

# THE TRAIL BLAZER



The Appalachian Society of American Foresters

Winter 2019-20

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## "Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future"



by **Rick Cantrell**  
*2019 APSAF Chair*

The lyrics to the classic Steve Miller Band, "Fly like an Eagle" popped into my head when I started thinking about writing my last column to APSAF members as your Chair. All the previous chairs I know had warned me about this—the fact that the year would fly by and many of the things you hoped to accomplish as Chair were still on the list! Fortu-

nately for APSAF, we have a great leadership team in place for the transition in 2020 and I know we will be in great shape with the leadership Dan Goerlich will bring as Chair.

Here are some highlights and updates since I last wrote you.

### ELECTION RESULTS

**Tom Davidson**, our immediate APSAF past chair worked tirelessly over several months recruiting quality candidates for the 2019 APSAF elections for 2020. A big thanks to **Tom, Anne Jewell, Bill Worrell** and **Dan Scheffing** for their work on organizing the election and certifying the results.

Beginning on January 31 at the 2020 Winter Meeting in Norfolk, our newest executive leaders will be the following: APSAF Chair-Elect **Adam Downing**, North Carolina Division Chair-Elect **Sam Cook**, South Carolina Division Chair-Elect **Janet Steele**, and Virginia Division Chair-Elect **Jason Fisher**.

The election was conducted locally for the third time since elections were handed-off to state societies from the national office, and it once again utilized online balloting through Constant Contact augmented by mailed ballots to current members without email addresses in the national database.

In keeping with similar response rates in recent years, the overall voting participation rate was 26 percent. Please

thank and congratulate these members as you see fit in the coming weeks and months. Their leadership and volunteerism continue to mean that APSAF is in good hands. Any questions about the process can be directed to Tom Davidson at [tom@leadershipnature.com](mailto:tom@leadershipnature.com).

Additionally, here are some results from the National SAF Elections. APSAF member Gene Kodama was elected Vice President for 2020, and Anne Jewell will be our new board representative!

Vice President: **Henry "Gene" Kodama, CF**  
District 2: **Mark Buckbee**  
District 5: **Tara Bal, CF**  
District 8: **Anne Jewell, CF**  
District 11: **William "Buddy" Stalaker, CF**

Congratulations to our new officers, **Anne**, and **Gene**. APSAF and SAF will be in good hands with these great leaders!

### APSAF 2020 WINTER MEETING

The APSAF 2020 Winter Meeting team has done an outstanding job in developing the agenda and securing the facilities for our meeting in Norfolk, VA. The meeting will be held January 29-31 at the beautiful Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel. Hats off to **Neil Clark, Jason Fisher, Adam Downing, Dan Goerlich, David Powell, Eric Goodman, Bill Worrell** and everyone else who have been working on this.

The facilities are outstanding, and the agenda has several prominent national program leaders who will speak to the theme of "**Gaining a Competitive Edge**." The team also assembled a session for student abstracts/presentations similar to what we had in Wilmington last year. We are looking forward to hearing from our students about all the great work they are doing. Great job team! Folks, you don't want to miss this one. Register now on the APSAF Website: [www.apsaf.org/news-events](http://www.apsaf.org/news-events).

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Hi everybody,

There's a lot of good stuff happening in APSAF. We want you to share and be seen.... and have launched a \*NEW\* Facebook page.

Yes, there are not one, not two, but three APSAF Facebook pages. Seriously, who wants to sit in the bathroom when the real party's in the kitchen, right? So please come follow/friend our REAL party... I mean page.

Ignore all impostors. Go to Facebook and search [@APSAFORESTERS](#). (Or click on the words.) You'll know you're in the right place if you see posts on the recent hurricanes and the Winter Meeting. And then, once you've done that, join us in sharing your CFE opportunities, meeting photos, and other relevant professional information.

I sure do appreciate your support, especially because Facebook sent me a note congratulating me on 20 friends. whoo. hoo.

All my best,

Jen Howard, your APSAF communications chair who really wants y'all to connect. Hey! Down here! See me? I'll take you to some cool stuff.



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## District 8 Board Report, by Christa Rogers

My last board report. How time flies...

### Membership

Steven Glover has recently been hired as the new Director of Membership. Perhaps you met him at Convention, but if you have any questions about your membership, you can reach him at [sgloverATsafnet.org](mailto:sgloverATsafnet.org). As of Halloween, SAF national membership was 10,465, a continuation of a slow decline over the past few years. SAF has been without a Membership Director for several years, so Steven's hiring is very exciting, and his expertise will surely help improve member engagement.

### Pinchot Headquarters

You may have heard by now that SAF has a serious offer on the sale of the Pinchot building. The offer comes from a developer and a counter offer from SAF was accepted by them. SAF staff and representatives are currently working through the legal process of proceeding with the sale. **CEO Terry Baker** is on the lookout for suitable office space to lease in the DC area that will be more meeting-friendly and appropriate for the size of SAF staff.

### Convention

A big thank you to our neighbors in Kentucky/Tennessee SAF for a wonderful Convention. I loved visiting Louisville and was fortunate to take a tour of Kentucky wood product companies and mills. And of course, seeing other foresters and being reminded of how interesting our profession is always fun, and the bourbon made it even better 😊 I look forward to Convention 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island.

### Elections

Elections were recently announced and APSAF has some big news. They told me to find some good folks, and I found them! Anne Jewell will serve as the new board representative for District 8, APSAF! Thank you to both John Thurmes and Anne for their willingness to volunteer and run for this role. APSAF is lucky to have so many fine members who are also willing to serve as SAF leaders. Additionally, **Gene Kodama** will serve as SAF Vice President. Congratulations to Anne and Gene!! Their term begins January 1, 2020. Congrats also to our newly elected local and state leaders!

### It's Been a Pleasure!

My last board meeting is the weekend of December 7th (will be over by the time this prints), and some of the issues on the agenda include updates on the three teams (Certified Forester, Student Engagement, and Monetizing CFEs for non-members), Code of Ethics Review, Young Professional Board Member addition (recent by-laws change), update from SAF's new marketing firm, and **in-coming SAF President Tammy Cushing's** vision for the coming year. It is bittersweet to be rolling off as the APSAF board representative!

I'm looking forward to a little more free time, but I have gained so much from this experience. SAF is great for keeping our minds churning and fulfilling our professional requirements, but the best part I believe is the relationships we build here. Truly some of the coolest people I have ever met are SAF members from around the country, and I feel honored to be part of the group. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It has been a real pleasure. See you at the Winter Meeting! [Christa.rogers@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:Christa.rogers@mecklenburgcountync.gov)



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

### APSAF Executive Committee Meetings

January 8, 1:30 by phone

January 29, 7:30 am - noon, Norfolk

### 2020 Summer meetings

- Virginia, April 28- May 1 Harrisonburg,
- South Carolina, In the works
- North Carolina, now

### 2020 APSAF Annual Meeting

January 29-30, Norfolk, VA

### 2021 APSAF Annual Meeting

January 27-29, Asheville, NC

### 2020 National SAF Meeting

Oct. 28-Nov. 1, Providence, Rhode Island



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## News briefs

### **Don't forget your Silent Auction Items for APSAF 2020 in Norfolk!**

Any goods or services which might be appealing to our annual convention attendees and spouses will be gladly accepted. Personal crafts and artwork, forestry memorabilia and items of APSAF regional interest are especially enticing!! Also services such as guided fishing trips or weekend cabin rentals. Remember: You get to set the minimum bid in consultation with our highly skilled auction staffers.

Not going to the convention? You can still send items with someone who is, or contact Mike Skinner, 540 320-3737, [confluencestry@comcast.net](mailto:confluencestry@comcast.net) to arrange some sort of delivery.

**So whatta ya got to lose? Just bring something!!**

Proceeds will be split between the Foresters Fund and the KPF Endowment. Thanks, Mike

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This is a new photo but same message: When Mike Skinner was the Virginia APSAF chair he would include photos of his dogs in his column, rather than of himself. What a blessing! Again the dogs are back, but he is not donating them for the Auction. But you could bring some puppies.

### **Student Engagement News**

Rick Cantrell, Joshua Anderson and I have constantly been in touch about student engagement and the changing face of forestry in our region. Several events have happened over the past few months. One critical and the well-represented event was the SAF National Conference. We (APSAF) had over 50 students (graduate and undergraduate) attend the national conference in Louisville, KY. At least 7 of them participated in the poster contest event and one or two presented their research.

Duke University Nicholas School of Environment's Society of American Foresters is hosting the NC State

University College of Natural Resources SAF and Duke University's SAF student-professional annual dinner and networking event in April 2020. NCSU College of Natural Resources Dean, FER Dept. Head and I are planning to invite leadership from SAF (Terry Baker) and MANRRS (**Dr. Antonia Farrell**) to attend and participate at this event plus take some time to speak to faculty and staff while on NCSU campus. Our goal is to have them focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in forestry. More on this to come! Please reach out to me if you have any ideas for events or programs at [sam\\_cook@ncsu.edu](mailto:sam_cook@ncsu.edu).

The Appalachian Society of American Foresters is inviting abstracts for student presentations at the 2020 APSAF Winter Meeting in Norfolk, VA, January 29-31. The theme is Gaining a Competitive Edge: "Join foresters from across the three state division as we explore how to gain a competitive edge for ourselves our businesses and out states." While all abstracts focused on forestry are welcome, we also encourage abstracts that are focused on forest wildlife management and forest management practices that impact Fisheries.

Presentations should focus on current research that is either completed or ongoing and has reportable results. Planned research projects will not be considered for oral presentation at the meeting but are encouraged as poster submissions. The first author must be a current or recent graduate (within the past year) and be from a school within the ApSAF region (VA, NC, SC). Any abstracts that are submitted for an oral presentation and not selected will be invited to give a poster presentation.

Oral presentations will be "Lightning talk" style with 5-10 minutes for a single presentation. The goal of this format is to allow for more student presentations in a format that concisely and efficiently gets to the primary point(s) of the topic.

**Abstracts had to be submitted by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 30, 2019.** The authors were notified via email in early November 2019. Abstracts invited for oral or poster presentation will be published in the conference program.

There's a \$250 prize for Best Student presentation and a \$125 prize for Best Student poster awarded at the end of the meeting. Questions? Call Adam Downing, [adowning@vt.edu](mailto:adowning@vt.edu)

### **APSAF Historical Records Archive**

*By Derryl Walden, APSAF Historian*

In 1978, APSAF entered into a formal arrangement with the Perkins Library system on the campus of Duke University to permanently retain and archive printed records and documents for our Society. These items are housed at their David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript site on campus.

To ensure long term availability of our historic and relevant records, articles, minutes, activities, etc., it is important that all such items be submitted periodically for inclusion in this collection. Leadership and members are encouraged to ensure this is done. All items being submitted should be sent

to the APSAF Historian for transfer to the archive site. Contact information is on the APSAF website.

## SAF at the World Scout Jamboree

Over 45,000 international scouts and leaders from 168 nations descended on southern West Virginia for the 19<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree (WSJ19) ...and SAF was there! For twelve days, coed young people aged 14 to 17 years old, came together at BSA's Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) for this event hosted by the national scout organizations from Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The theme for WSJ19 was "Unlock a New World" with sub-themes that included Service, Sustainability, Friendship, Leadership, and adventure. The Summit Bechtel Reserve was selected in part since it is the "first" purpose built jamboree site in the world that includes a larger outdoor stadium with a capacity for 80,000 (AT & T Summit Stadium.)

Once again SAF teamed up with staff of the West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF) for an exhibit. Both organizations are no stranger to SBR having volunteered to staff an exhibit and teach Forestry merit badge at the 2013 and 2017 National Scout Jamborees.

For the World Scout Jamboree, SAF and WVDOF were located in the Knowledgeable Work Force area in the western end of the summit center. This area was designed for scouts to explore the technologies of the future including the opportunity to fly drones, use 3-D printers, travel the world through virtual reality and in the case of the SAF/WVDOF see and learn about engineered wood products and other innovations of wood.

The exhibit also included an exercise in map orienteering, leaf and seed samples of local hardwoods, and an opportunity to test your knowledge about conditions that effect tree growth using varying sized tree cookies from a common area.

SAF and the West Virginia Division of Forestry were ably assisted at our exhibit by Balázs Pálincás, a teen age scout from Hungary. The West Virginia Division-Allegheny Society took the lead for SAF



providing many volunteers including Rudy Williams, Melissa Nicely, Linda Carnell, Barb Breshock, Kimberly Bohn, Mike Reese, Chris Evans, Mary Beth Adams

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# SOUTH CAROLINA—ALL THE NEWS (SHO NUFF)

Dan Scheffing, SC Division Chair. Favorite quote, "He who buries his talent makes a grave mistake."

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## News, notes, musings and scratchings

by Dan Scheffing, SC Division Chair

We have put another hurricane season behind us and had only one serious storm – Dorian – along our North Coast. While most of the coast faced mandatory evacuations, a seeming annual exercise, storm damage was minimal. The loss of business along the coast is certainly a challenge to the overall local economy and to those many businesses that were closed and those that are employed there.



We surely hope this is the correct photo of Dan, who is now retired.

SC SAF sponsored and conducted a Leadership Workshop on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Harbison State Forest. The twenty plus participants were treated to a morning packed with information and techniques and challenges to consider. The workshop is a part of our continuing effort to boost member-

ship by broadening the pool of interested folks willing to take a leadership role in SAF. While the course was slightly tailored to SAF, the information and techniques are transferrable to anyone's professional life. Many thanks to those who contributed time to this important effort: Pat Straka put the program together and completed the nuts and bolts work of hosting the meeting – meeting materials, breaks, lunch, etc. Pat has a real talent, honed over many meetings. Mike Bozzo, Gary Bratton, Ricky McCutcheon, Tres Hyman and Mike Wetzel served as presenters bringing long and varied experience to the effort. Finally, the SC Forestry Commission hosted us at Harbison State Forest. The facility there is excellent for meetings and their continued support is very much appreciated.

Planning by the Winyah Chapter for the 2020 summer meeting is ongoing. With respect to the 2021 Winter Meeting Celebration, we have decided to limit the meeting to one day and all in the field. This is a new approach and it may (hopefully) yield well. We are targeting the first part of June and intend to focus on a few properties near Georgetown.

Elections have been held and certified and I am very pleased that Janet Steele is our Chair-elect. Janet has been active in SAF for a long time, most recently (and for many years) as our Secretary and Treasurer. We are working to fill her former role(s) as she transitions to her new responsibilities. I want to thank Tony Doster for inspiring us to move our Treasurer duties into the current century with his example. I am sure that our efforts in more fully utilizing electronic and automated methods will save time for the treasurer.

Many of the Chapters held meetings this fall even through the disruption of the hurricane and continued soft markets, quotas and such that weigh on most everyone. Unfortunately many of our chapters continue to be challenged by low membership and/or reduced bandwidth in leadership. This problem is not ours (SAF) alone, but it is one that impacts us in a chronic way.

The APSAF Winter Meeting will be January 29 – 31 at the Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. I sincerely hope many from SC will make the trip and take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities there. Probably won't have to worry about a hurricane there in January!

Finally (probably good news for Charlie), this is my final column. Susan Guynn will be writing this thing next year. I have enjoyed doing this but seem to have some issues with getting it in on time. Thanks to our publisher for his patience.

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## The Chair's column, from page 1

### SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

APSAF had a strong presence at the SAF National Convention held in November in Louisville, Kentucky. Thanks to all our APSAF members who traveled to the Convention and represented APSAF.

**Sam Cook** did a fantastic job in working with students to help organize their attendance at the SAF National Conference. A critical piece of this was funding from both the Kenney Funderburke Endowment, a GoFundMe page and APSAF's operating budget. APSAF had over 50 students (graduate and undergraduate) attend the national conference in Louisville, KY. At least 7 of them participated in the poster contest event, and one or two presented their research. Thanks also to **Tony Doster** and **Bill Worrell** for assistance in gathering and sorting through the applications from the students for funding assistance. We also appreciate our faculty advisors for encouraging students to attend and in getting the funding applications to Sam, Tony and Bill.

### APSAF HISTORY

**Tom Davidson, Jennifer Howard** and I have continued to research options for printing the 100-year history of APSAF book that **Charlie Finley** and **Derryl Walden** compiled. You will hear more about this when unveil their work at the APSAF 2020 meeting. A huge thank you to Derryl and Charlie for your dedication and time spent over the past several years to accomplish this! It's over 250 pages.

### AWARDS

I want to once again thank **Mary Morrison** who has been our APSAF Awards Committee Chair for many years now. It is a great deal of work that Mary has taken on with great enthusiasm and she has done an outstanding job working to ensure that our members receive due consideration for SAF Awards-locally and nationally. Her track record in moving forward APSAF nominees to capture national awards is second to none! **Scott Shallenberger** will be our new APSAF Awards Committee Chair in 2020. Thanks, Scott, for your leadership!

### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

I informed you in my last column we assembled an APSAF **Leadership Academy** Planning Team and APSAF was awarded a Foresters Fund grant to develop and execute a Leadership Academy in early 2020. We will keep you posted on our progress and broadcast the details of the Leadership Academy once plans are finalized. We are tentatively considering April 8-9, 2020 in the greater Charlotte, NC area. If you have an interest in joining the planning team, please contact me at [RickCantrell@BlackBriarEnv.com](mailto:RickCantrell@BlackBriarEnv.com). Also, if you are interested in participating in the workshop or know someone we should reach out to, please let me know.

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Jennifer Howard** and her communications team have been working on several fronts including preparations for the 2020 APSAF Winter Meeting, the APSAF website and on social media.

### FINANCES

**Tony Doster** continues to do terrific work managing APSAF's finances and reports the following:

- The KP Funderburke Endowment continues to grow with assets now at \$110,000.
- APSAF invested reserves are \$42,000 with an additional \$20,000 in savings.
- APSAF funded student stipends for students from Virginia Tech, Haywood, North Carolina State University, Clemson, and Duke to attend the annual convention totaling \$4,946.

### COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Our council representative **Christa Rogers** continues to keep our team up to date on the latest events/programs coming from the National Office including several items that have could improve student engagement. You will see an update from her on page 3.

### STATE DIVISIONS

All the state divisions have been very busy with SAF work and we appreciate your leadership and all the members who work to support them. You will find updates on the states' activities elsewhere in this edition of the *Trail Blazer*. Our 2019 state division chairs are North Carolina-**Travis Hughes**  
South Carolina-**Dan Scheffing**  
and Virginia-**Eric Goodman**.

### CENTENNIAL MEETING PLANNING

The **2021 Centennial Committee** continues to work on details for the **2021** meeting. Thanks to **Pat Straka** for keeping the Executive Committee updated on their progress. Committee members include **Tres Hyman, Pat Straka, Jamie Lewis, James Jeuck, Adam Downing, and Dan Goerlich**.

- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** January 27 -29, **2021** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Asheville, NC.
- Program committee: **Tres Hyman, Adam Downing, Jamie Lewis, Dan Goerlich**, and ex officio **James Jeuck**.
- Fundraising committee: **Chip Maley, Sam Cook, Mike Keim, and Tom Davidson**.
- Finance committee: **John Thurmes and Tom Gower**.

The APSAF Leadership Team and all the volunteers working on these projects are to be commended! I am extremely proud and grateful to be working with such a great group of leaders and volunteers. If you have not served as a local, state or regional leader, consider getting involved in 2020. You will learn a lot, make lots of new friends, and feel good about giving to your profession. Get involved now, because as the lyrics go: time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future. Thanks to all of you! Rick, [RickCantrell@BlackBriarEnv.com](mailto:RickCantrell@BlackBriarEnv.com) 🌿

# APSAF Annual Meeting

Sheraton Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia

## “Gaining a Competitive Edge”

### Tuesday, January 28

1:00pm-5, Pre-Conference with Hotel Staff

Planning Committee Final Meeting, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Afternoon/Evening, APSAF Executive Committee arrives and checks-in

**Dinner on your own**



### Wednesday, January 29

7:30am, Coffee Service for APSAF Executive Committee

8:00am – 1:00pm, **APSAF Executive Committee Meeting**, Greenway-4<sup>th</sup> floor

12 noon – 1:00pm **APSAF Executive Committee Lunch**

12 noon, **Lunch on your own for those not involved in EC meeting**

1:00 – 6:00, Registration and Information Desk Open, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

1:00-4:00, **Pre-conference Workshops/Seminars**, Merrimac-1<sup>st</sup> floor and Monticello-1<sup>st</sup> floor

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7:00am-12 noon. Exhibitors may begin setting up, Poplar Hall-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

6:00-8:00 **Dinner on your own**

### Thursday, January 30

7:00am – 7:00pm, Registration and Information Desk, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

7:00am – 8:00, Continental Breakfast, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**7:00am – 7:45, Chairs Advisory Board Breakfast**

7:30 – 9:30pm, **Exhibit Hall and Silent Auction Open**, Poplar Hall-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

7:00 – 11:59pm, Office, Westover-4<sup>th</sup> floor

8:00-3:00, **GENERAL TECHNICAL SESSION #1** begins, Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

8:00 – 8:30, Welcome, Opening Remarks, Program Introduction, Rick Cantrell, APSAF Chair

8:30 – 9:00, **SAF National View on A Competitive Edge Within and Abroad?** Terry Baker, CEO, SAF

9:00 – 9:45, **FRA and H-2B Labor Update** - Deborah Hawkinson – President, Forest Resources Association

9:45 – 10:15, Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

10:15 – 11:30, **How To Compete – A Better Way** (panel), Deborah Hawkinson, President, Forest Resources Association; Tom Martin, President and CEO, American Forest Foundation; Dave Tenny, President and CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners. **Moderator**– Todd Haymore, Managing Director, Hunton Andrews Kurth and former Virginia Director of Trade and Commerce and former Secretary of Forestry and Agriculture

11:30 – 12 noon, **Maintaining Neutrality with Accuracy** – Pete Stewart, CEO, Forest2Market



## Thursday, January 30 continued

12 noon – 1:30, **Awards Luncheon**, Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

1:30 – 3:00, **APSAF Business Meeting**, Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

3:00 – 3:30, **Refreshment BREAK with Exhibitors**, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

3:00 – 4:30 **State Division Meetings**

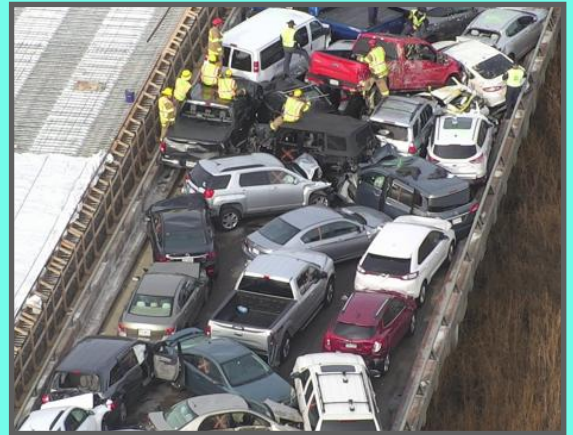
- Virginia Division, Riverview-4<sup>th</sup> floor
- North Carolina Division, Montpelier-4<sup>th</sup> floor
- South Carolina Division, Greenway-4<sup>th</sup> floor

3:00 – 4:30, **Student Sessions**, Claremont-4<sup>th</sup> floor

5:00 – 6:00, **Alumni Socials**

- Clemson University, Claremont, Brandon A&B,
- Duke University, Eppington, Greenway
- NC State University, 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Virginia Tech

6:00 – 7:30, **APSAF Reception and Social**, Riverwalk-1<sup>st</sup> floor



Don't let any minor fender benders get in your way attending the APSAF meeting.

## Friday, January 31

7:00am – 1:00pm, Registration and Information Desk Opens, Promenade-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

7:00 – 8:00, **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 – 1:00pm, **Exhibit Hall and Silent Auction Open**

8:00am, **GENERAL TECHNICAL SESSION #2** begins, Rick Cantrell, APSAF ,Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

8:00 – 8:45, **New Developments from our Port and Forest Exports** -Caitlin Clark, VDACS International Marketing Specialist, Kara Matzko, Senior Manager Mid-Atlantic and Strategic Accounts Relations for the Port of Virginia

8:45 – 9:45, **Cutting Edge Student "Flash Presentations"** – Short 10-minute presentations for ongoing forest and natural resources research

9:45 – 10:15, **Refreshment Break with Exhibitors**

10:30 Exhibitors may begin breaking down

10:15 – 11:00, **The Role of Foresters in the New Competitive Industry** – Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Pat Layton, Director, Clemson Wood Utilization and Design Institute,

11:00-11:40, **Social Media "Competing for Eyes and Ears with the Next Generation"**, Stratford/Providence-3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Moderator – Dr. David Coyle, Assistant Professor Forest Health and Invasive Species, Clemson University,

11:40 – 12 noon, **Forest History** book release and 2021 APSAF Asheville, NC Sneak Peek – Rick Cantrell, Chair

12 noon, **Closing Remarks; Passing of the APSAF Chair's Gavel**

**Lunch on your own**

**Don't forget to take your auction treasures home with you!**

*(last updated December 18 at 2:04 pm)*

*Eric Goodman, VA Division Chair . . . favorite quote: "A minute of thought is worth more than an hour of talk."*

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## All the News that's Fit to Print!



**by Eric Goodman  
Virginia Division Chair**

As I settle in to write my update for the Virginia Division it's a great time of year for reflection,

Thanksgiving and college football rivalry weekend. As I look back, we have so much to be thankful for within SAF. We have been blessed with so many folks willing to step up and devote their time and

energy to build a stronger organization, support their fellow members and promote the benefits of forestry to the public. We may be fierce rivals for a few hours each year as our respective Alma Maters are vying for that coveted win but the rest of the year we are working together and supporting each other as teammates within the SAF towards many common goals.

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." ~ *Vince Lombardi*

I just want to say Thank You! ...to the individual Virginia Chapter chairs for their leadership in strengthening the Division at the local levels, to the Virginia Division Executive Committee for all their teamwork, to the 2019 CFE Extravaganza Committee, to the 2020 APSAF Planning Committee and all of those who have tirelessly volunteered their time in support of the Virginia Division, APSAF and SAF. I especially would like to thank everyone for covering my shortcomings as I continue to learn and grow within the SAF and for allowing me the opportunity to work with such a great organization of folks.

The annual Fall CFE Extravaganza held this past September in Charlottesville was once again a success. The event sold out, and we enjoyed several great speakers throughout the day. This event has always been planned and executed as a way for the SAF to provide its members with cost-effective CFE credits in a one-day event. The cost-effectiveness has largely been achieved through the generosity of the Virginia Department of Forestry, allowing us to utilize their facilities to host the event and through the great work of folks like David Powell, Jason Fisher, Adam Downing, Jim Schoering and Lee Spradlin, who along with many others jumped in and planned another great event.

The highlight for me was to get the opportunity to recognize three of our own Division members for their work. Dan Wilson, Chapter Chair of the Rappahannock Chapter was

recognized for his drive and leadership with the 2019 Virginia Division Young Forester Leadership Award. Lee Spradlin was honored for his tireless dedication to the Virginia Division with the 2019 Volunteer Service Award. Mike Skinner was awarded the 2019 Virginia Division Merit Award for his dedication and leadership on many fronts.

Please join me in thanking all of these individuals for everything they do to support the SAF and their fellow members.

Looking forward to next year, when Billy Newman will be picking up the torch to carry the Virginia Division forward in 2020, and Jason Fisher will step up as Chair Elect. I am excited to see Billy and Jason lead us forward.

As I write this article the APSAF 2020 Winter Meeting Planning is complete. Jason Fisher has lined up a great group of speakers and panelists, including SAF CEO Terry Baker. Neil Clark and a host of other folks have been pulling together all the final details for the APSAF 2020 Winter Meeting at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA January 29-31, 2020, so be on the lookout for registration. The theme for the meeting is "**Gaining a Competitive Edge**"; we hope to see you there.

There is also a great pre-conference workshop and a pre-conference tour lined up to kick things off. Below is a link to a guide to downtown Norfolk and all the great places to check out while there. There is also a link to a great brochure and map on the page. Check it out:  
<https://www.downtownnorfolk.org/explore/guide-to-downtown-norfolk>

Thank you to all for a great 2019; I look forward to seeing you in Norfolk in 2020! *Eric, [eric.goodman@westrock.com](mailto:eric.goodman@westrock.com)*

## Chapter Reports

**Skyline Chapter, Michael Downey, Chair**

As the new Chair for the Skyline Chapter starting the new year we hope to have some great meetings and events planned. The Skyline and Rappahannock Chapters will be having a joint meeting next spring or fall with the idea to outreach to landowners. This will serve as a great opportunity to network with adjacent chapter members while discussing sustainable forest management practices.

David Shoch with TerraCarbon has agreed to give a presentation to discuss carbon sequestration and the potential of forests and wetlands to reduce greenhouse gases.

Virginia Department of Forestry will demonstrate their new drone program that will assist with wildland fire, for-

est health, ground truthing as well as BMP audits and inspections on timber sales.

At additional meetings we will discuss riparian-forested buffers and the benefits on Virginia's waterways and the Chesapeake Bay and any updates on the Virginia Department of Forestry's Hardwood Initiative and Spotted Lantern Fly quarantine.

The executive committee is set to have a meeting on December 9th to discuss these events/meetings in more detail and set specific dates and times. We are also looking to fill a Chair Elect and Program Chair.

### **Rappahannock Chapter, Dan Wilson, Chair**

We held a chapter meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in West Point with 30 current and prospective members in attendance. We started the evening with a tour of WestRock's newly improved south woodyard, guided by Mill Superintendent Scott Wilson. After the tour, we convened at Nick's Spaghetti & Steakhouse where State Forester Rob Farrell provided an update on the *Virginia Hardwood Initiative*.

After dinner we held a business meeting and discussed the several projects/events currently being worked on by the chapter's "Educational Sub-committee," among other business. Chair-elect William Levendis is working on duplicating the success of this year's "landowner dinner and field tour" that saw over 100 attendees. Will is currently in communication with Skyline Chapter, exploring the possibility of making the 2020 landowner dinner a joint event. Special thanks to the members of Southeast Chapter who attended our October meeting.

### **VA Tech Student Chapter, Annie Ligush, Chair**

As winter break approaches for students at Virginia Tech, our Student Chapter of The Society of American Foresters can proudly look back on a very successful semester. Earlier in the school year, our chapter hosted a meeting with John Eide, a representative from Weyerhaeuser. The company is one of the largest timberland owners and wood products manufacturers in the United States. Mr. Eide presented the company's career opportunities, provided insight into the timber industry, and hosted next-day interviews for students interested in their internship program. We were extremely grateful for his visit. In October, three of our members traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the National SAF Convention, including our Vice President, Sam Matson, our Membership Chair, Trevor Pauley, and one of our Public Affairs Chairs, Emily Barrett. They helped staff the VT Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation exhibit during all the conference breaks and spoke with many potential transfer and graduate students, as well as with alumni. Recently, to raise money to fund future trips to conventions, etc., the chapter held a college-wide bake sale. We more than exceeded our goals, and are extremely proud of and thankful for the efforts put forth by our members. We are looking forward to

one final social event, and then a long break before the AP-SAF Regional Convention in Norfolk, Virginia.



From Left: Emily Barrett, Trevor Pauley, and Sam Matson at the SAF National Convention

### **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College by Caroline Fitzgerald, Student Chapter Sec.**

The leaves have fallen, and cold weather has now settled in the Ridge and Valley Region of Virginia that surrounds Dabney S. Lancaster Community College's campus. Students on the Woodsmen Team have been hard at work this semester. The team brought home a first place win from their September competition in the beautiful Twin Falls State Park. In October, Dabney S. Lancaster also competed in the annual John G. Palmer Woodsmen Competition at the Cradle of Forestry in North Carolina. DSLCC Woodsmen's Team brought home a hard-fought second place trophy after losing by only two points. The team is working hard on fundraising efforts for their last competition of the school year that will be hosted on April 4th, 2020, at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

First year Forestry students had the wonderful opportunity to tour the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment. Students also toured the Brooks Forest Products Center. Dr. Seiler spent the afternoon with these students in a Dendrology lab, where they learned about many species of trees that are not found in our area around DSLCC's campus.

Second year Forestry students travelled to the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest near Holiday Lake, Virginia. While there, students had a pine Silviculture lab and tour. During the day in the State Forest, second year Forestry students learned about loblolly pine development and cultural practices. Dabney S. Lancaster Forestry students traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to the Bartlett Tree Expert Company Research Lab and Arboretum. Bartlett Tree Expert Company taught Dabney students about tree climbing techniques, plant health care techniques, and tree health diagnoses. Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Forestry students are hard at work this semester and can not wait for the opportunities 2020 will bring! 🌿

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

Travis Hughes, NC Chair. Favorite quote: "Pick your friends but not to pieces."

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## What an Amazing Year

by Travis Hughes



**December 1, 2019.** As I near the end of my tenure as NC Division Chair I like to think back on the things that we have accomplished this past year. In January we kicked off the year with the APSAF winter meeting in Wilmington, NC. That meeting was very well attended and served as a great starting point for the 2019 year. One of the motions that was approved at the NC Division meeting in Wilmington was to investigate investing the "excess" NC Division funds. I am proud to say that during this year we have evaluated various options for investing those funds, and we now have a committee set up to further explore those options. So far, the committee has some great ideas that should allow us to leverage those funds to boost SAF membership in the years to come. I am looking forward to a final decision from the committee soon.

In June we held our NC Division Summer meeting in Charlotte, NC. The Catawba chapter did an excellent job of hosting that meeting for us. Charlotte is such a fitting location to host a meeting looking at issues around urban forestry. That meeting had about 72 attendees and raised a total of \$1,786.84. Going into the fall I have had the opportunity to visit several of the state chapter meeting at various locations. I am proud to say that we have some very vibrant chapters that are doing great things in their respective areas. At the end of the day some of the most important work the SAF does is at the chapter level, because we can touch so many current members and potential future members. Also, in October we held our annual election for the 2020 NC Division chair-elect position. In this year's election there were 140 ballots cast out of 407 voting members. That is about 1/3 of the membership that voted. That is comparable to the results we have achieved in years past. This year we had two very qualified people in contention

for that position. I would like to thank both Chris Miller and Sam Cook for agreeing to run for the NC Division Chair-elect position. It's good to have elections where there are two candidates willing to run. In the past that has not always been the case. In the end Sam Cook won the election and will be serving as the 2020 NC Division chair-elect.

Looking forward to the 2020 year I am comforted to know that the NC Division is in very capable hands. Your NC Division Chair for 2020 will be Henry Randolph. Henry has been helping me throughout this year by filling in for me at meeting where other obligations prevented me from being there. He is very knowledgeable about the SAF and I am confident will do an excellent job as NC Division Chair. The transition in leadership will occur at the NC Division meeting on Thursday afternoon during the APSAF winter meeting in Norfolk, VA on January 30<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to attend the APSAF meeting from January 29-31, 2020. Earlier this year the APSAF executive team had a chance to tour the meeting facility and it looks to be an excellent venue for our meeting. The VA meeting planning team has done an excellent job of making the meeting preparations and lining up the agenda. This should be a very informative meeting.

Since this is my last Trail Blazer article, I wanted to take the opportunity to share my gratitude for being elected to serve as the NC Division Chair for 2019. This past year has been a wonderful experience, and I am so thankful for having the chance to lead the NC Division SAF. Through my tenure over this past year I was able to interact with some truly dedicated people who all play a vital role in keeping the NC Division of the SAF moving forward. The SAF has had great leaders in the past and surely will see more great leaders in the future, but it is the work of everyone from the chapter members to the committee members and everyone in between that keeps the SAF running as smoothly as it does.

I encourage everyone to keep volunteering and participating in the things that the SAF does at the Chapter level, Division level, APSAF level and National level. It is only through the participation of its membership that the SAF can continue to accomplish its mission into the future. ~ Travis

## Chapter news

### Haywood Community College Student Chapter

The Haywood Community College Student Chapter had the opportunity to send seven students and two instructors to the National SAF Convention in Louisville in October. Two first year students and five sophomores were able to attend. This was a wonderful experience for the students. They were able to meet with potential employers, talk with representatives from universities, listen to some great presentations, and socialize with mentors and colleagues. This was an incredibly valuable

experience and we hope to make this an annual opportunity for our students. *Kesi Stoneking Goure, HCC Forest Management Lead Instructor*

### Triangle Chapter

The Triangle and Piedmont Chapters met at the Forest History Society (FHS) facility in Durham this past November. Steve Anderson, President and CEO, gave the group a tour of the impressive facility and answered many of our questions. This tour was concluded with a short presentation about FHS by James Lewis, Historian, and a viewing of *First in Forestry: Carl Alwin Schenck and the Biltmore Forest School*. FHS is a tremendous resource for the forestry community and it is conveniently located for those of us in the triangle area.



SAF members from the Triangle and Piedmont Chapters that toured the Forest History Society facility in Durham on November 7, 2019. Photo credit: James Lewis.

### North Carolina State University Chapter


This semester we have stayed busy with monthly meetings led by a great team of officers. Folks from International Paper and Resource Management Service have given presentations at two of our meetings. We are a small but motivated group of future foresters, and if anyone would like to come speak about your career path/company at one of our meetings in the spring semester please email Sarah at [sebaile3@ncsu.edu](mailto:sebaile3@ncsu.edu). Five undergrads and our adviser attended the national SAF meeting in Louisville, and we are beginning to get a group together for the winter APSAF meeting in Norfolk.

### ROLLEO 2019 and SAF National Convention

On Saturday October 26, 2009, the NCSU Forestry Club hosted Rolleo at the Schenck Memorial Forest in Raleigh. Rolleo is the Forestry Club's annual forestry and timbersports competition. It is a long-standing tradition with the club, and this year will prove to be one to remember. Seven schools were competing this year, including Appalachian State University, Clemson University, West Virginia University, University of Tennessee, Virginia Tech, Haywood Community College, and of course North Carolina State University (1/2 the schools attending Con-


clave). West Virginia Univ. was a first time attending school and they are petitioning to join the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs (i.e. Conclave). We support them and their display of sportsmanship. The top three scoring schools were: Clemson 1<sup>st</sup>, Haywood 2<sup>nd</sup>, VTech 3<sup>rd</sup>. NCSU performed well, but we were too busy putting on all the events to compete in all the events. This was one of the largest Rolleo ever. RMS was a major sponsor. A big thank you to RMS.

On Wednesday October 30 the NCSU Chapter of SAF departed to Louisville for the SAF National Convention. Two vans with 14 students drove from Raleigh to Kentucky. It was an excellent meeting and we learned a lot of new forest science which made it extra special. Some of us enjoyed Karaoke at a local hangout. We skipped our usual Wilderness Expedition before the SAF Convention because of Rolleo the Saturday before. It was a busy week for NCSU students. Several of the students even needed to get back on Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we drove through the night. Not much has changed, except the vans were new and a little more comfortable than in the past.

The Kenneth P. Funderburke, (KPF) Educational Endowment Fund (APSAF), the NC Natural Resource Foundation and the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources supported most of the students travel expenses. We appreciate the support. 



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# The Treasurer's Report

by Tony Doster, [TDoster@resourcemt.com](mailto:TDoster@resourcemt.com)

Net Worth - As of 12/3/2019  
(Includes unrealized gains)

Account	12/31/2018 Balance	12/3/2019 Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>		
First Citizens Basic Business Checki...	31,224.98	8,935.52
First Citizens Money Market Savings	20,010.37	20,019.53
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>51,235.35</b>	<b>28,955.05</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
APSAF First Citizens Brokerage	37,282.86	42,586.73
KP Funderburk Endowment	84,304.23	110,090.94
<b>TOTAL Investments</b>	<b>121,587.09</b>	<b>152,677.68</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>172,822.44</b>	<b>181,632.73</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Credit Cards</b>		
First Citizens Visa Business Credit C...	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Credit Cards</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>172,822.44</b>	<b>181,632.73</b>

## News, from page 5

and Claire Ferguson. Volunteers from the Virginia Division-Appalachian Society included Lee Spradlin, Steven Hubner, and Bob Radspinner (in the photo).

The next opportunity to provide forestry outreach to scouts will occur in 2021 on the conservation trail at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

## Foresters Fund

**The deadlines** for Foresters' Fund requests and Special APSAF funding are **May 1, August 1** and **December 31, 2020**. Requests to be submitted to Bill Worrell, [bworrell@vt.edu](mailto:bworrell@vt.edu). Questions about the application process should be sent to Bill Worrell. The APSAF Executive Committee will review Forester's Fund requests and send them to national SAF for consideration if appropriate. Special APSAF grant funding requests will be reviewed by and decided upon by the APSAF Executive Committee for approval and funding. GET BUSY with your idea.

## We have a new Website!

Here's our new website! [APSAF.org](http://APSAF.org) with a major makeover with new and improved ways to display who we are and what we are involved in. Please check us out and send our webmaster any information you would like added to the website. You can contact the webmaster at [APSAFwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:APSAFwebmaster@gmail.com). Thank you. ~Jessica Soffee, APSAF webmaster

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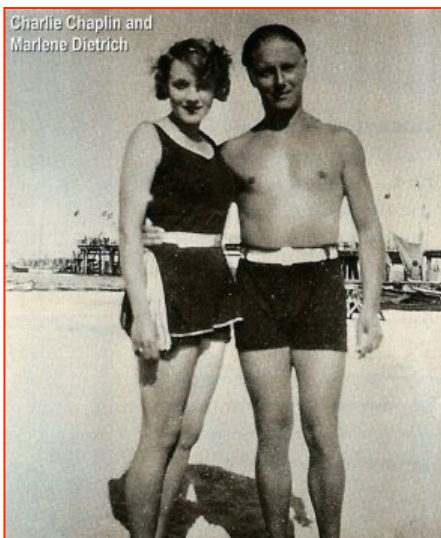
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