



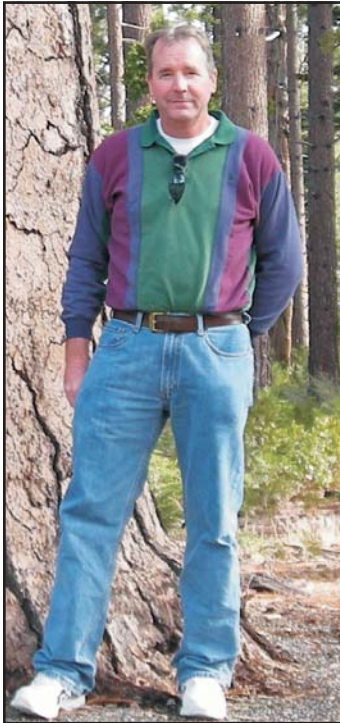
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Comments from the Chair

THE ART OF FORESTRY



Forestry is usually defined as the art and the science of managing forests. Travels around the country afford one many examples of the science part. I consider the science part of forestry the part that tends to use regular, well-researched treatments to work toward a well-defined final harvest.

Forestry in the south with southern yellow pine is probably one of the best examples of this. When a forest area is harvested, the ground is heavily scarified to setback possible competition. Chemical weed control and or fire are used to complete this stage. Pine is then planted in a very exacting spacing. This pine was raised very precisely in a nursery. The seed came from a controlled crop of seed trees, most likely the result of several generations of selection of desirable traits. Once

planted, weed control continues to prevent competition in the pine. Multiple thinnings will yield some intermediate product until the final harvest just a few decades or less in the future.

In school many years ago, one of our field trips was to a bottomland of the Mississippi River where Westvaco was working in the same way with hardwoods. It was using Populus and sycamore in plantations to grow for pulpwood. The cottonwoods that were planted were not seedlings—they were sprouts about 18 inches long that were simply pushed into the moist soil. There they sprouted roots and grew at phenomenal rates once established. Height growth was 10 to 20 feet per year. Fertilization was not needed – spring floods brought all the fertilizer needed from ag land upstream. In ten to fifteen years these trees were ready for harvest. The sprouts came from trees that were selected and bred for superior growth.

My first forestry job was a summer job in Oregon on a timber marking/cruising crew. There I grew quickly familiar with cookbook timber management. We had only a couple of prescriptions that we followed, depending on the condition of the initial stand. One prescription was the clearcut. The other prescription was a seedtree cut. Again, this strongly followed the science of forestry at the time.

Central hardwood management as practiced around Indiana is something I feel more strongly follows the art of forestry. The management employed tries to follow the goals of the landowner. But unless the goals of the landowner are very simple such as complete removal of all the trees, the art practiced by individual foresters comes strongly into play. It is often said that if you walk five foresters into a woods, they would mark it five different ways. While that may be an exaggeration, it does highlight that though some trees may be marked by all five, there are many trees that will be marked differently by the five. The experiences and vision of each forester for what he/she sees for a woodland will come into play in the management decisions, and those decisions can all be decidedly different. It is this art that I find so interesting about working in the central hardwoods.

John Friedrich
ISAF Chair

SAF INSURANCE

I provided a short update on SAF insurance at the summer meeting, but here it is again in a nutshell. Dan Shaver first brought to our attention about the concerns over SAF insurance coverage. SAF general insurance coverage covers state societies such as ours for typical events. Those typical events are things such as the summer and winter meetings. It does not cover non-typical events that may be contained in activities of greater risk. The events definitely not covered are our fundraisers such as TSI and tree planting. Even typical events that have a higher element of risk may not be covered. If we had a meeting that involved some activity for the public, that may not be covered by the standard insurance.

You may ask why SAF does not have greater insurance coverage. The reason is simple – cost. In order to keep dues lower SAF has opted not to pay for much more expensive insurance to cover those riskier events.

We have several ways to proceed. First we can plan our events to minimize risk. Even if a typical meeting looks like it will have no issues, we should run it past the SAF insurance broker for affirmation that it is covered, just to make sure we do not put ISAF at risk. Second, for those riskier events, we can purchase additional coverage to cover the events. We are still in the process of gathering information on possible coverage, but so far it appears that our lowest grossing TSI fundraiser was still about twice as much as the cost of insurance would have been to cover it. So as long as we carefully pick and plan our special events, we should be able to get reasonable additional insurance to cover potential liability.

John Friedrich
ISAF Chair

ISAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Crowne Plaza Hotel – Indianapolis, IN

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

John Friedrich called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Jayson Waterman moved to approve the minutes from the 2009 winter meeting (2/25/2009). Second by Lenny Farlee. Approved

Lynn Andrews explained the treasurer's report. Lynn provided a handout spreadsheet showing an ending balance of \$7,722.33 in the ISAF checkbook. Brad Rody moved to accept the treasurer's report. Second by John Stambaugh. Approved

Old Business

Committee Charters – Dan Shaver has nothing to report on Committee Charters.

The FFA Convention will be October 21-23 at the Convention Center. Lee Huss will be there the first day and the last day for set-up/tear down. A sign-up sheet was passed around for others to volunteer.

Conservation Day will be in January.

HASTI Convention will be February 4th and 5th.

Hoosier Outdoor Experience will be September 25-27 at Fort Ben State Park. Brad Rody is the primary contact for this program

Costs for Sam's Club candy run approximately \$60.00 for FFA Convention and approximately \$25.00 for HASTI.

Lee Huss presented information on education materials that will help ISAF brand itself. In the past Lee had been looking into printing a set of posters. Lee suggested we look into having bandanas made instead of posters. Lee had examples from the City of Bloomington and the Hoosier National Forest.

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Janet Eger made a motion to allow Lee to work up artwork and begin the process of getting Bandanas printed. Second by Brian Gandy. Approved.

Funding for the bandanas could come from the interest off of the investment fund at the end of the year.

John Friedrich reported on insurance coverage. Anything besides normal meetings will require additional insurance coverage. John had a quote from one insurance carrier and expects others. He will forward additional insurance information to the executive committee as it comes available.

With Lynn's help, John was able to show that income from most past fundraisers generated over \$1000. (One tree planting project generated approximately \$7000.)

Jayson Waterman moved that ISAF continue to do fundraisers and moved that ISAF pursue insurance to cover these projects as long as they are profitable. Second by Lee Huss. Approved.

There was a suggestion to add a line in the budget for project insurance in the future.

John Friedrich is converting the ISAF and SAF bylaws to an electronic format. Changes are needed in the ISAF bylaws to meet SAF minimums. The biggest changes are with position statements and electronic voting. John presented a handout showing that the National SAF electronic voting flat fee structure would cost \$20.00 for 100-200 members. This is a potential savings of up to \$64.00 at \$0.42 postal rates. John hopes to have the minimum by-laws ready for the winter meeting. A suggestion was made to e-mail the by-laws before the meeting so that membership would have a chance to read them over prior to the meeting.

New Business

National SAF has an option for state societies to piggyback on their website. Lynn Andrews explained that our existing web site provider was going out-of-business and recommended another company—Canvas Dreams. Currently we are paying \$16.90 per month (\$203.00 per year).

Canvas Dreams will charge either \$5.40 per month (\$64.80/year) or \$10.72 per month (\$128.60/year) depending on how much information we post. Our current provider will assist with the transfer to the new site and continue posting our information for the next 3 years.

Janet Eger made a motion to transfer our website to Canvas Dreams web hosting and allow our existing provider (Leslie) to convert ISAF over and continue posting for the next 3 years. Brad Rody second. Approved.

Thus, the decision was made not to piggyback on the National SAF website because it would be more expensive.

The National SAF conference will be held in Orlando FL. John Friedrich is planning to attend.

Lynn Andrews reported that ISAF will probably be asked to do the registration for the HEE conference again this year (in March??)

ISAF needs a representative for the Call-Before-You-Cut program. A presentation on this program is part of the ISAF meeting.

An issue of harvesting in the back-county area of Morgan-Monroe has been assigned to the legislative summer study committee. A DNR, Division of Forestry timber sale has been delayed. ISAF has an existing position statement about harvesting on state lands. There was a recommendation and consensus to develop a cover letter addressing the specific issues and use the existing position statement. John Friedrich and Lee Huss will coordinate.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – The newsletter went out on time and people have positive comments about the electronic version. The next newsletter deadline is September 15th.

History – Brad Rody continues to collect information. He has made improvements to the cabinet where the archives are stored. Ball State University and Duke University offer archive storage for different organizations. Brad will check into these options and report back.

Communication – Teena Ligman was not present. Lynn Andrews reported earlier about the website.

Membership (Written report from John Stambaugh) – ISAF needs to retain members and recruit purged members back into the fold. New foresters entering the workforce need to be recruited. Industry foresters need to be approached to join.

National SAF has a payment plan for those who want this option.

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Foresters Fund – Darrell Breedlove reports there will be a Stump-hole tournament tonight. He reports that Don McGuire's forestry books sold well. Darrell gave some background information about the Foresters Fund.

Education – Lenny Farlee reports that the December pesticide meeting will continue. Lenny may ask ISAF to sponsor a summer pesticide meeting. He also reports that there will be an Ash Symposium March 9-11, 2010.

Policy – Bill Minter is writing a policy article for the Woodland Steward Newsletter) on forest policy under the new administration (Obama Administration).

Awards – Dale Weigel was awarded SAF fellow.

Fundraising – Brian Gandy is working with a landowner to do a TSI fundraiser this fall.

Investment – Dale Weigel presented a written semi-annual report for 2009.

Highlights:

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The stock market has had a positive year to date. The endowment has gained roughly 25% from the start of the year.

The balance between the stock fund and the bond fund is 62/38. It is outside the 70/30 split as called for in the Investment Committee Charter. An investment reallocation will be made.

Audit – Jayson Waterman will audit the investment fund during this meeting.

A motion was made by Jayson Waterman to adjourn at 11:40 A.M. Janet Eger second. Motion passed.

Those attending included Brian Gandy, Lynn Andrews, Janet Eger, Lenny Farlee, Doug Brown, John Friedrich, Bill Minter, Jayson Waterman, Brad Rody, Darrell Breedlove, John Stambaugh, Lee Huss, and Rob McGriff

Rob McGriff, ISAF Secretary

ISAF Business Meeting Minutes

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John Friedrich passed out "Trees are the Answer" bumper stickers.

John Friedrich reported on insurance coverage. Anything besides normal meetings will require additional insurance coverage. John explained that the executive committee had approved a motion to pursue insurance coverage for fundraising.

With Lynn's help, John was able to show that income from most past fundraisers generated over \$1000. (One tree planting project generated approximately \$7000.)

Dale Weigel moved that ISAF continue to do fundraisers and moved that ISAF pursue insurance to cover these projects as long as they are profitable. Second by Janet Eger. Approved.

There was discussion on what constituted a profitable project.

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John Seifert brought up the issue of harvesting timber in back county areas of State Forests and asked for support as the issue moves through the legislative summer study committee. John Friedrich highlighted the discus-

sion of the Executive Committee. ISAF has an existing position statement about harvesting on state lands. There was a recommendation and consensus to develop a cover letter addressing the specific issues and use the existing position statement. John Friedrich and Lee Huss will coordinate. Dan McGuckin and Lynn Andrews also volunteered to represent ISAF on this issue. Mr. Seifert encouraged ISAF to have a person attend the summer study committee hearing if possible.

John Friedrich asked for membership to help Brian Gandy with the coordination and planning of the winter meeting. Mike Spaulding, John Friedrich, Brian Gandy and Darrell Breedlove volunteered to assist.

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Communication – Teena Ligman was not present. Lynn Andrews reported earlier about the website.

Science/Technology – No report. John Seifert reported that all IDNR foresters are asked to meet ISAF Certified Forester requirements.

Membership (Written report from John Stambaugh) – ISAF needs to retain members and recruit purged members back into the fold. New foresters entering the workforce need to be recruited. Industry foresters need to be approached to join. John Friedrich reported that membership in July 2008 was 163 and had dropped to 153 members in July 2009.

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Education – Lenny Farlee reports that the December pesticide meeting will continue. He also reported that there will be an Ash Symposium March 9-11, 2010.

Continuing Education – Carl Hauser reported that this meeting is worth 8 hours of category 1 credit. Continue to submit any continuing education agendas to Carl for approval.

Policy – Bill Minter is writing a policy article for the Woodland Steward Newsletter) on forest policy under the new administration (Obama Administration).

Bill also gave an update about the position statement on multiple-use management of State Forests and ISAF response to Morgan Monroe State Forest back county harvesting.

Awards – Dale Weigel was awarded SAF fellow. No presentation was made because the award had not yet arrived from National SAF.

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Audit – Jayson Waterman reported that the investment fund had been audited and the records were in order.

Nominating – No report

Teller Committee – No report

Purdue Student Chapter – No report

A motion was made by Janet Eger to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Dale Weigel second. Motion passed.

Rob McGriff, I SAF Secretary

A TRIP TO THE WOODS

Though the forecast was for rain and most of us started out in rain gear, the day turned out perfect for an SAF field trip to the woods. We began at the Lugar's Farm where Bob Lugar welcomed us and gave us an overview of what we would see that morning. He spoke fondly of the walnut plantations that flourished on his family's farm and said that working with trees has been some of the best times he's been able to bond with his father. "Out here my dad's not Senator Lugar, he's just a regular guy who grabs a saw and prunes walnuts and works all day with me," Bob says with a warm smile, "It's a chance for us to spend time together."

The Lugar's Farm has some amazing stands of walnut and white pine. The group made a few stops just to wander through the stands and marvel over the growth the trees had made. At the bottom of the hill we met up with Jim McKenna, a Forest Service researcher who showed us two different fenced research plantations on the farm. The first had a variety of species involved with genetic improvement of black walnut.

The second fenced plantation was grafted black/English walnut trees that were showing amazing promise. It was a novel research study that intrigued the group. We also looked at a recent timber sale on the farm and another newly planted plantation.

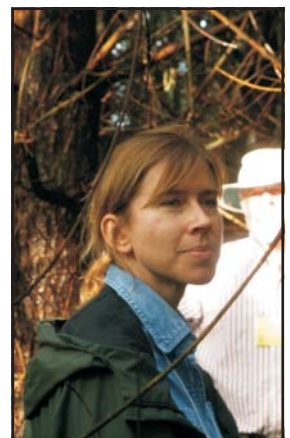
From the Lugar's farm we went to lunch then on to the Thiesing Veneer Mill. This family-owned mill in Mooresville included several highlights. One was the most extensive collection of wood samples any of us had ever seen including a sizeable plank of poison oak wood! The offices of the mill were some of the most beautiful paneling we'd seen and the largest room was done entirely with the wood from one walnut tree. As we toured

the mill we were treated to explanations of how they are using technology and skill to maximize the volume of our hardwood lumber. It was an impressive operation.

We then went next door and toured the GR Wood facility and learned more about this companion piece of the industry. GR Wood is one of only a handful of customers to Thiesing and actually owns the logs brought to the mill, which are turned into veneer and then returned to GR Wood where they are graded, sorted, and sent to customers all over the world. As foresters we got a good feel for this very specific marketing end of the industry.

It was a good day, well organized, with a good mix of subjects and you can't beat the company!

Teena Ligman
Communications Chair





IN SAF BY THE NUMBERS

Last July (2008), ISAF membership was at 163 (142 Members + 21 Students at Purdue).

As of July 2009, we are now at 153 (137 Members + 16 Students).

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

The membership completed a survey offered by the national office that sought input from state societies on how it can better support, retain, and restore membership. Membership submitted comments provided by the Executive Committee.

Based on feedback, the economic downturn has been a contributing factor in this recent loss of membership. Hopefully, attrition will let up next year.

Perhaps we need to make a special effort to reach out to IHLA & IFIC. A joint meeting may be in order.

John Stambaugh
Membership Chair

FUN AND FORESTERS' FUND

The winners of the fourth Foresters Fund "stump hole" tournament were Dan Shaver and Dan McGuckin, aka (Dan)2. The tournament was held after the summer ISAF business meeting with six teams competing. Runners-up were Brad Rody and Jayson Waterman. The defending champions (Doug and Darrell) and previous title holders (Brian and Lynn) fell by the wayside in the first and second rounds. It goes to show that everyone had a good chance of splitting the pot with the Forester's Fund. Partly due to a generous donation by (Dan)2, we were able to raise \$70 this time. It was the only fund raiser for 2009.

I am planning an auction for the 2010 winter meeting. If anyone has items to donate, please contact me or just bring them to the winter meeting. The date and location haven't been decided yet.

Darrell Breedlove
Forester's Fund Chair

CONTINUING EDUCATION

To check out the CFE program, become a Certified Forester, or submit continuing education credits online, go to the SAF website at www.safnet.org and select Certification, Continuing Education (www.safnet.org/certifiedforester/index.cfm).

The list below includes all known CFE events in Indiana from January 2008 through December 2009. If you know of an event for which CFE credits should have been given, but the event is not on the list, send a detailed agenda and it will be added, if possible.

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Date	Event Name	Date	Event Name
2/27/2008 - 2/28/2008	Indiana SAF Winter Meeting	7/30/2008	Indiana Chain-of-Custody Seminar
8/26/2008 - 8/27/2008	Indiana SAF 2008 Summer Meeting	7/31/2008	Indiana Chain-of-Custody Seminar
2/25/2009 - 2/27/2009	Emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Conservation and Management	9/17/2008 - 9/18/2008	CMF Section Meeting
1/25/2008	2008 Advanced Refresher Training	9/18/2008	Urban Forest Management Plans
2/5/2008 - 2/6/2008	Division of Forestry Annual Meeting	10/14/2008	SIPAC Forestry Tour
2/6/2008 - 2/7/2008	IHLA 110th Annual Convention & Exposition	10/16/2008	Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center Advisory comm Mtg
2/13/2008	Informational Meeting for Prospective Buyers on Research Forest Timber	10/21/2008	Technical Forestry Topics: Introduction to FVS
3/5/2008	Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Timber Industry Meeting	10/21/2008	Property/Resource Managers Field Day
3/7/2008	Historic Hoosier Hills RD&D Timber Industry Meeting	12/10/2008 - 12/11/2008	Midwest Invasives Plant Network Invasive Symposium
4/8/2008 - 4/9/2008	Central Hardwood Forest Conference	12/19/2008	Forest Pesticide Training Program
4/10/2008	Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment 2008 Annual Meeting	2/26/2009	The Growing Threat of Invasive Species
4/10/2008	Central Hardwood Forest Conference Field Trip	3/10/2009	Boundaries and Landmarks – CANCELED
4/14/2008	Indiana Logger BMP Training	4/2/2009	TCruise Training for IDOF
4/16/2008	Indiana Forest Industry Council Annual Meeting	5/5/2009 - 5/6/2009	Hardwood Log, Lumber & Tree Grading Workshop
4/23/2008 - 4/25/2008	Hoosier National Forest Qualified Cruiser Training	5/29/2009 - 5/31/2009	The Natural History of Forested Wetlands
4/25/2008 - 4/28/2008	QDMA Reach Program – Deer Steward I	6/16/2009	2009 Invasive Plant Management Field Day
4/29/2008 - 5/1/2008	White Oak Veneer Log Grading and Slicing	8/2/2009 - 8/5/2009	Back Again in Indiana – Walnut Council Annual Meeting
5/5/2008	DNR GIS Road Show	8/18/2009	Summer IACF Meeting
5/7/2008	DNR GIS Road Show	8/19/2009 - 8/20/2009	2009 Summer Meeting - Indiana SAF
5/8/2008 - 5/9/2008	Faculty Intensive Workshop Sessions	10/13/2009 - 10/15/2009	29th Annual Central States Forest Soils Workshop
5/9/2008	DNR GIS Road Show		
5/13/2008	DNR GIS Road Show		
Date	Event Name		
5/14/2008	Division of Forestry BMP Training		
5/15/2008	DNR GIS Road Show		
7/29/2008	Indiana Chain-of-Custody Certification Seminar		

INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIP

Did your ears temporarily close while listening to a speaker at the recent ISAF meeting in Indianapolis? And, you missed something you really wanted to hear. Or, you're not sure the speaker said what you now remember? Never fear—everything you want to know (or know again!) is at your fingertips by browsing the ISAF's website. Each speaker's power point presentation is available to view or review as needed. And, it's always a good opportunity to see whatever information is posted on the website!



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A Symposium on Ash Trees In North America

The USDA Forest Service and Purdue University are sponsoring a symposium to explore the value and preservation of ash (*Fraxinus sp.*) in North America. The meeting is scheduled from Tuesday, March 9 through Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the University Plaza Hotel in West Lafayette, Indiana. The symposium will be open to all but of special interest to researchers, industries and businesses that use ash, nursery growers, urban resource specialists, community leaders, educators, forest managers, and regulators.

Ash trees have been important to the people of North America for thousands of years. Native Americans used black ash for baskets utilized for many activities of daily life and European settlers relied on ash lumber for construction and tools important in industry and agriculture. The shade provided by ash trees cools homes and protects them from strong winds. Ash shelters and stabilizes many riparian zones and wetlands, providing clear, clean water and habitat for a variety of plants and animals. The measurable economic value of ash is huge. It is estimated that the value of ash timber grown in the eastern United States is about \$25 billion and that the total value of ash trees in communities across the continent is between \$20 to \$60 billion. Ash in North America provides diverse products and benefits to communities, industries, and the environment.

This symposium brings together experts on the many facets of the ash resource to highlight the overall significance of ash trees to life in North America. The meeting will feature a versatile agenda that addresses the distribution of ash throughout North America, the role of ash species in natural areas, forest management both before and after the arrival of EAB, ash in today's hardwood markets, novel methods of ash utilization, resistance mechanisms in ash to EAB, climate change as a threat to the resource, the role of ash in Native American culture, and management of ash in the presence of emerald ash borers.

The symposium will also be a place for students and professionals to exhibit posters on work addressing ash utilization, research, education, or extension work in North America. Poster abstracts submitted before the December 1 deadline and accepted for publication will be published in the symposium proceedings.

For more information on the Symposium on Ash Trees in North America, registering for the meeting, and submitting poster abstracts, please visit:

<http://www.fnr.purdue.edu/ashsymposium/index.htm>

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