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Comments from the Chair



Wow! What a hot, hot summer. It seems that the weather this year has been at its extremes. It began with a snowy winter turning into an extremely wet spring, leading into the hot and now dry summer. I wonder what fall will bring. It's September and the farmers are harvesting corn. It certainly appears to me that the weather is changing. It may be a normal cycle, or it may be global climate change. I'll leave that debate to the experts. Meanwhile, we just deal with what nature gives us, making adjustments as we go. That's just how we deal with all things that change.

There have been many changes in the realm of forestry in Indiana as well, and it seems as sudden as the changes in the weather. Within just the last few years we have seen many changes that impact the forest profession and how we manage the forest. Emerald Ash Borer quarantines, invasive plants filling up our woodlands, certified wood, chain of custody, BMP's, Strategic Forest Planning, suppressed lumber markets, Thousand Canker Disease. What's next? Whatever it is we will have to incorporate it into our daily activities. Maybe these things will go away if we ignore them. I think not! As much as we might want to go off in the woods and do business as usual, it remains our responsibility as professionals to adjust and ad-

dress the changes that keep coming our way. Like the weather, there is little we can do to stop these changes. We adjust and work with them.

Changing gears: Nice meeting, Mike. If you missed the summer meeting, you missed a good one. The sessions presented by the HTIRC demonstrated the efforts by the center to combat insect and disease issues as well as improve the quality of hardwood growing stock available for reforestation. The Center truly is state of the art, and we should consider ourselves lucky to have such a facility in our state. The second day, although soggy, was equally enjoyable. The tour of Arbor America was worth enduring a few showers. The tours of their greenhouse and walnut plantations demonstrated the agronomic side of forestry quite well. They take growing trees seriously. Every tree is planted individually with a back hoe, placing the topsoil in the hole first and the sub soil at the surface. The plantations seemed endless, and the work they are doing with the HTIRC should yield some very helpful data. From tree form and growth performance to pruning practices, the research is very comprehensive. The quest for the perfect tree is on. Of course, it all started with Dr. Beineke's Purdue Number One (See related article elsewhere in this issue) which as I understand is used as some base of "control" when evaluating the walnut trees in the plantations. Overall, it was a good day in the field.

In conclusion, keep an eye out for our upcoming TSI fund raiser. The next project will be taking place in Franklin County near Cedar Grove. We will need lots of help with this 45 acre endeavor. The date is to be announced.

Brian Gandy, ISAF, Chair

WORD OF THANKS

As most of you know, my wife of 39 years died on May 1st after battling cancer for ten years. After her death, I received a large out-pouring of support from ISAF foresters in the form of cards, e-mails, phone calls and personal contacts. I want to thank everyone for this support. It has been a great help to me, and a mostly overlooked value of a Society like ours.

Bruce Wakeland

UP-COMING TRAINING FOR CFE'S

Indiana SAF members will have two opportunities coming in October and December to earn continuing education credits for SAF continuing forestry education and Indiana pesticide applicator licensing. On October 13, 2010, the Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources will sponsor an Invasive Plant Management Field Day at the Wright Forestry Center and Martell Forest, near West Lafayette, Indiana. Registration and information on the program is available on the FNR calendar site at the following link: www.ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Documents/temp/InvasivesWrightCtrWorkshop.pdf

Or you may contact Lenny Farlee at lfarlee@purdue.edu or 765 494-2153

On December 3, 2010, we will meet for our annual Forest Pesticide Training program at a new venue. Based on input from you, we have moved the program out of downtown Indianapolis to a quieter location—downtown Greenfield, Indiana.

We will meet at the H.J. Ricks Centre for the Arts, a restored 1940's era theater located at 122 West Main Street in Greenfield.

The program agenda is still being developed, but so far we have Phil Marshall to provide the forest health update, Fred Whitford with a pesticide application topic, Ron Rathfon will provide information on developing an invasive plant control strategy, and I will invite the State Chemist's office to present a topic of their choice. I welcome suggestions of additional topics or volunteers to present a topic of interest. Registration will be \$50 for SAF members and \$60 for non-members. Registration and agenda information will be available soon.

Lenny Farlee,
Indiana SAF Education
Committee Co-Chair

Membership Brief

IN SAF by the numbers:

1. July 2008 INSAF was at 163 (142 Members + 21 Students at Purdue).

July 2009 INSAF was at 153 (137 Members + 16 Students).

July 2010 INSAF is at 157 (138 Member + 19 Students).
This is an encouraging trend.

2. National has a payment plan for those who need this option. They spread out payments for 6 months.

A dues increase was passed by the SAF Council in June. This will be brought before the HSD this October.

This would be the first increase in more than 10 years. Students would pay \$40 and Members would begin paying \$153 in 2012.

3. Other items:

- Simplest way to join is to go online to www.safnet.org.
- Remind your peers to join, one on one recruitment is very effective.
- Members need to read the weekly E-Forester, it is very informative.
- Membership tries to contact new members and those transferring into INSAF.
- SAF has a Facebook Group available.
- Woodland Steward Institute (WSI).

a. On our upcoming Sept 30 meeting we will have the Indiana Association of SWCDs representatives present.

They are being asked by the WSI to be a voting member organization which pays an annual contribution like the others.

- b. WSI is hoping to build up funds that will allow us to add more color to the Woodland Steward newsletter.
- c. We will continue with 3 issues per year. Currently about 33,000 copies per issue.
- d. There has been no discussion to raise organization contribution amounts.
- e. INSAF is always encouraged to submit an article or announcements. Shorter articles have a better chance of being published.

John Stambaugh,
Membership Chair

PURDUE NUMBER ONE

by Walt Beineke

An often humorous, sometimes poignant view of the author's life and the connections among the people who developed Purdue #1 black walnut, the first tree patented for timber uses and the philosophy behind it fills this soon-to-be released book. Anecdotes concerning dendrology, summer camp, SAF, conclaves, teaching assistants, work-study students, squirrels, etc. are included for your amusement. See if you are included as a victim or perpetrator in any of these stories. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Forester's Fund. If purchased directly from the author (signed copy) or AuthorHouse.com it will be cheaper and a greater percentage can go to the Forester's Fund. Also, it will be available at all the usual book outlets including Amazon.com. For information on publication date and pricing, contact Walt at wbein2@frontier.com.

ISAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wright Forestry Center – West Lafayette, IN

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Brian Gandy called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M.

Jayson Waterman moved to approve the minutes from the winter meeting (2/10/2010). Second by Lenny Farlee. Approved.

Scott Recklehoff provided a written budget update and explained the treasurer's report. The Switzerland County TSI project has been billed, but the landowner has not yet paid ISAF. Jayson Waterman moved to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Janet Eger. Approved.

Old Business

Minimum bylaws – John Friedrich could not be present, but has e-mailed some suggested changes of the by-laws to Brian Gandy. Brian will send out John's revisions to the Executive Committee for review. Brian would like to have a final draft of the by-laws ready for approval at the winter meeting.

The national SAF deadline for electronic voting is September 3, 2010. ISAF will not be able to make this deadline so there is no rush to approve by-law changes that allow for electronic voting.

Teena Ligman has looked into getting "wooden nickels" to hand out at HASTI and other events as an alternative to candy. She had quotes for 5000 wooden nickels that would be printed on two sides. The cost for 2" nickels would be approximately \$866.00. There was discussion about

putting questions on the back side of the nickel to generate interest and conversation about forestry.

Jayson Waterman moved to purchase 5000 wooden nickels. Second by Janet Eger. Approved. Teena will proceed with the purchase.

New Business

The IDNR Division of Forestry wanted input on the Indiana Statewide Forest Strategy. Chris Ganso from IDNR will speak later in the day at this meeting about the Indiana Statewide Forest Strategy. This item was tabled until after the presentation when more information will be available.

A question was raised about providing funding for the Vice Chairman to attend the SAF National Convention.

Lenny Farlee moved to take funds from the investment account to fund student expenses and possibly registration expenses for the Chair and Vice Chair offices for the national convention. Second by Janet Eger. Approved.

Jayson Waterman moved to use the money that was budgeted for student expenses, now be used to pay for Vice Chair expenses to the SAF National Convention. Second by Lenny Farlee. Approved.

Committee Reports

A. Newsletter – Janet Eger reported that the next newsletter deadline is September 15th. Please get in touch with Janet if your e-mail address has changed.

B. History – No report

C. Communication – Teena Ligman reported that the web master may change in the future.

D. Science and Technology – No report.

E. Membership – Written report was prepared by John Stambaugh. In 2010 ISAF has gained 1 professional member and 3 student members. As of July 2010, ISAF membership is 157 (138 members + 19 student members).

F. Foresters Fund – Darrell Breedlove reports there will be a stump-hole tournament tonight. So far \$149 has been raised in 2010 for the Forester's Fund.

G. Education – Lenny Farlee reports that there will be an Invasive plants Field Day on October 3 at the Wright Forestry Center (sponsored by Purdue). On December 3, 2010 the Forestry Pesticide Program (sponsored by ISAF) will be held in downtown Greenfield, IN. Suggested registration will be \$50 for SAF members and \$60 for non-members. Lenny plans to get Category 2 and Category 6 CFE credits for the program.

Next year is the United Nations day of the forest. ISAF may want to prepare a chest for politicians to present to the United Nations for display.

H. Continuing Education – No report.

I. Policy – No report.

J. Awards – No report.

K. Fundraising – The last fundraiser was in Switzerland County. Brian Gandy has sent a bill for this work. Brian and Darrell Breedlove will follow-up to make sure landowner turns in bills for cost-share funding and for ISAF payment. There is another 30-35 acre TSI fundraiser planned for Franklin County (east of Brookville, IN). Brian will announce a date for this project once it is scheduled.

L. Investment – Dale Weigel provided a written report. The stock market has had a negative year-to-date. There has been a lot of fluctuation in the market with four positive months and three negative months.

M. Audit – Jayson Waterman reported that the audit committee will audit the investment account later today.

N. Nominating – No report.

O. Tellers committee – Eric Summerfield was nominated to fill the teller committee until ISAF goes to electronic ballots.

P. Purdue Student Chapter – Mike Saunders reports that there will be no conclave this fall. Conclave has been moved to spring (early April) in conjunction with Springfest on campus. Conclave will be sponsored by Stihl (and others) and will be held in conjunction with professional events. This will be a big deal with national television coverage.

Those attending included Scott Recklehoff, Brian Gandy, Jayson Waterman, Janet Eger, Teena Ligman, Dale Weigel, Rob McGriff, Mike Saunders, Lenny Farlee, Darrell Breedlove, and Eric Summerfield.

ISAF Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Wright Forestry Center – West Lafayette, IN

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Brian Gandy called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Teena Ligman moved to approve the minutes from the winter meeting (2/11/2010). Second by Donna Rogler. Approved.

Scott Recklehoff presented the treasurer's report. Brad Rody moved to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Jayson Waterman. Approved.

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Jacob Hougham moved to purchase 5000 2" wooden nickels for approximately \$866 plus shipping. Second by Ron Rathfon. Approved. Teena will proceed with the purchase.

New Business

Donna Rogler, on behalf of the NREC, asked that ISAF become a sponsor for the FFA career development event. Money would come from the investment fund as an educational expense. Dale Weigel moved to donate \$200.00 to the FFA forestry career development event. Second by Earl McCleary. Approved.

The IDNR Division of Forestry wanted input on the Indiana Statewide Forest Strategy. Chris Ganso from IDNR, Division of Forestry, gave a presentation during the program and passed out a handout with a consolidated list of action steps. Chris wants ISAF to send a representative on September 22, 2010, to the Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. Scott Recklehoff made a motion that we are a stakeholder in each of these issues and the ISAF policy committee will review each action item. Second by Dale Weigel. Approved.

John Seifert brought up the issue of selling IDNR Division of Forestry tree seedlings to out of state vendors. Currently the Division of Forestry can not sell seedlings outside of Indiana. As State Forester he plans to push the issue so that the Division of Forestry can sell seedlings outside of Indiana. John wants ISAF to be active and testify to legislators, if needed. He believes it is important to sell as many seedlings as the nursery can produce to keep the fixed cost spread over a greater number of seedlings.

Jayson Waterman moved that the Executive Committee approve a letter prepared by Brian Gandy that supports the IDNR Division of Forestry tree nursery and the selling of excess State nursery stock out-of-state.

Ralph Johnson from Purdue University will be looking for mentors for an "Intro to Forestry" dual credit class. The class at Purdue starts September 13, 2010, and is all on-line.

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Walt Bienenke has written a book; Purdue #1, about his research on black walnut and other experiences teaching young foresters at Purdue. Many people in the room are mentioned in the book. Walt proposes that a portion of the book sales will go to the Forester's Fund. Cost and date of release to be announced.

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N. Nominating – Ron Rathfon reports that nominations are being accepted for Vice Chairman and Secretary.

O. Tellers committee – Eric Summerfield was nominated in the executive committee to fill the teller committee until ISAF goes to electronic ballots.

P. Purdue Student Chapter – Several members of the Purdue Student Chapter attended and gave an update of their activities including the spring forestry conclave. They thanked ISAF for their support by sending students to the ISAF National Convention.

A motion to adjourn was made by Janet Eger. Second by Earl McCleary. Approved.

**ISAF Meeting — HTIRC — W. Lafayette
September 1, 2010**



Mike Saunders



ISAF Members



HTIRC Building



Brian Gandy, ISAF Chair



Concentrating on stump hole



Stump hole spectators



Bill & Bob in deep discussion



Grad student speaker

ISAF Field Tour — September 2, 2010



Mike Saunders – Arbor America field trials



Grad student at Lafayette



Kieth Woeste – HTIRC



Rob McGriff & Dale Weigel



Walt Beinke



Jim McKenna



Guillermo Pardillo & Walt Beinke



Mike Saunders & grad student



Arbor America BLW planting



Arbor America – BLW Planting – W. Lafayette



Grad student at chestnut outplanting.



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