



National Capital Society of American Foresters



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Chair's Corner Good-by 2007, Hello 2008!

I am honored, humbled, and excited to serve as your chair for 2008. Honored that you have placed your trust in me to continue the great work of NCSAF, humbled because so many of you have so much wisdom and experience that you have gained at the national level and in the outlying “shadows” of the nation’s Capital, and excited because of the many new challenges and opportunities that are likely to present themselves this year.

My tenure in Washington DC has not been that long. I was loaned by the Ohio State University Extension Service to USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service in spring 2002 for a six-month special project to work on the 2002 Farm Bill.....and I never returned. In the five years since I’ve been here, I have met many fellow SAF members as I’ve traveled around the country to the land-grant universities, and I have met many of you through my work as well as through NCSAF activities. But I haven’t met nearly enough of you yet!

This is the occasion, I suppose, when you would expect me to describe my goals for the year. I am a bit reluctant to do that, only because I would hope that we have *shared* goals, and I don’t want to assume that I know what your NCSAF goals are. That said, however, I will do all I can this year:

- To ensure that NCSAF is relevant to you as a professional forester and that you consider your membership to be of value to you,
- To ensure that NCSAF is addressing the important issues that impact the profession of forestry and the nation’s forest resources, and
- To “set the table” for meaningful dialogue to occur across all of the various sectors of the forestry community. The only way we can advance our profession and the resources we are entrusted with is to listen and learn from each other, regardless of whether we agree.

One of the important issues for SAF in 2008 is the proposed purchase of Wild Acres by the Nation’s Academy. NCSAF has a special affinity for Wild Acres. We conduct the annual national phonathon there, organize landscape cleanups, and gather for social events and fellowship. In recent years, two of our members were married to each other at a ceremony at Wild Acres. The NCSAF Executive Committee is committed to establishing the appropriate communication channels with the national staff and the membership at large to provide perspectives regarding the location of the national office, what our paid staff has been able to accomplish by being located in the DC area, and what the grander aspirations for SAF might be.

A brief summary of the work your executive committee did at the annual planning meeting is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. We have much enthusiasm, creativity and commitment on the committee and we hope that our plans meet your expectations for your professional society. The work that we hope to accomplish in 2008 is made possible by the great leadership provided by last year's Chair, Wilhelmina Bratton, and the 2007 executive committee. We are indebted to them for providing us with a great launching pad for the coming 12 months.

Lastly, I have two requests of each of you:

1. Commit to participate in at least one NCSAF event this year – a monthly luncheon, the December holiday party, or any other activity. I think you will find it worth your time.
2. Don't be silent about the profession of forestry or the issues facing the nation's forest resources. Let me know your thoughts, opinions and suggestions. Call me at (202) 401-5971 or send me an e-mail at enorland@csrees.usda.gov

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2008, and stay tuned!

**Eric Norland
NCSAF Chair**

2008 Executive Committee Goes to Work!



Your NCSAF Executive Committee started the New Year with its annual planning meeting at the SAF National Office on Saturday morning, January 12. Your elected officers and appointed committee chairs – 19 members – spent four hours making plans for 2008. If we complete even half of what we discussed, we believe that NCSAF will have a great year! Among the many items discussed and planned include:

- Continuing our monthly luncheon programs. We will seek interesting and knowledgeable speakers from throughout the forestry community – agencies, environmental NGO's, the forest industry, and others. We believe that is important and necessary to know, understand, and appreciate the varying perspectives and agendas that exist. NCSAF members need to know what others are doing and saying.
- Placing an emphasis on identifying, recruiting, and involving young professionals in NCSAF. There are many forestry interns through the DC area, as well as young professionals in many sectors of the forestry community in DC. They are the future of forestry and we need to cheer them on and assist however we can. Watch for programs and activities that will hopefully attract and enable the next generation of forestry professionals to be active NCSAF members.
- As opportunities present themselves, we will work with the national forest policy director and committee to do important Congressional outreach. Not a week or month goes by in which the national staff is involved in some aspect of Congress' work. There is an important role for

NCSAF in these efforts. When we see an opportunity for NCSAF to make a contribution, we will take it.

- 2008 will mark the first year of electronic balloting for national and society officers. NCSAF will utilize the electronic balloting process that has been developed by the national staff.
- NCSAF will participate in Capital Science on March 29-30 in Arlington, VA. See the article on this elsewhere in the newsletter. It represents a great opportunity for NCSAF members to engage with and benefit from the work of other science societies.
- A renewed commitment to do the very best we can with regard to communicating with our members. We will maintain the website (www.ncsaf.org), send monthly newsletters containing timely information and updates about NCSAF happenings, and notify members by e-mail of upcoming events or breaking news.
- We will honor several members who will achieve 50 and 60 years of membership in 2008, as well as many who will receive “decade” pins for their years of membership.
- The Executive Committee will work with the national staff and council in ways to be appropriately involved in the pending sale of Wild Acres and the relocation of SAF. As the “state society” for the nation’s capital, we have the unique opportunity and responsibility to help members in NCSAF and beyond to understand the unique benefit of having the national office located in the DC area.
- We will continue our project of service to the entire Society of American Foresters by conducting the National Phonathon for three evenings in May. More details on this will be forthcoming.

All of this, and more, bode well for a great year in 2008. Most of the work of NCSAF is done by the members of the Executive Committee. They are listed in the Leadership Team roster in this newsletter. When you see them, I encourage you to say “Thanks for what you contribute to NCSAF!”

Eric Norland
NCSAF Chair

The Washington Academy of Sciences & Its Affiliates
Present CAPITAL SCIENCE 2008
NSF Conference Facility, Arlington, VA - March 29-30, 2008

On Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, 2008, The Washington Academy of Sciences (WAS) and its Affiliated Societies will hold the third in a series of biennial pan-Affiliate Conferences, **Capital Science 2008 (CapSci-08)**. It will be held in the Conference Facility of the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA at the Ballston Metro stop. With more than 20 of WAS Affiliates participating, the Conference will serve as an umbrella for scientific presentations, seminars, tutorials, and talks. These pan-Affiliate Conferences underline the fact that the Washington, DC area is not only the political capital of the country but, in many respects, the nation's intellectual capital -- with several major universities and government laboratories that are the homes of an astonishing number of Nobel laureates.

The Conference has scheduled several national and world-renowned plenary and keynote speakers on the following topics:

- International polar research
- Public outreach and space telescope science
- Tissue ownership, ethics, legal and policy considerations

- National cancer research
- Science and engineering in the courtroom: ethics and the expert witness

Additional information – including Conference highlights, a list of participating societies, schedule of presentations, abstracts of talks, fees, registration information and instructions for presenters are available at: <http://www.washacadsci.org/capsci08/Index.htm> .

The NCSAF plans to host sessions at CapSci-08. In a few days, you will receive an E-mail *Call for Participation* for our NCSAF events. There are several topics in forest science that would be of strong interest to many of the other affiliated societies at the conference, as well as to our own members in the national capital area. I urge NCSAF members to attend the conference and take this biennial opportunity to connect with and represent forest sciences in the greater science community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions on this event or would like to participate in either of the NCSAF sessions as a speaker or panelist. **The policy of WAS, for CapSci events, is that all submissions for papers, speakers or panelists must go through an affiliated society representative.**

Any questions, please contact Denise Ingram at cdingram@fs.fed.us or (202) 205-3611.

Denise Ingram
S&T Coordinator and WAS Liaison

Treasurer's Report

This report is my first as incoming NCSAF Treasurer for 2008. It consists of two main parts: a year-end 2007 financial statement, prepared by outgoing Treasurer Doug Powell and a 2008 NCSAF budget as prepared and adopted, along with the aforementioned financial statement, by the NCSAF Executive Committee, meeting at National SAF headquarters (Wildacres) on January 12, 2008.

	2007 Year-End Budget Summary Report 1/1/07 through 12/31/07	2008 NCSAF Budget Projected Income and Recurring Expenses
Category	Yearly Amount	Yearly Amount
Income/Expenses		
Income		
Auction income	2,184.95	2,200.00
Dues Disbursements	2,214.00	2,200.00
Grant from Foresters Fund	0.00	0.00
Interest & Dividends	836.65	100.00
Issues Forum Income	0.00	100.00
Luncheon Receipts	4,518.00	3,500.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00
Raffles	268.00	0.00
Maturing CD		3,360.00
Total Income	10,021.60	11,360.00

Expenses		
Awards-Recognition	303.02	250.00
Congressional Outreach	2,600 .02	0.00
Foresters Fund	500.00	260.00
Holiday Party	4,008.49	4,000
HSD Assessment	145.04	150.00
Issues Forum expenses	0.00	0.00
Leadership Academy	0.00	0.00
Luncheon meals	4,402.86	4,000
Mailing		250.00
D.C. Forester	55.66	not broken out
Other	296.80	not broken out
Total Mailing	352.46	250.00
Misc. expenses	372.36	100.00
WAS CapSci Conferemce		300.00
Web Site	138.80	0.00
Project for CD funds		3,360.00
Total Expenses	<u>12.823.03</u>	<u>12,670.00</u>
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Total Budget Income:		11,360.00
Total Budget Expenses;		12,670 .00
: Difference		(-1,310.00)

A new item in this year's budget is \$300 to be used to support NCSAF participation in the upcoming Washington Academy of Science CapSci conference, March 29-30. The projects for CD funds item relates to income to come from the anticipated cashing in of one CD.

The NCSAF balance sheet as of 1/11/08 consists of \$6,562.69 in an AFCU bank account, including \$650 dollars of due reimbursement from national SAF on January 11; \$10,000 petty cash and five CD certificates totaling \$16,258.56 for total assets of \$22,840.23. Our liabilities are 0.00, giving us equity of \$22,840.23.

The audit committee is now reviewing the 2007 financial records and will report its findings in the next issue of the *DC Forester*.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Treasurer Dick Pardo (rardo@mrjs.com) or any member of the executive committee.

Richard Pardo
Treasurer

NCSAF Membership Update

NCSAF Membership Update – January 2008

As of the end of 2007, NCSAF had a total of 284 members, which was 11 less than our 2007 membership goal of 295. Accordingly, our NCSAF membership goal for 2008 will be the 2007 ending total, plus one, or 285.

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in December:

Transferred Out

Adela Backiel, CF, to Upper Peninsula, MI Chapter
William Banzhaf, CF, to Upper Peninsula, MI Chapter
J. Lamar Beasley, to no State Society
Rodney Sallee, to no State Society

Transferred In

David Hoge, with USDA, from Chattahoochee Chapter

Jim Culbert
Membership Committee Chair

2008 NCSAF Calendar of Events

Date	Description	Contact
January 31	NCSAF Luncheon McKinley-Ben Miller, Bureau of Land Management	Laura Schweitzer
February 14	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
February 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
February 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
March 13	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
March 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
March 20 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
March 29-30	Capital Science 2008	Denise Ingram
April 10	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
April 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
April 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (location TBD)	Eric Norland
May 6, 7, and 14	NCSAF Phonathon	Doug Crandall
May 8	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
May 15 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
May 16	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
June 12	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
June 19 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
June 20	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler

2008 NCSAF Calendar of Events (*continued*)

Date	Description	Contact
July 10	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
July 17 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
August 14	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
August 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
August 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
September 11	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
September 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
September 18 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
October 9	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
October 16 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (location TBD)	Eric Norland
October 17	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
November 5-9	SAF National Convention Reno/Tahoe, NV	www.safnet.org
November 13	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
November 14	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
November 20 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
December 11	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
December 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
December 18 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Joint 2008 & 2009 NCSAF Executive Committees (location TBD)	Eric Norland

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