May 21st—NCSAF Luncheon

USDA Secretary’s Dining Room, 11:45am-1pm

Forestry in the BLM:

Challenges and Opportunities

Neil Kornze, Principal Deputy Director of the Bureau of Land Management

And

Ed Roberson, Assistant Director for Renewable Resources & Planning

Neil Kornze is the Principal Deputy Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Neil oversees the agency’s management of more than 245 million acres of public land nationwide. Prior to serving in his current role, Neil was the BLM’s Acting Deputy Director for Policy and Programs. Kornze joined the organization in January 2011 as a Senior Advisor to the Director. In these roles, he worked on a broad range of issues, including renewable and conventional energy development, transmission siting, and conservation policy. Neil was a key player in the development of the Western Solar Plan and the agency’s successful authorization of more than 10,000 megawatts of renewable energy, surpassing a congressionally-established goal three years ahead of schedule. He has also been active in tribal consultation, especially as it relates to oil and gas and renewable energy development. Before coming to the BLM, Neil worked as a Senior Advisor to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. In his work for Senator Reid, which spanned from early 2003 to early 2011, he worked on a variety of public lands issues, including renewable energy development, mining, water, outdoor recreation, rural development, and wildlife. Neil played a central role in the development and passage of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 which designated two million acres of wilderness, over 1,000 miles of wild and scenic rivers and three national park units. Neil has worked in East Africa, served as an international election observer in Macedonia, Ukraine, and Georgia and was a contributor to The Oxford Companion to American Law.

Spring Is Here—A word from our Chair

It’s a perfect Sunday afternoon at my home in Arlington, Virginia. The sun is out, the temperature is about 60 degrees and the azaleas are in full bloom! And the trees are in the act too with oak blossoms covering the ground and my roof – a bit of gutter cleaning is now on my “to do” list.

As I write this note to NCSAF members, I am reflecting back on my years with SAF and to those April 30 phone conversations I had with “members on the edge” during our annual NCSAF phoneathon at the SAF national office at Wild Acres. This was my first time participating in the phoneathon. Many thanks to Chinling Chen for her great work serving as our phoneathon chair and for organizing this year’s event.

I’ve been to Wild Acres quite a few times, but every time I am there I can’t help but be caught up in the history of SAF and spend at least several minutes looking at the pictures

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The NCSAF chapter has a tradition to run a phonathon in the Spring of each year. In this volunteer event, NCSAF members help to get in touch with members (nationwide) who had not renewed their SAF membership. The goal is to touch base with these members and encourage them to continue their membership with SAF and enjoy various membership benefits. Membership benefits include access to online journal articles, monthly newsletter and weekly updates electronically. In addition, a discounted rate to the annual SAF National convention, discounted insurance and point reward system to large chain stories (for a complete list, see http://www.safnet.org/join/benefits.cfm).

In the evenings of April 24th and 30th, around 10 NCSAF members gathered together at the SAF Headquarter in Bethesda. After a brief introduction and explanation of how to operate the voice over IP (voice over Internet Protocol) phone system, we started calling individual SAF members who have not renewed their membership. The night went by really fast. When we do reach a real person on the phone, we ask if they have considered renewing membership with SAF. If so, they can either renew online or give their credit card information over the phone. For those who are not going to renew, some said that they will consider rejoining once they secured a full time job. Others had changed profession or no longer find SAF beneficial to them.

Christopher Whited, the Senior Membership and Marketing Director in the SAF Headquarter emphasized the importance of local chapters. For those members who renewed every year, one major reason is that their local chapters are relatively active. When local chapters host events and create networking opportunities for members, the value added to being a SAF member becomes more apparent.

Thanks to all phoneathon volunteers this year. We could not have done it without your support.

—Chinling Chen is the 2013 Service Chair—

Join the NCSAF Executive Team!

The 2013 NCSAF Executive team is almost complete. See all the officers, their responsibilities and contact information at the NCSAF web site at http://www.ncsaf.org/

The two positions still vacant are the Tellers and Auditors Chair and the Policy Chair, and opportunities exist for 2013 on the Program Committee as well.

The Tellers and Auditors combined Chair is responsible for counting the ballots for annual elections of NCSAF officers, and for other special elections as may be required. The position also certifies the results of these elections, as well are responsible for periodically auditing the financial records the NCSAF. This is a low-burden, but critical role within the organization, and a great way to initially join the Executive team.

The Policy Chair makes recommendations to the executive committee concerning matters of policy on issues of concern to the chapter. Because of overlaps with SAF HQ and the Program Committee, this position can be as easy or in-depth as the Chair decides making it a great position for someone to grow into. Illustrative activities might include:

- Provide periodic outreach and educational opportunities to government and congressional representatives on natural resource issues in coordination with the SAF National Office.
- Regularly update membership on emerging policy and legislative issues.
- Prepare position statements on state and local forestry and other natural resources issues.

Program Committee Members work with the Programs Chair to implement the NCSAF monthly luncheons.

For more info or to express interest in these opportunities, contact Andy Mason at amason@fs.fed.us

—Tim Resch & Chris Farley—
of past SAF presidents. Over my 34+ years as a SAF member I have been fortunate to know quite a few SAF Presidents. Tom Borden, SAF President (1982-83) and long-time Colorado State Forester, is the most memorable because of an impression he made on me as I began my career as a professional forester with the Colorado State Forest Service. I believe it was 1978 that I received a raise and with it a fairly strong hint from the State Forester (J) that if I and other young foresters were not currently SAF members we should strongly consider using some of that raise to correct the deficiency. I had previously been a SAF member while a student at Colorado State University and let my membership lapse after graduation. Tom Borden’s “hint” was a real turning point for me, and I still look back on it fondly and smile. Personally and professionally, SAF has been the best investment I could have ever made and the returns are still coming in!

Well back to those “SAF members on the edge” I called during the April 30 phoneathon. All the phone calls we make during a phoneathon are to members who are about to be dropped from the roles; they have received several notices in the mail and I believe even a phone call from the National Office. During our phoneathon orientation, SAF Membership Director Christopher Whited told us what to expect: we would commonly talk to answering machines; we could expect to hear about issues with unemployed members having difficulty paying their dues; and perhaps even have some very difficult conversations where he would be willing to talk to the member if we needed help. We were encouraged to not speak from a script and to try to have a conversation with the member about SAF (e.g., what services did the member think they were getting or not getting from SAF?)

My experience at the phoneathon was truly an eye-opener. Yes I did speak to a few answering machines, and two people were fairly abrupt (pretty obvious they were not interested in renewing), but I also had some very enlightening conversations. I spoke at some length with three retirees, two from the U.S. Forest Service and one who had worked for BLM. One of those members had recently had a stroke and was having a hard time getting around, so he wasn’t sure there was reason to remain with SAF. I was about to say thanks and goodbye and he asked me about the weather. He then asked me if his chapter was still having breakfast meetings down at a restaurant in his town. I explained to him I was calling from the national office in Maryland and didn’t know about his chapter meetings but offered to follow-up and try and find out. Next we talked about his career, where he worked, etc. I had an even longer conversation with a retiree that was also my last call that evening. As it turned out, we knew quite a few people in common from our Forest Service assignments in Washington State and Alaska, and a fire in Oregon. I really finished on a great note when this member said he would renew and he even gave me his credit card information over the phone.

So I’m thinking about SAF members “on the edge”. I’m also thinking about myself. Will I remain an active SAFer after I retire from the Forest Service? If I’m struck with illness or physical challenges, will I pay my dues and try to remain active (or at least read the Journal of Forestry and Forestry Source)? Do we have NCSAF members who are retired who would like to attend our meetings but might need a ride to and from our meetings? Are there working forestry professionals in our area that just might join SAF if we asked them to come to a meeting so they can see for themselves the benefits of being a member? The answers to both questions I believe are YES.

NCSAF’s event calendar for the remainder of 2013 presents many opportunities for engaging current and prospective SAF members. Please think about ways that you can help SAF members (old or young) and prospective members participate in upcoming NCSAF events. I hope to see you at the May 18 NCSAF social/BBQ at my home. RSVPs by May 15 please to acmason1954@gmail.com. Please contact me with your thoughts at any time about NCSAF via that same email or my home phone: 703-300-9942.

Enjoy the beautiful spring we are having in the Nation’s Capital!

—Andy Mason is the 2013 Chair of NCSAF—
Call for Nominations for WAS Award Program

The Washington Academy of Sciences was founded in 1898 by eight scientific societies to stimulate interest in the sciences and promote their advancement, and to facilitate cooperation among the scientific disciplines by convening symposia, cooperating with other scientific organizations, and awarding prizes for special scientific achievements.

The Society of American Foresters “Washington Section” joined the Academy in 1904, and SAF members appear to have received only one award - in 1904. We now have an opportunity to nominate our members for recognition of their achievements in science and technology, particularly in the biological and environmental science categories.

The attached announcement contains links to the call letter and nomination form (http://www.washacadsci.org/Activities/Awards/nomination%20form.pdf), which should be sent to NCSAF Chair, Andy Mason, amason@fs.fed.us. Environmental Science award nominees should be included under the “special category”.

—Daina Apple is the 2013 Science Committee Chair of NCSAF—

Dear Colleagues,

The Washington Academy of Sciences is now accepting nominations for its Awards program. The deadline for submissions is the first Tuesday in August. Awarded will be notified of their awards in mid-September and the Awards will be presented at our Awards Banquet on October 10.

The Awards program has been honoring outstanding scientists in the Washington area since the mid-40s. During that time we’ve recognized Nobel Prize winners and international luminaries long before the wider scientific community has noticed their accomplishments. Awarded must have done the majority of their work in the Washington DC area.

There are nine categories in which Awards may be given, though there is no expectation that an award in each category will necessarily be made every year.

- Biological Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Teaching of Science (elementary, secondary, higher, and informal education)
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Health Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Distinguished Career in Science

In addition, the Awards Committee has wide discretion to make Awards in ad hoc categories. In the past, Awards have been given for notable contributions to science policy, anthropology, and astronomy.

Please consult your Society and nominate your candidates. The Nomination form can be found at http://www.washacadsci.org/Activities/Awards/nomination%20form.pdf

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sethanne Howard
Chair, Awards Committee
Michael Goergen Shares Latest SAF Initiatives with NCSAF

Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President, Society of American Foresters, was our guest at the February luncheon hosted by American Forest and Paper Association. He provided an update on the sale of part of the Wild Acres property and the Brand Clarity Project that SAF initiated in 2012.

Wild Acres

The Wild Acres property is 26.5 acres. Prior to the recession in 2008 a developer had made a proposal to purchase the entire property and SAF would seek a new headquarters. When the recession hit, the developer withdrew their proposal. More recently, a developer approached SAF to purchase a portion of the property and to build 153 upscale townhouses on 22 of the 36 acres. The National Headquarters would remain on the property in the Grosvenor house. One building on the property would be removed and about 8 acres of greenspace would be retained and maintained by the condominium association. The area is zoned residential and the office buildings at Wild Acres are a special exemption to the zoning. The sale price of the acres to be developed is confidential. However, a $1 million deposit has been paid to SAF and another $1.5 million will be paid in May. The income from the sale will help position SAF for the future.

Clarifying and Strengthening the SAF Brand

Positioning SAF for the future is not just about financial stability. Equally important is the SAF brand and what it means to the membership and to the various publics that SAF members interact with. The brand clarity project will help SAF and its members answer three questions: 1) Who are we?, 2) What do we do, and 3) Why does it matter? The answers to these questions need to be SIMPLE, RELEVANT, and DIFFERENT in order for SAF to create greater opportunities for engagement and to inspire our members’ connections to the Society as a whole.

There is a compelling “WHY?” to the work that we do and that needs to be...

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Dr. Butler shares results of Woodland Owner Survey

USFS Researcher Brett Butler joined NCSAF in April for a NCSAF luncheon discussing preliminary results of the latest National Woodland Owners Survey. Brett works out of the Northern Research Station and co-directs the Family Forest Research Center. The U.S. Forest Service’s National Woodland Owner Survey (NWOS) contacts approximately 5,000 private forest owners from across the U.S. every year to survey: who they are, why they own land, how they have used it in the past, and how they intend to use it in the future.

According to preliminary data, there are over 10 million family forest owners, or more than 22 million family forest owners, in the United States. This ownership accounts for 35% of the nation’s forest resources and represents the largest forest ownership group in the U.S. The latest NWOS data, collected in 2011 and 2012, represent the first time the program is remeasuring the sample points – if the ownerships were the same, they were resurveyed and otherwise new ownerships were surveyed for the first time. Interesting trends are beginning to arise, most notably in landowner rationale for owning the land. It appears as though the desire to gain regular income or timber revenue from the land is of far lesser importance than the desire for scenic beauty, wildlife habitat conservation, or the maintenance of an important family legacy.

Brett and team hope to publish final results early next year.

— Christine Cadigan —
Remembering Warren Doolittle

Warren Truman Doolittle, Ph.D., SAF Fellow and National Capital Society of American Foresters member, passed away on March 20, 2013. He has truly left a legacy with his distinguished career in both the fields of research and tropical forestry.

A motivated leader, he spent his career with the USDA Forest Service in research, culminating as the Associate Deputy Chief from 1975 until retiring in 1980. He made an impact as Acting Director of Resource Policy as well as on the international forestry scene from 1976 to 1983. He continued actively in forestry as a volunteer with the International Society of Tropical Forestry, which has a memorial on their website (http://www.istf-bethesda.org/index-english.html), serving as its President from 1984 to 2001. Concurrently, he held the office of President of the Society of American Foresters in 1986, following terms in SAF Council from 1974-1975 & 1978-1979. He was honored as an SAF Fellow in 1977.

I had the honor of speaking with Mrs. Doolittle to ask permission to write this article. I commented on what a remarkable man he was, excelling at many endeavors. His heroic service in both WWII and the Korean War ensured that all his crew members survived when his planes were shot down. Mrs. Doolittle told me that she wished that the published obituary be what I should include for the article (http://www.tributes.com/show/Warren-Truman-Doolittle-95489789). She invited everyone to the funeral service on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 11 a.m. (She suggested arriving at 10:30 a.m.) at Fort Meyer, with the interment at Arlington National Cemetery following the service. A reception will follow at the Fort Meyer Officers Club. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the International Society of Tropical Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone (301)-530-4514, or to Wounded Warriors Project, online at http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/.

The Obituary is as follows:

Dr. Warren T. Doolittle, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Prince William Hospital, Manassas, VA. He was born in Webster City, IA July 24, 1921, son of Ed and Rhoda Leone Doolittle. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jane Anne (Beddow) Doolittle, daughter Linda Bushar, son-in-law Thomas Bushar, son Randolph Doolittle, daughter-in-law LaRae Doolittle, son Steven Eric Doolittle and daughter-in-law Vicki Doolittle. He is also survived by three granddaughters, one grandson, two great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

Warren was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. Serving with distinction, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the European Theater of Operations Medal with the Combat Infantry Badge, and the American Theater Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He was also awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the French Croix de Guerre medal with cluster.

I recently had the opportunity of speaking with Mr. Reimers regarding his 50-year Golden Membership with SAF.

He graduated from Colorado State University with his degree in Forestry and Range Management and MS degree from Cornell University in Natural Resource Management. Mark is married. He and his wife, Diane, have three children and six grandchildren.

He had the opportunity for work for the U. S. Forest Service for 37 years, beginning at the National Forest level. The majority of his time was spent in the Washington, D.C. area with promotions to the Director of Legislative Affairs and the Deputy Chief for Program and Legislation.

He has been retired for the last 14 years. He and his wife have had the opportunity to be volunteer coordinators in Kenya. They have worked with the non-profit Waterlines (http://waterlines.org/). Waterlines.org based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, works to provide water to a number of overseas countries. They spend the month of February each year in Kenya working to provide water to rural schools. Waterlines.org provides 75% of the cost and the school provides 25% of the cost for the water, which is obtained by “rainwater harvesting.” Recently major emphasis was placed on the need for sustainable water with the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005. USAID, or US Agency for International Development, will announce a major initiative on May 21, 2013.

Rainwater harvesting involves building a cistern to capture water and a gutter system coupled with a corrugated roof and downspouts to fill the cistern. The work is done by the Kenyans. The cistern is built of Ferrocement, which is reinforced concrete, fourteen feet in diameter, and seven feet tall. The link to forestry is the sustainable water needed to provide enough good drinking water throughout the next dry season. Mark commented, “Just as everyone needs to be involved in sustainable forestry, everyone needs to be involved in sustainable water supplies.”

I learned so much from this interview and the contributions to the world through Mark’s tireless work.

—Jeanne Kavinski is the NCSAF Membership Chair—
Warren Doolittle (cont. from pg6…)

...completing 29 missions in Europe and 17 missions in Korea. His planes were shot down several times but the crews survived as a result of heroic actions. During and after his military service Warren earned degrees from three Universities – Iowa State, Duke and finishing with a PhD in Forestry from Yale.

His professional career with the US Forest Service was distinguished as well, serving as Director of Research for the Northeastern United States and retiring as Associate Deputy Chief for Research after 38 years of service. After retirement Warren remained active, serving as president of the Society of American Foresters in 1986 and fifteen years as president of the International Society of Tropical Foresters. In 1990 Warren received the Duke University Charles W. Balston Award for Distinguished Alumni and in 2005 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Yale University.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday June 12, 2013 at the Memorial Chapel at Fort Myer followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements are being made through Pierce Funeral Home, Manassas, VA, telephone (703)-257-6028. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the International Society of Tropical Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone (301)-530-4514, or to Wounded Warriors Project, online at http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/.

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...brought to the forefront of SAF members’ connections and engagement with the publics. Sometimes when we get into the complex details of forest management our passion does not always show through and our constituents get lost in the details of our description of our work.

During the process of clarifying the brand, two key insights emerged – our members need and want a professional society and they knew that they need to learn and stay abreast of new developments in forestry – but they want to do so at the speed and ease of Facebook and Amazon.

Michael concluded this remarks with this question: Across the current activities of SAF - convention, education, accreditation, science - how would you allocate $100 in terms of benefits to members?

Write down you top three ideas to evolve SAF and its activities at the local level to better reflect the core insights of SAF’s brand framework. Send them to Michael at: goergenm@safnet.org; Twitter: @mgoergen

—Eric Norland —