

OSAF Executive Committee Update - April 2011

OSAF Executive Committee

We've started the new year with a new OSAF Executive Committee Chair. Randy Holeman from the Oklahoma chapter will be filling that role this year. Other Executive Committee members include:

Nancy Young, Chair elect
Rob Ficklin, Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Friend, Past Chair

Committee Chairs:

Larry Nance, Auditing Committee
Craig McKinley, Communications and Website Committee
Joe Friend, Membership Committee
Tom Kuzmic, Council Members, Fellows and Awards Committee
Carroll Guffey, Education Committee
Steve Burgess, Foresters' Fund Committee
Bob Levins, Historian Committee
unfilled, Nominating Committee
Sayeed Mehmood, Policy and Legislative Committee
Nancy Young, Program Committee
Jon Barry, Publicity Committee
Rod Will, Tellers Committee

Division Representatives:

Rick Harder, Oklahoma Division Chair
Terrell Baker, Arkansas Division Chair

OSAF Web Site

In case you haven't heard already, the OSAF web site is up and running. Our web site currently is hosted by the national SAF office. The address is:

<http://safnet.org/statesocieties/index.cfm>.

One of the most useful tools on the web site is the news page. Here you'll find a listing of division and chapter meetings for subunits of the OSAF. If you have any upcoming chapter meetings or other events of interest to foresters in Oklahoma or Arkansas, please contact Craig McKinley at craig.mckinley@okstate.edu and let him know about the events so he can post the information to the web site.

The executive committee met in Van Buren, Arkansas, on February 25th.

As of February 25th the OSAF checking account contains \$10,535.66. The auditing committee checked the books for 2010 and stated that everything was in order. One of the issues discussed at the executive committee meeting was reversing the slow decline in SAF membership and participation. There is no simple explanation for the decline, so resolving it is going to require several approaches. If you have some ideas that might help OSAF retain members or even gain membership, please contact Joe Friend, chair of the Membership Committee at joe.friend@arkansas.gov. If your suggestion is to reduce dues - well, we'd all like to see that. However, that is something we cannot do at the OSAF level. Send that suggestion to the national office.

During the last two or three years, the national SAF has not held its leadership academy. The leaders of District V and District IX have planned a regional leadership academy in lieu of the national academy. The academy is scheduled for July 15th - 17th, 2011, in Carbondale, IL. OSAF is chipping in \$500 to the leadership academy. Attendees would be responsible for getting themselves to Carbondale and back home. If you are interested in attending, contact Joe Friend at joe.friend@arkansas.gov or at 870-367-6767.

If you have any comments or suggestions relative to this newsletter, please contact me at jbarry@uaex.edu.

Publicity Committee Chair
Jon Barry