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Serendipity

by Adam Downing

2021 APSAF Chair

To start with I had to learn something about the people, the country, and the trees. And of the three, the first was the most important. – Gifford Pinchot, first American-born forester



Author's note: Please be careful; this article may contain surprises.... Read at your own risk.

The word *serendipity* has given me the opportunity to pull out my copy of the Second Edition of Webster's New World Dictionary to look up the definition of the word. Upon finding the definition disagreeable (that's not the first time with this New World version, by the way), I looked at the dictionary I received

as a gift when I went to college in 1989. This dictionary defined "serendipity" as "the phenomenon of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for."

This was a new word to me in my freshman year at Purdue when I received a letter from my mother with news that the horse purchased a few months earlier had a foal. A total surprise, but a pleasant one, so it was named "Serendipity."

Very often in the woods, we have "serendipity" moments, don't we? We find an antler shed, a cool tree, a neat rock, a broad vista, or a close encounter with a spider-web cloaked in the morning dew. We might flush a covey of quail or stumble upon a spotted fawn. The list is nearly endless, and, moreso, if we take the moment required to "capture" it in our mind as a pleasant surprise.

Just last week going through the woods where I live, I had to stop and wonder what exactly took place here. (See photo) What attacked this turkey, and how did the surprise happen? This kind of surprise is not so pleasant, at least not for the victim, right? Life is full of surprises.

Many times, the surprises are not pleasant, at least not at first. While some of those may remain unpleasant, some we can look back on and see how there was good from the unpleasant surprise. This, too, is good to look for and "capture" in one's mind.



I've been pleasantly surprised with what it has been like so far serving as your Chair. I knew it would be a lot of work (it is); I knew there would be some challenges (there are), and I also expected to find rewards and value in places, places like getting to know some people better and the honor I feel serving you. These I expected.

The main unexpected, pleasant surprise has been the willingness of so many members to serve. Without fail, every person I have asked to either serve on the leadership team or to undertake a specific project has responded positively. I think that's simply amazing! This stuff takes time and energy—both are precious commodities. We have 21 awesome folks on the APSAF Leadership team (*See page 18.*) and many more members involved on other important projects. And, this is just at the APSAF level! I know the same is happening throughout the states and chapters. I also know that there are some real challenges in places, such as low membership and engagement within various chapters.

While there are many sides to these challenges, at the APSAF level we are doing what we can to support local SAF Chapters. This is the life-blood of our organization. If you, in your chapter, feel like that turkey in my woods last week, like things are about to fall apart, we want to hear from you!

Practically speaking, as APSAF digs into some legal matters with regards to our "business entity," we have in the forefront of our minds the state Divisions and local Chapters. We may have some opportunities to lift some administrative burden while maintaining local character and self-rule. There will be more on this topic and no doubt some surprises along the way.

May we encounter serendipity as we go. ~ Adam

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The Treasurer's Report, by Tony Doster, TDoster@resourcemgt.com

Banking Summary
1/1/2021 through 2/25/2021

Category	1/1/2021- 1/31/2021	2/1/2021- 2/25/2021	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME			
Dues			
APSAF Dues	0.00	6,081.75	6,081.75
Chapter Dues	0.00	2,405.50	2,405.50
State Dues	0.00	1,625.25	1,625.25
TOTAL Dues	0.00	10,112.50	10,112.50
Foresters Fund	0.00	1,409.00	1,409.00
Fund Raising			
Centennial			
Credit Card Processing Fees	20.00	0.00	20.00
Monument	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Raffle Sales	1,411.00	110.00	1,521.00
TOTAL Monument	3,411.00	110.00	3,521.00
TOTAL Centennial	3,431.00	110.00	3,541.00
TOTAL Fund Raising	3,431.00	110.00	3,541.00
Gift Received	750.00	0.00	750.00
Interest Inc	0.09	0.00	0.09
_DivInc	0.18	0.00	0.18
_IntInc	0.24	0.32	0.56
TOTAL INCOME	4,181.51	11,631.82	15,813.33
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses			
Honorarium	750.00	0.00	750.00
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	750.00	0.00	750.00
APSAF Leadership Academy			
Honorarium	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Program Materials	673.92	0.00	673.92
TOTAL APSAF Leadership Academy	1,673.92	0.00	1,673.92
Awards			
Other Fees	95.85	23.22	119.07
Trophies	1,372.62	0.00	1,372.62
TOTAL Awards	1,468.47	23.22	1,491.69
Bank Charges			
Service Charge	90.61	4.69	95.30
TOTAL Bank Charges	90.61	4.69	95.30
Centennial			
Monument	9,119.65	0.00	9,119.65
TOTAL Centennial	9,119.65	0.00	9,119.65
Dues Payments			
Chapters	0.00	2,405.50	2,405.50
State Soc. Dues	0.00	1,625.25	1,625.25
TOTAL Dues Payments	0.00	4,030.75	4,030.75
Trail Blazer Costs			
Editing	646.00	0.00	646.00
TOTAL Trail Blazer Costs	646.00	0.00	646.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,748.65	4,058.66	17,807.31
OVERALL TOTAL	-9,567.14	7,573.16	-1,993.98

APSAF Net Worth, February 25, 2021

APSAF Society \$83,281.50

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Something new from the SAF national office

Thank you to those serving as a leader and being involved in SAF. Local units across the US providing important value, education, networking, and many other benefits to our members.

I wanted to share information about Leadership Central, SAF's online portal where leaders can access tools and information to assist you in managing your local unit. To access Leadership Central, navigate to www.eforester.org/LeadershipCentral. The landing page highlights SAF news topics of interest to local units, your state society dashboard, and buttons linking to leader resources.

Click on your state society dashboard to access your state society's membership information, view demographics, and download membership rosters for your unit. Note that database updates are dynamic, so you are viewing membership information in real time. Consider downloading your roster the same day each month or quarter to track changes.

In the Resources section, you will find several one-pagers, articles, and quick links to items such as state society logos, meeting and event insurance information, SAF Action Calendar, tips for success, website and operational guidance, and more.

SAF's Policy and Public Affairs Team recently launched a new, one-stop-shop resource for local leaders on how to get engaged in advocacy and outreach activities and become champions for the profession. The intent of the guide is to support local leaders at all levels with the development and maintenance of policy position statements and to provide tips and ideas on how to build, reinforce, and grow your connections and influence. Whether your local unit is well-versed in advocacy or new to the arena, this guide offers something for everyone. You can download the guide, a position statement template, a spreadsheet listing known local unit position statements, and a document containing the listed position statements from Leadership Central. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Best, Lori Rasor, phone 503-622-3033, Director, Awards and State Society Relations



Sad..... because there wasn't an in-person APSAF meeting this year ?
Sad..... because you couldn't see your friends at the APSAF meeting ?
Sad..... because you couldn't buy any raffle tickets this year???



BUT WAIT !!.....you can buy raffle tickets !!!!

Without Jim Gray, Mike Skinner and/or Pat Straka to nag you into buying! (worth \$20 bucks right there....) Just go to.... www.apsaf.org/centennial-meeting-2022 and get yours today !!

The Big Prize....

1 free meeting registration and 2 room nights at the 2022 APSAF Centennial Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, January 26-28, 2022

And the best thing.....the raffle will go until **April 30, 2021**. So you can buy as many tickets as you want, at any time, day or night. Wow.....just like Amazon !


DRAFT APSAF 100 year History Document

The documented history of APSAF from its beginning in 1921 to the present is available for viewing on the APSAF website. The 242 page document, titled "APSAF from the Beginning, the First Century" includes details on the origin and development of our Society and chronicles the perseverance and fortitude of the many professionals who made forestry in our area what it is today. To access, go to www.APSAF.org and click on "About," then "History." Or use this direct link: <https://www.apsaf.org/history>.

The Last Word

Guess who's turned 90? Well, not really 90 years old (yet) but this is **Charlie Finley's 90th** issue of the *Trail Blazer*. Which makes him even more deserving of the recognition bestowed by our National Office in 2018 as the W.D. Hagenstein Communicator Award. Charlie, thank you for helping us talk to one another through this periodical and in many other ways. At your service, Adam

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**Don't judge each day
by the harvest you
reap but by the seeds
that you plant.**

District 8 Board Report, by Anne Jewell

Happy to serve . . .

Welcome to springtime and the arrival of some sunnier days! The SAF National Office and Board of Directors are already busy with a full slate of objectives and tasks for 2021. I've outline a few of the updates and efforts that will be on-going this year and I am always happy to provide more information or find answers to additional questions you have for SAF, so please reach out at any time. Additionally, if you really want to learn more about the Board of Directors and other committee happenings,



all Board minutes and financial documents are available for your reading pleasure and can be accessed through this link: [SAF Organizational Transparency](#).

Construction and renovations are nearing completion in SAF's new national office located at 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 315 in Washington, D.C. The D.C. location provides enhanced opportunity for organizational networking, partnering, and maintains access to SAF as a trusted, science-based subject-matter expert within our political hub.

Membership is 9,456 as of January 31, 2021, down from 10,270 this time last year. Membership levels, types, provided values, and initiatives remain in the forefront of organizational awareness. New, broader SAF staff support is examining the contributing membership shift factors and opportunities for improvement and change.

SAF launched a new awards program platform in January with the intent of more streamlined process for submitting nominations online. National award and fellow nomination submissions were due by March 15th, so hopefully you've already identified some deserving recipients or began thinking about those that you can nominate in the next round. More information about the available awards and online submission process can be found here: [SAF Awards](#). This includes opportunity to compete for the 2021 Gregory Award, which provides economic assistance to outstanding students and early-career professionals from outside of the US and Canada to attend the SAF National Convention. [Learn More](#)

\$80,000 in Foresters' Fund grants have been approved by the SAF Board with \$40,000 available for regular and special grants (up to \$1,500 and \$5,000 respectively). Another \$40,000 was approved for Leadership Development grants up to \$15,000 are accepted one time per year, and requests are due by June 15th. Learn more on the SAF eForester website: [Foresters' Fund and other SAF Grants](#)

On the outreach and advocacy front, SAF recently sent a memo to the Biden transition team highlighting the importance of forestry and forestry professionals to meeting priorities of the Administration. SAF and over 100 partners, including many from the [Sustainable Urban Forest Coalition](#), shared a set of recommendations with the Biden Administration about fostering thriving and equitable communities through healthy urban and community forests. See the memo of recom-

NOTICE!

When you move . . . or pass on! We want to know about it.

Change of address, news, etc. Send to Steve Wilent, Editor, The Forestry Source wilents@safnet.org, OR phone 503-622-3033 *Continuing Education Calendar*. All events in this category are drawn from the Events Calendar of SAF's Website, tinyurl.com/hb2uamr/. All events must offer Continuing Forestry Education Credits. Space is limited. **NEW address: 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 315, Washington, DC 20037.**



Boots on the ground . . . to these upcoming SAF Meetings

APSAF Leadership Team Meetings

- April 30th 10AM to 2PM: F2F, Cradle of Forestry (Virtual join option, too)
- June 7 @ 3pm ZOOM
- July 12 @ 3pm ZOOM
- August 26 F2F, Asheville, NC
- October 4 @ 3pm ZOOM
- November 1 @ 3pm ZOOM
- December 6 @ 3pm ZOOM

2021 Summer meetings

- South Carolina, June 3, 9am-1, virtual
- North Carolina, June 17, 8am-1, virtual
- Virginia, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, Harrisonburg

2022 APSAF Annual Meeting January 26-28, LIVE, Asheville, NC

2021 National SAF Meeting November 1-5, Sacramento, CA

2022 National SAF Meeting September 18-23, Baltimore, MD

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mendations [Here](#). Additionally, SAF joined over 60 partner organizations to oppose revising the NRCS conservation program manual with the new definition of nonindustrial private forest land (NIPF). As proposed, the new definition would be a significant departure from the long-standing definition and would exclude landowners who are eligible for other NRCS programs based on acreage owned.

Lastly, as a reminder of upcoming leadership opportunities, I am seeking nominations for the District 8 Student Executive Committee representative, due May 1st and nominations to compete for the Young Professional Board of Directors seat, due by September 1st. Also, the election to fill the District 8 representative to the SAF Board of Directors will occur in 2022 (not that I'll be ready to go just yet, I'm quite enjoying this role...!) It is never too early to reach out for position description information and nomination application requirements if you would like to be considered for the ballot and believe you, or someone you know, meet the criteria for this position. Contact [me](#) for more information on this or other ways to get more involved and advocate for your profession.

I wish you continued wellness, discernment, and optimism as we journey further into this year...

Kindest Regards,

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**APSAF Centennial,
100 Years and Counting!**

**The Appalachian Society of American Foresters
100-Year Annual Meeting
will be a winter meeting
like no other.**

More details coming in June 2021.
apsaf.org/centennial-meeting-2022

SAVE THE DATE

2022 APSAF Winter Meeting
Celebrating Our Roots, Inspiring Generations

January 26-28, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton, Asheville-Biltmore

APSAF Membership

APSAF had a gain of 16 new/renewed members and a loss of 7 student members, for a net gain of 9 members, since the Dec. 31, 2020 report. There is no differentiation available for new members and late renewals. Our trend over the long term, like the National trend, is still downward. Membership is a well-worn subject in APSAF, but I think it imperative that we continue to address the matter for our organization's long-term health and sustainability. I recommend we do this through strategic planning for how APSAF needs to better adapt to the needs of current and future foresters.

The decline in membership over the last 10 years has happened while excellent leadership was at the helm. It has happened while we conducted high quality and well-attended meetings. It continues to happen through membership incentives and drives and various efforts to add value to the APSAF experience. Clearly, we are missing something. Or more likely, a combination of keys to understanding APSAF membership dynamics. I suggest convening a series of discussions on membership and strategic planning for APSAF's future. Respectfully, **Tres Hyman**, Membership Chair

APSAF Membership Report, as of Feb. 26, 2021

North Carolina Division, Total members

Albemarle 15
Catawba 45
Croatan 36
Piedmont 35
Pisgah 87
Sandhills 36
Tar River 31
Triangle 145
NC Division total 430, up 1 from 12.31.20

South Carolina Division, Total members

Waccamaw 30
Central Carolina 57
Edisto 64
Enoree 35
Keowee 59
Old Hickory 25
Pee Dee 26
Santee 9
Winyah 22
SC Division total 327, up 5

Virginia Division, Total members

Blue Ridge 75
Rappahannock 58
Robert E. Lee 45
Skyline 83
Southeast 30
Southwest 13
VA Division total 304, up 3

APSAF Total Members, 1,061 up 9 from December 31, 2020

Students 85 (down 7), Regular Members 976 (up 16)

National SAF, 9,433 (down 822 from 10,255, 8.7%)

News briefs

APSAF 2022: Mark your Calendars!

With the 2021 Annual APSAF meeting held virtually January 28 we kicked off APSAF's year-long centennial celebration that will culminate with the big birthday bash January 26 through 28, **2022** in Asheville, NC. Registration information is coming soon! In the meanwhile please be thinking about items you might like to donate to our auction extravaganza. You might recall several years ago a rare bottle of red wine went for over \$50. It was believed to have been found in the basement of the house where the War Between the States ended in Appomattox, Virginia. We sure would like to hear back how that wine tasted!

We have an updated Website!

It is APSAF.org with a major makeover with improved ways to display who we are and what we are involved in. Please check us out and send to our webmaster information you'd like added to the website. Contact the webmaster at APSAFwebmaster@gmail.com. Thank you so much.

~Jessica Soffee, APSAF webmaster. ❖

Breaking news: SAF's newest book, *America's Family Forest Owners*, is hot off the press and ready for review!

As the first of its kind, this publication showcases family forest owners, a landowner group maintaining 272 million acres collectively and 39% of the total forest lands in the United States. Author Brett J. Butler, PhD, is renowned for years of meticulous research cultivating a unique dataset on this ownership group, the largest forest-owning population in the country.



If you care about America's forests and the people who own them, this book is for you! It also makes a great gift for natural resource students, landowners, and professionals. *America's Family Forest Owners* is available for purchase on our website now. [Visit our store](#) and order your copy today! \$32.95 for SAF members; \$35.95, non-members.

For bulk order rates, contact Morgan Fincham, Director of Publications, at morgan@safnet.org.

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NORTH CAROLINA: WHAT'S NEW IN THE OLD NORTH STATE?

Sam Cook, NC Division Chair. Favorite quote: "I never met a man I didn't like." ~ Will Rogers

Here tis, the Report



by Sam Cook, NC Division Chair

Welcome to 2021 and hopefully a more fully opening environment for all of us. Here are a few updates from the NC Division.

1. The NC Executive Committee is working to host our first meeting for the year. Past Chair, Henry Randolph and I met in Feb. to pass the gavel. We met about an agenda for the Executive Committee's first meeting. In addition, we are trying to make plans for an in-person and virtual summer meeting if the State restrictions allow us. More to come on this front!
2. Allow me to introduce you to the NC Division new officers for 2021: **Chair**, Sam Cook; **Chair-Elect**, Tara Dickson; **Secretary**, AJ Lang; **Treasurer**, Olakunle Sodiya; and **Past Chair**, Henry Randolph.
3. Thanks to Henry for leading us in 2020 to an outstanding year of outcomes.
4. The Triangle Chapter chaired by AJ in 2020 suggested they would like to host the 2021 Division Summer Meeting, again, since this was a virtual event in 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions. We are still working with AJ and his leadership team to plan for this event.
5. All NC student chapter officers are elected and holding monthly meetings. I step down this year as the Student Engagement Chair and am happy to announce that **Christa Rogers** accepted this role for 2021. I am excited to have her to continue helping our students improve and work on a path to their career success. Our goal is to continue to improve the Student Engagement into SAF and hopefully, this leads to increased membership.

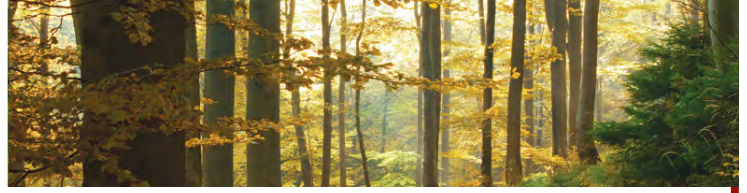
6. Don't forget to plan for the 100 year Centennial Celebration; we are hoping to host it face to face in Asheville, NC, pending. Look out for more information and always help our NC fundraising committee to raise money to support a good outcome for this celebration/meeting. Don't forget about the many opportunities to purchase raffle tickets; one of the best ways this year is online, so make sure to look for all the opportunities from Pat Straka. (See page 3.)
7. Congratulations to one of our members, Clay Altizer. He is no longer working in Raleigh and is residing in Johnston County. He took on an outstanding new job as the Southwide Regional Manager for the Forest Resources Association.

Many thanks to all 2020 chapter officers, division officers, and committee chairs. I, your NC Division Chair, am honored and humbled to work with such capable individuals. Please provide me and our Executive Committee the same level of commitment and support for 2021. I am excited to be selected for this position at this time to see what opportunities are ahead of us and working with the entire team to meet the challenges in front of us.

Sam Cook, sam_cook@ncsu.edu ◆◆◆

An advertisement for CFE Courses Online. It features a logo on the left consisting of a large Greek letter sigma (Σ) and a stylized tree with the letters 'RGO' below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'CFE Courses Online' and 'forinved.com'. Below this, the main title of the course is 'Point Sampling', followed by 'Point Double Sampling' and 'Adding Basal Area Points'. At the bottom, the instructor's name 'R G Oderwald' is listed, along with 'Forest Biometrics Consulting' and the email address 'rich.oderwald@gmail.com'. The entire advertisement is enclosed in a dashed border.

Is Forestry a Profession?



The following article helps to substantiate one of the salient purposes of the APSAF *Trail Blazer*. We welcome more deliberate thinking as this, from *Mike Wetzel*, again. Scott Wallinger replied "*The thoughtful and insightful article by Mike Wetzel, following Jim Coufal's paper, on the subject of a profession was particularly interesting [in the Fall 2020 Trail Blazer]. It got me to think about APSAF and SAF in a new light [Trail Blazer, winter 2020-21]. Mike has written again, this time on the matter of ethics in the profession of forestry.*"

Ethics and Conscience

"Ethics cannot be taught." So reports Lloyd Irland in his June 2020 *The Forestry Source (TFS)* essay, *Ethics Can't Be Taught, So Ethics Courses are Useless. Really?* Irland, an authority on professional ethics, did not make this claim himself. To his clear dismay he was relaying the firm convictions of a small but persistent minority of SAF members and forestry and natural resource students about the value of ethics education and training. In his discourse refuting the notion that ethics is not teachable or worth the bother of teaching, Irland mentions the term "conscience" six times. He notes that many of those who assert ethics cannot be taught also maintain it is not possible to "teach someone to have a conscience."

It would seem, then, that a number of foresters and other natural resource professionals and students hold the view that some, perhaps many, of their colleagues do not have a conscience. I am curious. Does this view explain why the ethics-training skeptics think ethics is unteachable or that teaching ethics is not a useful endeavor? Or that some foresters and other natural resource professionals are hopelessly corrupt? Most or many of us have a conscience so we never take ethical missteps? These conclusions are not unsupportable if one starts with the two premises Irland identifies at the outset of his *TFS* article. What are we to do with the conscienceless among us if ethics cannot be taught?

Most of what Irland writes about conscience, however, is not about its absence. He notes that many of us hold an unrealistic belief about the ability of our consciences to guide us. "I will let my conscience be my guide." How many of us have said or thought these words? I will concede that at least we are thinking about our ethical professional conduct when we arrogantly assert our consciences are infallible and our conduct always beyond reproach. Consider, though, that many seemingly good people and a lot of very bad people go to bed at night with clear, untroubled consciences after a day of outrageously unethical and worse conduct. Irland repeatedly points out conscience is not always a reliable guide to ethical behavior.

Conscience is prone to error. Conscience is prone to error because we are imperfect, fallible creatures. Conscience is prone to error because we act with imperfect knowledge. Conscience is prone to error because we are subject to myriad pressures and constraints. To be useful under duress and in the face of uncertainty conscience must be properly formed.

For an examination of conscience within the context of Irland's remarks about it to be meaningful, we should have an understanding of the fundamental features of ethics. This understanding of ethics in this essay, I confess, is my understanding. You are forewarned also that I am not an ethicist. Unlike Lloyd Irland, I have not written about ethics, and until relatively recently I have not devoted much time to thinking about or studying ethics. I am just a common forester mostly concerned with practicing my forester vocation to the best of my ability for the benefit of my clients and forestry. Most of what I have learned about what we might term *applied or real life professional ethics* has been through my imperfect resolution of my ethical dilemmas and plain everyday living.

Briefly, as promised, what is ethics? It is commonly understood to be a branch of philosophy. It is also referred to as moral philosophy. As does so much about the science of philosophy, ethics begins with the Greeks. Our word *ethics* is derived from the Greek word *ethos* one meaning of which, is a man's character (Fagothey 1959, American Heritage 1985). Over time ethics in the ancient Greek and Roman world became what it is today: the study of human conduct. More precisely, ethics studies the rightness and wrongness of human action, that is, on what a man or woman ought to do and ought not to do. Cornett and Thomas write "... the study of ethics is a loving pursuit of what is 'right' and by default what is 'wrong.'" Ethics, then, is the everyday, practical philosophy of right and wrong human behavior, of how individuals ought to act. As such, ethics is a normative endeavor.

This definition begs the question of what is right? The philosophical analysis of right and wrong has been extensive over the millennia, but boils down to what is acceptable and what is unacceptable; what is good and what is not good. Acceptability is a matter of custom and culture of a people or a group such as a professional association (Fagothey 1959, Alder and Gorman 1952). Forestry as a profession may have standards of acceptable conduct different from other professions. Within the forestry profession what is acceptable in one region or even one professional group may not be acceptable in another region or group. Plato and Aristotle, Locke and Kant, among others, agree that what is right and good are objectively knowable across time and space, but not always clearly discernable (Alder and Gorman 1952).

What allows us to recognize right conduct? The ancients and modern philosophers tell us that virtue leads us to moral excellence. Alexandre Havard, a student of and lecturer about virtue in leadership frankly states ethics and the virtues are

one and the same. The virtues he identifies are the cardinal virtues of prudence (practical wisdom), justice, fortitude (courage), and temperance (self-control) (Havard 2014).

Derived from the Latin word *vir* expressing perfection (goodness) or excellence in battle, the word *virtue* is now associated with moral rectitude and positive character traits (Fagothey 1959, Alder and Gorman 1952). Again the cardinal virtues are the most important virtues for ethical conduct. In *Nicomachean Ethics* Aristotle identifies virtue as a habit or state of character concerned with choosing what is excellent. He explicitly mentions this choice is possible through practical wisdom. In another context James Haskins emphasizes the importance of prudence in ethics. Leslie Snyder argues that justice and ethics are synonymous and that acting justly requires courage. In their thorough analysis of ethics in natural resource management Cornett and Thomas stress courage, temperance, and justice as essential virtues for ethical conduct. As these few selections demonstrate, writers and thinkers from a variety of perspectives connect all or some of the cardinal virtues to ethical conduct.

Now, we return to the assertion "I do not need ethics training and education because my conscience will be my guide." First, what is conscience? From the Latin *conscientia* meaning "knowing with" and *conscire* meaning "to know wrong" (Fagothey 1959, American Heritage 1985). From these Latin words it is clear *conscience* is about "knowing," therefore "knowledge." From these two concept words, and bypassing a rigorous philosophical proof, of which I am unqualified and incapable, I posit that conscience is an element of human intellect. In fact it is a specific function of the intellect that allows us to judge the rightness or wrongness of our actions (Fagothey 1959).

The Greek term for our concept of conscience, *synderesis*, translates as "a natural habit of mind" that allows individuals to know fundamental precepts of right human conduct (Budziszewski 1997). The Greeks thought of the conscience as a sanctuary within the mind where one assesses whether a contemplated action is right or wrong (Pius XII 1952). Conscience, then, is a natural element or function of our intellect. Conscience is as much a part of a human being as is the liver. It is not magical, though.

Unlike the liver, the conscience does not function autonomously and automatically. It guides us, through reason, in determining the rightness or wrongness of our proposed or executed action, but it does not make that determination for us. A new forestry student, for example, does not walk into the forestry building and without effort instantaneously acquire understanding of basal area, fire behavior, and site index. Only after proper education and training does the student comprehend the meaning and import of these terms. So it is with conscience. If it is not correctly educated and trained, "formed" in the vocabulary of philosophers, it may not properly guide a person. As we are all keenly aware, none of us is perfect. Sadly, our consciences are fallible.

Conscience goes astray through ignorance or poor formation (Medeiros 1980). Regardless of a tour guide's or mountain guide's confidence in his or her ability as a guide; if ignorant of the route, it is unlikely he or she will be a good guide. The guide's ignorance is the result of poor training or no training. To bring all this verbiage back to the beginning, a forester's untrained or poorly trained conscience is unlikely to be a reliable guide to the right conduct in ethically challenging circumstances.

Ethics is oriented only toward what a person ought to do or ought to have done. SAF has its Code of Ethics. SAF's Certified Forester program has an additional code, Standards of Professional Conduct. Members and Certified Foresters are obligated to read, study, and understand these Codes. This obligation may require formal training. The Codes, nevertheless, do not address any unique ethical choices one may face in a day or week or year. They simply provide normative guidance for SAF members or Certified Foresters when making certain categories of ethical choices.

Philosopher Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, an observer of natural resource ethics familiar to many SAF members, recently wrote "[e]ducation teaches people how to use reason and logic to arrive at a decision, how to apply what is decided to solve a real problem . . ." Ethics education is for thinkers. On the other hand "[t]raining makes good soldiers . . ." Ethics training instructs members of an organization about correct or acceptable behavior consistent with the organization's code of conduct or standards of practice or other agreed upon norms. Education is formation and long term. Training is instruction, more immediate, and specific.

Because SAF's Code of Ethics for members and Standards of Professional Conduct for Certified Foresters do not cover specific ethical dilemmas foresters face while plying their trade, training for handling more common problems is useful. We also rely on in-built conscience, another guide, for making ethically right choices. Education to strengthen or reinforce the virtues is essential for the conscience to remain a reliable guide both because conscience is fallible and prone to error and because ethical conduct is virtuous conduct. As foresters we are, or

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The APSAF Centennial Monument

by Patrick Hiesl

We all know that we are celebrating the centennial of APSAF this year. While we had planned to start our celebration this year with a winter meeting in Asheville, the Covid-19 pandemic has clearly changed these plans. Many of you have been part of the virtual APSAF winter meeting in January, and while the event was well attended and we started our celebration as best as we could, we now hope to complete our centennial celebration next year with a winter meeting in Asheville. To keep us in the centennial celebration spirit until then, there are a few special meetings and celebrations planned for the rest of the year. One of which is the placement of a centennial monument at the Cradle of Forestry followed by a virtual celebration and unveiling ceremony on April 30th, 2021 (Arbor Day). In this article I would like to tell you more about the monument and the work that has been done by an outstanding team of volunteers to make this event happen.

The Centennial Monument

In 2020, shortly after the APSAF Winter Meeting in Norfolk, VA, and just before the Covid-19 pandemic changed the way we interact with our membership, the APSAF leadership team formed a committee to design a permanent granite monument to celebrate the centennial for many years to come. The idea for a monument was brought forward by Pat Straka and Tres Hyman, and both have been instrumental in moving this project forward. The committee charged with finding an appropriate design, wording, and location consisted of Patrick Hiesl (chair), Tres Hyman, James Lewis, John Palmer, James Jeuck, Orrin Goure, and Trisha Markus. In addition, Pat Straka, Daniel Goerlich, and Adam Downing were frequent contributors to the committee's efforts.

Technically, APSAF was formed, or petitioned for, in Asheville, NC in 1921. To pay tribute to APSAF's connection with Asheville, our original thoughts were to place the monument somewhere around Asheville. Early ideas included the Biltmore estate and some green space in Asheville. However, given that anyone wanting to see the monument at the Biltmore estate would have to pay a significant entrance fee we decided against that route. The parks and green spaces in Asheville may have been viable options, but there was no direct connection with forestry, and we felt that the monument would soon be forgotten if placed there. Through a personal connection of myself with FIND Outdoors, the non-profit organization that manages the Cradle of Forestry and its educational offerings, and Mary Morrison's help with the US Forest Service (USFS), we received positive feedback and approval to place a permanent monument at the Cradle of Forestry in Pisgah Forest, NC. We continued to work with Jeffrey Owenby (USFS) and Clay Wooldridge (FIND Outdoors) to find a suitable location for the monument that would expose the monument to the many visitors of the Cradle of Forestry. On September 30th, Jeffrey Owenby, Clay Wooldridge, Patrick Hiesl, Pat Straka, and James Jeuck selected the final monument location, immediately outside the visitor center along the Forest Festival trail leading through the Cradle of Forestry, at left.

Through a personal connection of Tres Hyman with Brown Memorials in Florence, SC, we had an excellent company at



hand to help with the design of the monument. Multiple different designs were contemplated, and we settled on a design with the dimensions of approximately 48 in. x 24 in. x 6 in. that appealed to the committee and was approved by the USFS.

One of the biggest challenges with the monument was to draft a text that is short enough to fit on the monument but detailed enough to provide foresters and the general public with enough information about the significance of this monument and APSAF. Another question was whether we should utilize one or

two sides of the monument. Given the size constraints for the wording, we eventually decided on using the front of the monument to provide information highlighting why this monument is placed here, and then provide extra historical context on the back of the monument. This setup would allow the casual passerby to learn quickly about APSAF and professional forest management, but also provide more in-depth detail for the more intrigued visitor. Many iterations of wording have circled through the committee over the past year and by the middle of January 2021 we had a final version that will be engraved into the monument (next page).



Rendering of the granite monument with wording provided by Brown Memorials in Florence, SC.

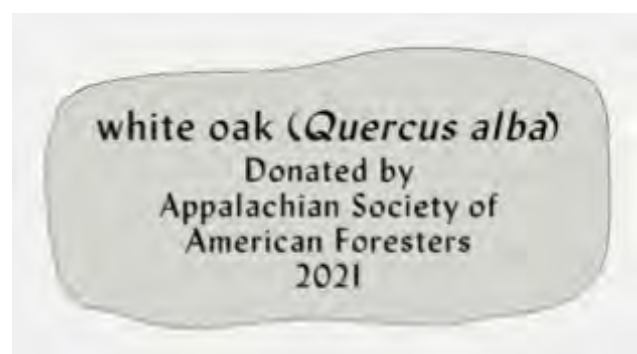
You may have noticed in the monument renderings that there is no APSAF logo on the front or back. This is another point that the committee discussed at length. As we acknowledged that the monument was supposed to be visible in perpetuity, we questioned the benefits of having the current APSAF logo on the monument. First, we can assume that the logo will change eventually. This means that either someone would have to change the logo on the monument, or we would have a monument with an outdated logo. Second, the APSAF logo in its current form would have to be created out of some sort of synthetic material for which we do not fully know how it will weather over time. Third, while any APSAF member would recognize the APSAF logo, the public would likely not recognize the meaning or significance of the logo. So instead of providing a logo that does not add to the recognition of this monument, we decided to provide an outline of the three APSAF states. We all felt that this would be timeless while adding some recognition of the states included in APSAF.

A White Oak for the Ages

Celebrating a centennial with just the placement of a granite monument would not represent the forestry profession well, and thus we decided to also plant a young white oak next to the monument. The oak will grow over time, and maybe, one day it will be known as the APSAF oak? Who knows, one can always dream. The better question is, why did we choose a white oak. Well, the species is native to the area and represents an important timber resource. We considered multiple different native species, but really liked the idea of the white oak based

on its future stature, but also for its suitability with the soils present at the Cradle of Forestry. But most importantly, this is not just any white oak, no, it's a white oak carefully grown and groomed by APSAF's own John Palmer. John is a retired Haywood Community College campus arboretum director and he is a well-known figure around the Cradle of Forestry with his expertise in planting and growing all sorts of trees. John has graciously donated the white oak he has been growing for the past three years, and he and some committee members planted the three-foot-tall seedling in March. To create a connection between the oak and APSAF we will also place a small granite monument (below) at the base

of the white oak. This small granite monument is donated by Brown Memorials, and we are very thankful for that.



The Unveiling Ceremony

As mentioned, we plan for an unveiling ceremony on Arbor Day, April 30th, 2021. Since there are a lot of restrictions still in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have decided to hold a virtual unveiling ceremony. The success of the virtual APSAF winter meeting in January has shown us that virtual programming can be successful, and we hope for a well-attended event.

We have struggled with the decision for quite some time. On one hand, we all want to be able to get back together in an in-person environment; on the other hand, we want to make this event available to as many members as possible. An in-person event would have resulted in a very restricted attendee list, and a live-streaming option for an in-person ceremony just started to become too complicated and questionable in quality. Having a virtual unveiling ceremony now

allows us to provide the event to all our members at the same time, with the same quality and experience. The final details for the virtual event are being worked out as I write, and you all will get more information about this event soon through the Constant Contact measures of APSAF.

A Final Thank You

Many people have invested significant time and effort into this centennial monument project and are still very much engaged to ensure that the celebration on April 30th will be as meaningful as it can be. Having this monument designed and crafted is also not an inexpensive endeavor, and we wish to thank APSAF for providing over half of the funds needed. James Jeuck and the Pisgah Chapter also applied and received a Forester’s Fund grant to offset some of the costs. Thank you for that. Two anonymous APSAF members have donated a significant amount towards this project and we very much appreciate their contribution and thank them for their support. Brown Memorials is donating the small granite monument for the white oak, but they also provided us with a reasonable discount for the overall bill. Many thanks go to Brown Memorials and specifically Mr. Pat Brown. And last, but not least, we would like to thank John Palmer for donating the white oak seedling that he has so carefully raised from an acorn over the past few years. We would also like to thank the centennial tree committee, the APSAF leadership team, and the many unnamed contributors and consultants for their ongoing efforts in this project. ❁

Check out the Website for cool content updates!

- Find the link to YouTube Videos!
- Purchase Raffle tickets, last chance!

1. APSAF Centennial Memorial Unveiling

April 30th, noon to 1:00 – ONLINE Registration is free but REQUIRED. Go to APSAF.ORG for more. Watch out for some amazing recognition for some of our fellow APSAF members being put forth to National!

2. Forestry CFEs Opportunities:

If you are looking/need CFE credits, consider watching one or more recordings and take a quiz at the Southern Regional Extension Forestry site <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/> Lots of topics here to choose from! Upcoming ones you can join live AND past recordings available “on-demand” for CFE credits too! And as always, check the CFE Event Calendar at www.eforester.org.

3. Foresters’ Fund Grants Available!

Foresters’ Fund Grants need to be submitted to Bill Worrell by the following dates to allow time for APSAF Executive committee to review and approve prior to submission to national SAF office. Send grant requests and any questions you have to bworrell@vt.edu. Deadlines for grants to be received by APSAF are May 15, 2021, August 15, 2021 and December 15, 2021.

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VIRGINIA— REAL NEWS . . . FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SALT MARSHES

Jason Fisher, VA Division Chair . favorite quote: "You have two ears and one mouth, so listen intently more often than you speak – and, listen for what folks do not say."

It's Time to be an Encourager: If Not Now, Then When?



by **Jason Fisher**
Virginia Division Chair

First things first. It is an honor to both be encouraged and selected to serve as Chair of the Virginia Division SAF. Mostly, it is an honor to serve amidst a cadre of seasoned leaders, while following great footsteps of those who have gone before and modeled so much of what we are to be about upholding – the mission of SAF.

I joined SAF in 2006 from the encouragement of an unnamed peer who has held true to serving this organization amidst monumental life adversity and job changes. The SAF mission states several action verbs to include "advance, enhance...and establish." So, I ask myself, what am I doing to adhere to these verbs? In fact, what are we each doing now to help make our mission and purpose fulfill these action words? Those who know me well know I will do my part having been given this opportunity.

Virginia SAF and its chapters have established a Chapter Realignment Task Force to entertain the consequences and benefits of this task based on the ever-present challenges of membership, access and relevance to our mission. Our executive committee will meet virtually soon and continues to support in what we hope will be a face-to-face event joining arms with the Virginia Forestry Association's annual Summit meeting this fall in Harrisonburg, as well as our fall Extravaganza—events that bring "science, education and technology to enhance the competency and awareness of its members." I applaud our chapter leadership for conducting virtual and in-field chapter meets. These times of adversity bring out the best in us, or should, and I encourage you to help your local chapter first, then seek opportunities to move the needle in advancing, enhancing and establishing the connections we all benefit from.

I won't take up ink going into a discussion of this past year and how a virus has changed so many things around us. To me, it has been most revealing in a sense. Revealing in bringing out those who choose to encourage, and not incite fear, etc. Revealing, also in while amidst conflict and uncharted territory for so many, it has allowed an opportunity for a positive light to be cast of optimism for those keenly aware of the circumstances of the times we are in. As I type this, I

glanced up to see a sycamore print on my office wall obtained at one of the APSAF silent auction events that reads, "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." –2 Timothy 1:7. As we prepare to celebrate the 100th year of SAF – which has been in idle mode for good reason, let's each of us strive, if not already, to be the change we wish to see while being an encourager to our fellow comrades and communities. The world needs you, SAF needs and values you, and I need you! Right NOW we are in the "good ole days" in a sense, so take the opportunity to be a light in these unprecedented times. A friend just told me "living ain't all that bad—life is made of two dates with a dash, make the most of the dash." Do it now ~Jason, kefische2@vt.edu

Blue Ridge Chapter, by Bill Sweeney

So far, Spring 2021 has been a period of equilibrium and even some growth for the Blue Ridge Chapter, in spite of the challenges presented by COVID-19. Several chapter members have stepped up to assume positions on the chapter's Executive Committee. While Bill Sweeney will remain Chapter Chair for 2021, Dr. Corey Green has committed to the position of Chair-elect, and will assume the chair position in 2022. Jennifer Gagnon has replaced Grant Curry as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2021, and is being shadowed by Kyle Peer, who will step into the role in 2022. Mike Skinner has replaced Gary Long as the chapter's Membership Chair for 2021. And Bob Radspinner remains our extended Past-chair/Explore Park Liaison.

The trials that the Blue Ridge Chapter has been experiencing with Explore Park since Roanoke County assumed management and began realizing their formal recreation plan, have abated somewhat. Chapter Ex-comm members Bob Radspinner, Bill Sweeney, and Kyle Peer met with Roanoke County managers on the 26th of February to analyze and discuss changes to the Forester's Trail that will need to be implemented in order to both work with Explore Park's recreational goals and the chapter's outreach goals. BRSAF will be penning a memorandum of understanding in order to formalize the relationship for the long haul. Both sides are excited about the opportunities this relationship will bring.

A BRSAF Zoom Spring Meeting is being planned for March 31st, from 3pm-5, and will revolve around the theme of "The Future of Forestry." Two VA Tech graduate students will present their research, and we're hoping to have at least one professional member relate their journey from student to industry professional, and how SAF influenced the choices they made. More details to come.

Rappahannock, by Mark Books, CF, Chair

Hello Fellow Rappahannock Chapter Members and friends of the chapter, Congratulations you survived 2020. Welcome to 2021! Come what may, I'm glad we have each other to take on the adventures of another year.

Welcome, I'm excited that our chapter has two new student members. Please join me in welcoming them to the chapter. Take some time to get to know them and invest in their future (and the success of SAF) by helping them network and find that all important first job.

Joanna DuPay: "I joined SAF last semester and have really enjoyed it so far! I am a senior at Virginia Tech studying Environmental Resource Management with a Forestry minor. I am actively job hunting for post-graduation. I would greatly appreciate any help that I can get. I am open to any job relating to resource management/forestry, however I do have more interest in the urban sides of things." **Joanna M. Dupay,** 804-385-4621, jmdupay@vt.edu

Thomas de Triquet: "I am currently studying toward my Master of Forestry at Michigan Technological University. After earning my Bachelor of Science at the University of Mary Washington, I served half a year as a Biological Science Technician with the Forest Service in Highland County and then volunteered two years with the Peace Corps as an Agriculture and Forestry Extension Agent in Zambia. My undergrad summers were spent out west fighting fires and reducing fuels with the Forest Service and the Montana Conservation Corps. Before all of that, I served in Afghanistan as a Marine. My family owns several small plots of land in the Southern Piedmont region of Virginia where I have helped establish various orchards and helped improve the forests' health. I am interested in converting our 8-acre field into a native grassland and am excited to see the land and myself flourish. Thank you." ~Thomas de Triquet

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Many thanks to all those who joined our holiday themed meeting last month. A good time was had by all. A special shoutout goes to **Shannon McCabe** and **Tom Davidson** for helping host, provide the Zoom meeting and Christmas cheer. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. And congratulations to **Charlie Finley** for this, his 90th issue as editor of the *Trail Blazer*! ~ Mark, 540-220-4794, booksmark@hotmail.com

Robert E. Lee, by Jason Fisher

The Robert E. Lee Chapter held a chapter meeting outdoors with safe spacing in the Red Oak Post Office parking lot on December 11, 2020. We welcomed new member Mary Jordan and discussed chapter business. The meeting was followed by a field tour at two stops on the topic of silvopasture thanks to our host and chapter



The Robert E. Lee Chapter toured a silvopasture system following an outside business meeting at the farm of Miller Adams and his father last Dec. in Charlotte County.

member Miller Adams and family. Miller serves as Area Forester for Virginia Department of Forestry and holds extensive knowledge with sustainable forestry and also years of experience with cow-calf operations – a unique combination for the topic of our tour. Our chapter enjoyed the family story of cutting pulpwood and perhaps unintentionally creating a shaded pine woodlot, followed by an intentional corridor thinning for a cattle operation amidst a thinned pine stand. Research was presented out of Virginia Tech's Southern Piedmont research station and specialist work with regards to livestock stress and response to shade, along with considerations with tree planting and tree thinning as it applies to silvopasture systems.

In other news we welcomed new member Mary Jordan to the chapter. The chapter elected a new chair-elect as well, Thomas Burke with Virginia Department of Forestry. There are some plans in the works to update some of our Tree Identification trails at our project sites of Patrick Henry's Red Hill, Appomattox Battlefield Historic site and Sydnor Jennings Elementary as plans pick up for public attendance and in-school sessions.

Southeast, by Neil Clark, Placeholder Admin

Well folks, I know we've all just about had it. Had it with COVID-19. Had it with the rain. Had it with too much time cooped up in front of the Zoom screen. Durn it, it is spring and time has come to go check those trees that should already be planted, whittle down the "honey-do list," etc. As a wonderful offer from one of the SE Chapter members, Terry Godwin, has invited us to come tour the Franklin Lumber mill! Date is still TBD (pencil in May 6). More info to follow by email, but if you are seeing this and are interested in attending, please contact Neil Clark at 757-556-5648 or southeast@vt.edu. I am looking forward to actually SEEING everyone again, in real life. □



SOUTH CAROLINA—ALL THE NEWS (SHO NUFF)

Janet Steele, SC Chair. Favorite quote:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

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Here's News

by Janet Steele

SC Division Chair



It is a privilege to be able to serve as 2021 chair of the SC Division. And how I got to this point may be similar to the journey that others of you have taken to leadership roles. The first step was having our beloved Dr. David Smith encourage me to join SAF as a student member at Virginia Tech in 1987. After graduating and moving to South Carolina to take my first job, I attended local

chapter meetings and met foresters working in industry, as consultants, and for other agencies. As a side note, it was at one of these meetings that this girl who grew up in Virginia learned what hash was when I questioned a fellow forester about what he was spooning over his rice while we were in line at the local BBQ restaurant where we were meeting!

My first official role in SAF came as Secretary-Treasurer for the Waccamaw Chapter in North Carolina from 1998-2000. This was one of those times when no one at the chapter meeting was volunteering for the position and I told myself "why not give it a try for a year?" Since it was my first executive committee position, and I didn't know that "a year" often turns into a yearly unopposed nomination. But it gave me confidence to become more involved, and before we moved back to South Carolina I served as registration chair for the 2000 NC Division Summer Meeting. Other roles in at the chapter, state, and regional level soon followed, including APSAF Leadership Workshop Coordinator (2001-2006), Old Hickory Chapter of SCSAF Secretary-Treasurer (2003-2008), SC Division Summer Meeting Registration Chair (2006 & 2014) and finally SC Division Secretary-Treasurer (2013-2020).

Through all of these roles I learned more and more about SAF and how important a professional organization is for supporting its membership. But the most valuable lessons came from observing the leadership styles of chapter, state, and APSAF chairs and how the most effective chairs were those who influenced their executive committee and membership to do more than just pay dues and show up to meetings. These were the leaders who asked their membership to partner on projects that promoted our profession positively to the public, to support educational opportunities outside and within SAF, and to mentor new members. And when they asked these things, the membership responded. I learned by watching that good leaders are those who can connect with others in such a way that their calls for action get a positive answer.

A recent district wide training through work focused on how we can use our influence to make ourselves leaders. We are often told that to be a good leader we need to listen, but this training also focused on understanding what we hear. As SC Division Chair, I want every member to know that I will not only listen to what you have to say, whether it is a concern, a suggestion, or even a criticism, but I will also do my best to understand why you are bringing this to my attention and work towards a resolution.

No one would have guessed that we would still be under Covid-19 restrictions and protocols one year after the pandemic began. Like everyone else, I can't wait until we can get back to in-person meetings and events. But until then, I encourage all chapters to find ways to stay connected with our membership. As our chapter reports reflect, some chapters are hosting very successful virtual meetings and even reaching folks not only outside their chapter but also outside the state. If you are a member of a chapter that would like to host a virtual event but are not sure how to go about it, please contact me at jmwatt@clemson.edu and I will help you get one organized. I also encourage all of the chapters to share their meeting notices with me, and I will make sure they get out to the other chapter chairs.

Finally, SC Division is planning to host a virtual summer meeting the first week in June. The executive committee met on March 10th and will have an agenda for a free program that will offer CFE credit(s) ready to start advertising by early April.

Thank you again for your support as I begin this year as chair. I look forward to participating in chapter meetings around the state (virtual or in-person) and to finding ways we can all work together to continue supporting and growing our division and its membership. ~ Janet Steele

Chapter Reports

Keowee, by Dr. Patrick Hiesl and Dr. Puskar Khanal

Patrick has stepped down after serving 2 years as Chair of the Keowee Chapter, and Puskar has been elected Chair. The chapter held 2 virtual meetings since COVID started in 2020 and continues to partner with the Clemson University Student Chapter on meetings, which allowed the 2 student co-chairs to gain experience leading chapter meeting prior to COVID. Keowee is planning a spring 2021 meeting.

Edisto, by Liz Bourgeois

The Edisto Chapter squeaked in a March chapter meeting at Bee City a week before Covid restrictions scrapped all the plans for a chapter meeting in April. The Bee City project is finally complete. If you get a chance to go to Bee City, make sure you check out the new forestry exhibit at Bee City's Nature Center.

Not to be daunted, the Edisto Chapter members have managed to stay in touch via Zoom. In September, Tim Evans, Audubon's Forest Program Manager, presented "An Introduction to Audubon South Carolina's Forest Management Program." In October, Pat Layton, Clemson's Director of Wood Utilization + Design Institute, gave a presentation on Mass Timber. In November, George Chastain, Executive Director of Hobcaw Barony, gave a synopsis of the history and activities at Hobcaw Barony. In January, Clemson's Assistant Professor David Coyle, Forest Health and Invasive Species, Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation, presented a slideshow and talk of *Lesser-known Invasive Species*. All are welcome to attend the Zoom meetings; we even had someone from North Carolina join our January meeting!

We may continue the Zoom meetings interspersed with physical meetings after the restrictions are lifted, as our usual meeting place has closed permanently.

Committee Reports

Professional Recognition – by Dr. Susan Gynn

It is my pleasure to serve as the Professional Recognition Chair for 2021. The honor in this position is asking for nominations from SAF members in order to recognize outstanding service and dedication to the forestry profession and SAF. With that, please consider nominating a worthy SC Division SAF member for one of the following awards:

Distinguished Service to Forestry Award

The Distinguished Service to Forestry Award is the highest award given by the South Carolina Division and is presented to an individual who has made an especially notable contribution to the profession of forestry through service to SAF.

Young Forester Leadership Award

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a forestry professional younger than 40 years of age whose actions have benefited the practice of forestry and SAF.

Volunteer Service Award

The Volunteer Service Award recognizes special, sustained, voluntary service on behalf of the South Carolina Division and SAF.

Please contact me if you know of someone deserving of one of these awards and I will forward you the nomination form. While it may require a little time to collect the necessary information to complete the form, the process is easy. **Please return nomination forms to me at sgynn@clemson.edu by April 9th, 2021.** I will then present the nominations to the SC Division SAF Executive Committee for consideration and vote. The award winners will be announced and recognized at the SC SAF Summer Meeting (either virtually or in-person). If anyone has questions or needs assistance with completing a

nomination package, please don't hesitate to email or call (864-656-0606) me. I am looking forward to reading the nomination packages for our deserving members.

Charles "Chip" Maley Recognized for His Years of Service by Mike Bozzo, Professional Recognition Chair 2020

I recently had the honor of presenting Chip Maley with his plaque for the SC Division Distinguished Service Award. Unfortunately, our SCSAF summer meeting was canceled in 2020 due to Covid restrictions but a recent visit by Chip to the South Carolina Forestry Commission headquarters office in Columbia finally allowed this presentation to take place. Chip's service to SAF was also recognized on the regional level when he was awarded the APSAF Distinguished Service Award during the virtual APSAF meeting in January.



Chip earned his B.S. in forest management from NC State University and began his career with International Paper Co. in Bainbridge, GA in 1980. He moved to the Greenville, SC area in 1984 where he worked for Milliken and Co./ Pacolet Milliken Enterprises until 2014. He is now the owner of Three Tygers Forestry, LLC. Chip is a registered forester in North Carolina and South Carolina, and a SAF Certified Forester.

Chip is a member of the Keowee Chapter of the SC division and has been a sustaining member of SAF since joining in 1980 as evidenced by his involvement beginning at the chapter level, through State, Regional and National levels. For the past 20 years he has been a mainstay for the SC Division and at the APSAF level, committing time and effort to various leadership positions, including SC Division and APSAF chair. He has served as APSAF Annual meeting arrangements chair (twice!) and is currently the Fundraising Chair for the 100-year APSAF Celebration meeting, which is currently scheduled for January 2022. Chip received the SAF President's Award as Outstanding Field Forester in 2006 and was named an SAF Fellow in 2017.

Chip promotes forestry at all levels within SAF and is a well-known emcee for various SAF meetings. He promotes forestry by educating the public, both youth and teachers, through Project Learning Tree and Wood Magic Forest Fair, and within the community through his involvement in Boy Scouts and the Spartanburg Area Conservancy Board of Directors. He has also been involved in promoting the forest industry and the forestry profession by serving on the Forestry Association of SC Board of Directors from 2017 until 2020, and the SC Board of Registered Foresters since 2015. ❁

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should be, thinkers and doers. Ethics education and training are indispensable if we are to remain able to correctly choose between what we ought to do and what we ought not to do. ❁

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SAF Code of Ethics

Preamble

Service to society is the cornerstone of any profession. The profession of forestry serves society by fostering stewardship of the world's forests. Because forests provide valuable resources and perform critical ecological functions, they are vital to the wellbeing of both society and the biosphere.

Members of SAF have a deep and enduring love for the land, and are inspired by the profession's historic traditions, such as Gifford Pinchot's utilitarianism and Aldo Leopold's ecological conscience. In their various roles as practitioners, teachers, researchers, advisers, and administrators, foresters seek to sustain and protect a variety of forest uses and attributes, such as aesthetic values, air and water quality, biodiversity, recreation, timber production, and wildlife habitat.

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to protect and serve society by inspiring, guiding, and governing members in the conduct of their professional lives. Compliance with the code demonstrates members' respect for the land and their commitment to the long-term management of ecosystems, and ensures just and honorable professional and human relationships, mutual confidence and respect, and competent service to society.

On joining the SAF, members assume a special responsibility to the profession and to society by promising to uphold and abide by the following:

Principles and Pledges

1. Foresters have a responsibility to manage land for both current

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and future generations. We pledge to practice and advocate management that will maintain the long-term capacity of the land to provide the variety of materials, uses, and values desired by landowners and society.

2. Society must respect forest landowners' rights and correspondingly, landowners have a land stewardship responsibility to society. We pledge to practice and advocate forest management in accordance with landowner objectives and professional standards, and to advise landowners of the consequences of deviating from such standards.

3. Sound science is the foundation of the forestry profession. We pledge to strive for continuous improvement of our methods and our personal knowledge and skills; to perform only those services for which we are qualified; and in the biological, physical, and social sciences to use the most appropriate data, methods, and technology.

4. Public policy related to forests must be based on both scientific principles and societal values. We pledge to use our knowledge and skills to help formulate sound forest policies and laws; to challenge and correct untrue statements about forestry; and to foster dialogue among foresters, other professionals, landowners, and the public regarding forest policies.

5. Honest and open communication, coupled with respect for information given in confidence, is essential to good service. We pledge to always present, to the best of our ability, accurate and complete information; to indicate on whose behalf any public statements are made; to fully disclose and resolve any existing or potential conflicts of interest; and to keep proprietary information confidential unless the appropriate person authorizes its disclosure.

6. Professional and civic behavior must be based on honesty, fairness, good will, and respect for the law. We pledge to conduct ourselves in a civil and dignified manner; to respect the needs, contributions, and viewpoints of others; and to give due credit to others for their methods, ideas, or assistance.

Adopted by SAF by Member Referendum, November 3, 2000, replacing the code adopted June 23, 1976, as amended November 4, 1986, and November 2, 1992. The 1976 code replaced the code adopted November 12, 1948, as amended December 4, 1971. ♦♦♦

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Trail Blazer Tidbits

SAF History: January 29, 1935: And the Schlich Award Goes to...

On this day in 1935, the Society of American Foresters presented its first-ever award, the **Sir William Schlich Memorial Award Medal**, to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was recognized for his "interest and effective work for forest conservation," with specific acclamation given for his establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The award was named for Sir William Schlich, a 19th-century German-born forester, who worked extensively in India for the British government developing forest management and education programs. Schlich served as a member of the Royal Indian Forest Service from 1867 to 1885, moved to England, became a citizen, and in 1905 founded the School of Forestry at Oxford.

Greece's 20 Million-Year-Old Petrified Tree

The tree was found during roadwork near an ancient forest petrified millions of years ago on the eastern Mediterranean island and transported from the site using a special splint and metal platform. It is the first time a tree has been found in such good condition complete with branches and roots since excavations began in 1995, said Professor Nikos Zouros of the Museum of Natural History of the Petrified Forest of Lesbos. ■



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