convention. The Chair helps to coordinate the activities of the many talented volunteers who actually perform most of the functions in ISAF.

In alternating years the Secretary and Treasurer are elected for two-year terms. This year it is the Treasurer position that needs to be selected. The Treasurer basically maintains ISAF's operating accounts. This involves collecting/depositing funds from meeting registrations and writing checks for expenses. There is also the matter of reconciling bank statements. Collection of funds for meetings is less arduous than in the past since much of the meeting registration fees are collected electronically.

Please consider making a commitment to serve your colleagues by becoming a candidate for one of these offices. Please contact John Friedrich at 317-729-2404 or jfriedrich@dnr.in.gov by January 25, 2014, if you are interested.



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