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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FOREST MANAGEMENT?



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Ecosystem management! New perspective! Landscape management!
Biological diversity! New forestry! Sustainable forestry!

These "buzz words" are bandied about by the media and quasi-environmental groups, often in the context that foresters and the forestry profession have fallen short of their responsibilities to serve the public of the United States. Some members of our profession have embraced these terms and in my opinion doing so is tacit admission that what our critics say about us is true.

Our adoption of these terminologies will not silence our critics - only cessation of timber harvest will suffice. Our national Society of American Foresters has endorsed a task force report "Sustaining Long-term Forest Health and Productivity", as if our past efforts have not sustained long-term forest health and productivity. I encourage all foresters, whether members of the Society of American Foresters or not, to obtain and read the document and express their opinion on the direction that the report suggests for the future of forestry.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FOREST MANAGEMENT?

My alma mater was known as the School of Natural Resources and course work included protection, wilderness, hydrology, wildlife management, soils, and recreation in addition to forest management for wood products. Harvesting courses emphasized the need for protecting the total environment. My professors instilled in their students a deep concern for all components of the forest, along with a real commitment to producing all of these benefits for the good of society. After 40 years of forestry practice in the private sector, I still have this deep commitment. And, as I look back over a career I have been privileged to pursue, I can say that I have fulfilled my youthful aspirations, met the expectations of my instructors and, I hope, made a modest contribution to the social good.

There is no question that forestry was product-oriented over the past several decades - it is what society wanted and needed. But this product-oriented forestry has produced the ecosystems, landscapes, biological diversity, new forestry, and sustainable forestry that the quasi-environmentalists now want protected from professional foresters. Product-oriented forestry is the system that produced all the other benefits desired by society under whatever name we choose to call it.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FOREST MANAGEMENT?

Our nation's forests are the most productive in the world and occupy 730 million acres of private and public ecosystems and landscapes with unparalleled biological diversity of plant and animal life, boundless recreational opportunities, protected soils and watersheds, increased carbon/oxygen exchange and a forest products industry that has provided the myriad commodity needs of 250 million people. Our forest/environmental legacy will benefit generations to come and all of us can take pride in our profession and in ourselves for having done an outstanding job of Ecosystem management! Landscape management! Biological diversity! New forestry! Sustainable forestry! FOREST MANAGEMENT!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FOREST MANAGEMENT? IT HAS WORKED!

REFLECTING ON A TRINITY OF CONCERNS



T. Waymon Paul, Chairman

I've been reflecting on many things and several issues. I have considered it appropriate to share with you my thoughts on three 'concerns' in this my last article as Board Chairman.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Recently I visited with foresters in a number of states within the southeastern U. S. All indicate that they are implementing forestry practices that comply with the BMP's. Each recognizes the importance of BMP's. Foresters are the leaders in conservation practices because they are true professionals. Let's all keep up the good work started in the past and continued in the present.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Landowners throughout Alabama have organized a group called STEWARDS. Its goal is to encourage good conservation practices and to protect private property rights. Foresters need to become involved in this effort. Information about the group may be obtained by contacting the Board's Office Manager, Pamela Sears. Feel free to discuss the goals of this group with any member of the Board. You will find their names listed elsewhere in this issue of The REGISTERED FORESTER.

2 STATE FORESTER RETIRES

Cecil W. 'Bill' Moody recently retired as State Forester, Alabama Forestry Commission. He has been a staunch supporter of the Registration and Licensing of foresters and has made possible the efficient and economic operations of the State Board of Registration for Foresters. On behalf of the current Board as well as past members of it, I express sincere appreciation to Bill for this support and his enthusiastic leadership in all phases of forestry. His influence has extended well beyond the boundaries of Alabama through his leadership and input within the Association of State Foresters. Other members of this Board join with me in expressing to Bill Moody our sincere wishes for a happy, busy, and enjoyable retirement. Thank you Bill for everything. We all know you will lend your efforts as a private citizen to the efforts of others for the general good of Forestry and the profession of forestry.

REGULAR MEETING IN JULY/Facts and Figures

Due to the illness of Chairman T. Waymon Paul, Vice Chairman Jim Spears presided. Seven new applications were reviewed. The last to apply for registration was applicant No. 1,709. This compares with 1,528 licenses issued since January 1958. Six applications for reciprocity were approved; Two from Mississippi and four from Georgia. Seventeen recent graduates of accredited forestry schools were certified as Forestry Interns. This brings to 552 the number of certifications granted to date.

Oral examinations were administered to six applicants on July 27. The Oral Examination panel participated including Melisa Himel (alternate for Tom Lines), Mark Elliott (alternate for Rick Jones), Darrel Gates, and Fred Forstall.

The Roster of Registered Foresters, issued in alternate, even-numbered years will be distributed to all registrants without charge. Additional copies of the Roster will be billed at the nominal price of \$5 each.

The Board reaffirmed its reciprocity relationship with four states - Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Registration fees in these states range from \$25 to \$80 with Renewal fees ranging from \$25 to \$40. Alabama charges other states an amount equal to that charged Alabama residents.

An audit of the Board's financial and other records was reported underway by the office of the Examiners of Public Accounts in advance of a review by the Legislative Sunset Committee.

Nine reported cases of violation were reviewed, acted on, or dismissed. Violations chairman Lowe has been making a continuing study of all legal aspects involved, assisted in this effort by Assistant Attorney General Gerri Grant.

An intensive effort is being made by the Board to further provide both the public and those registered with information about the 1975 Code of Alabama - Chapter 12 (Foresters Licensing).

VOICES FROM THE SOUTH

(Recollections of Four Foresters)
Oral Interviews - Elwood R. Maunder
Forest History Society
1977

The paper-back book titled "Voices From The South" contains some of the most prophetic forecasts by Inman F. Eldredge, Elwood L. Demmon, Walter J. Damtoft, and Clinton H. Coulter. These persons spoke for the record from New Orleans, Asheville, Asheville, and Tallahassee, respectively.

"Cap" Eldredge to some, was chosen because of his southern heritage and participation in the Forest Survey during the 1930s. Demmon served as director, Southern Forest Experiment Station during the crucial years of forestry development in the 1930s and 1940s. Damtoft had the distinction of being the first, full-time industrial forester in the South. Coulter represented a level of state government as he tells his story of conservation in the early days.

2A Eldredge was a great storyteller according to those who knew him personally. He entered the field of forestry because of the idealistic pictures of the profession painted by Gifford Pinchot, U.S. Forest Service. He trained at the Biltmore Forest School under Carl Schenck.

Demmon was drawn to the Southern Station from a career in tropical forestry with a major rubber company. His early entry into research led to his becoming director of two Forest Service Experiment Stations in the South. Although a Yankee transplant, he grew and flourished in the South as easily as the pine trees identified with it.

Damtoft was inspired by the conservation philosophy of Pinchot and joined with William L. Hall on timberland acquisition for national forests in the South. The Champion Fibre Company, Canton, North Carolina hired Damtoft where he became known for his unique and productive efforts to control fire, manage smoke, and reduce losses from wild fire without the help of real models to follow.

Coulter, sincere and slow spoken, became involved in the conservation movement in Florida. He worked his way up to State Forester while preaching innovations in fire protection techniques. He was a leader in cooperation and education which led to industries working together for the common good. He pressed on by seeking interstate cooperation on the fire issue, adding insect control, while paying no heed to state boundaries. - Adapted by the Editor.

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WHY DO FORESTERS ATTEND MEETINGS?

I've given this column a title for the purpose of getting reader attention. I can remember attending a national meeting of the Society of American Foresters in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. as a state employee with reimbursement at the equivalent of coach railroad fare and per diem at \$5 per day.

If you are planning to attend your 'first' meeting, or if you are going to "yet another one", you will probably attend because, 1) you have a responsibility, 2) are required to because of your job, 3) it has been traditional, 4) you enjoy fellowship with your associates, 5) you want to be kept informed, or 6) you just need an excuse to get away from home. You can add others.

The meeting provides an opportunity to HEAR what is being imparted, to READ what was discussed in handouts and publications, or to NETWORK with others for the purpose of selling an idea or getting something done. 2B

Small meetings differ somewhat from large ones. The former may be committee-oriented while the latter may be of the convention type. You can learn a lot if you 'critique' the good and poor points as judged by you.

The following 18 steps are offered in the hope that they will be helpful to planners, attendees, or observers. Consider the following:

Before the Meeting

- 1) Plan carefully - who, what, when, where, why, and how many
- 2) Prepare and send out an Agenda
- 3) Come early and set up the meeting room

At the Beginning of the Meeting

- 4) Start on time, not early, or late
- 5) Have participants introduced
- 6) Define the purposes of the gathering
- 7) Review, revise, and be familiar with Agenda
- 8) Establish time limits in advance and adhere to them
- 9) Address 'Unfinished' as well as 'New' items

During the Meeting

- 10) Focus on the issues, in the same way

At the End of the Meeting

- 11) Establish 'action items' and assign each
- 12) Review or summarize the program highlights
- 13) Set date and place of next meeting
- 14) Evaluate the meeting vs established goals
- 15) Close the meeting without delaying the end
- 16) Clean up and rearrange the room

After the Meeting

- 17) Prepare and distribute minutes or summary
- 18) Follow-up on all 'action' items

SAF REPRESENTED AT BOARD MEETING - At the invitation of the Board, five officers and committee members, Alabama Division, SAF met with the Board during its regular, quarterly meeting July 28, 1993. Shown (standing L-R) are David Long, William Whiting, Fred Forstal, Michael Beach, and William McKee. Seated (L-R) are Board members, Robert Nonnemacher, James Spears, Robert Lowe, and William Sahlie. Absent due to illness was T. Waymon Paul, Board Chairman. - Board photo.



A Comparison of State Registration Boards

State	Degree	Testing	Experience	CFE	Lic. Year	Reciprocity	Mandatory Licenses	Fees	Newsletter	Directory	Administration	No. Foresters	Penalties
SC (1976) Ph. 803 737-8800	Required Exception: see note below	Required all applicants must pass written test	2 Yrs. with degree or 6 Yrs. without degree	10 hours per year	July - June	Any state with equal or higher Lic. Standards	Required for all foresters practicing on private or public lands	\$20 Test Application; \$20 Test Fee; \$40 Registration; \$40 Annual Renewal	Semiannual	Annual	Independent 7 Member Board	\$10	Misdemeanor Fine or imprisonment at discretion of court
NC (1975)	Required Exception: see note below	Required if applicant does not have degree	2 Yrs. with degree	Not required	Annual	With letter from home state board and references from 3 NC registered foresters	Not required except for consultants advertising their services (self-proclaimed)	\$35 for initial Registration \$20 Annual Renewal	Yes	Annual	5 Member Board with 3 Yr. term 2 term limit (must include 4 foresters) (1 Adm. Asst.)	500-600	Misdemeanor \$50 or 30 days
GA (1951)	Minimum 2 Yrs. of approved curriculum plus 3 Yrs. experience	Required for residents; test administered by state testing division	Not required with 4 Yr. degree	12 hours bi-annual training including 1 Hr. ethics	2 Year Period	Yes, if licensed under laws of another state	Required except for state or federal employees	\$50 Bi-annual	Bi-annual with renewal notice	No	6 Member independent Board (5 Foresters)	1175	\$500 per day for non-compliance
MISS (1977)	Required: In addition 5 references including 3 from registered foresters required	Required: must be resident to take exam	?	16 Hrs. per Year	Annual Jan. - Dec.	With Georgia and Alabama if applicant holds degree. Other states if their standards meet Mississippi requirements	State Forester must be registered. Required for timberland real estate appraisers	\$50 Application Fee \$40 Annual Renewal	Normally every 2 Years	Annual	7 Member Board Domiciled at Miss. State University	?	\$500 per offense
AL (1957)	Required bachelor in Forestry	Required of all applicants	2 years after graduation	10 hours per year	October - September Annual	Yes, with any state with equal or higher standards	Required of all practicing foresters	\$50 Application \$30 Renewal	Yes	Bi-annual	Independent Board of 5 Registered Foresters	1000	Up to \$500 per offense
AR (1969)	Required or test; 5 references of which 3 must be foresters	Required if applicant has no degree or lacks 3 years experience	3 years subsequent to graduation	None	January 1 - December 31	If person is Registered Forester in own state; with states where requirements are equivalent to Arkansas'	Required only for those who use title of Registered Forester	\$7.50 Application \$12.50 Registration in-state \$17.50 Registration out-of-state \$15 annual renewal for all	Only to announce seminars	Annual	6 member independent Board -- 5 foresters, 1 consumer advocate; 5 year terms	325 plus	Certificate can be revoked, use of expired or revoked certificate is misdemeanor -- fine of \$100 - \$500

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Note - Exception to degree requirement:
(1) An applicant with six years or more experience of a character satisfactory to the Board may be licensed after successfully passing a test showing knowledge approximating that obtained by a four year curriculum in forestry.

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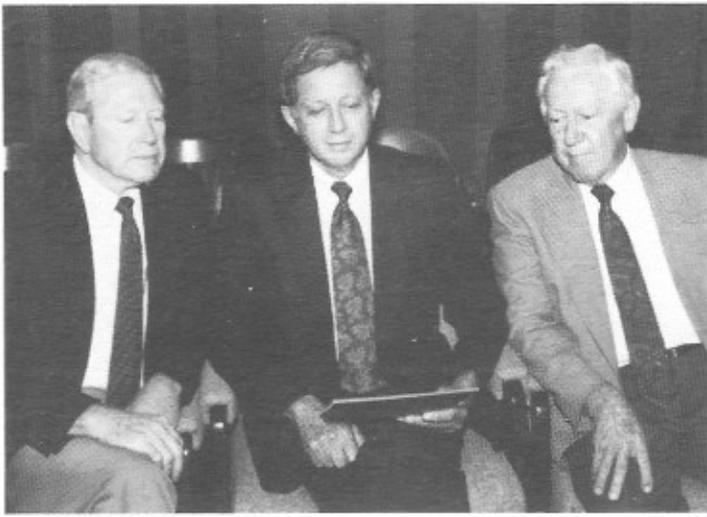
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BOARD OFFICERS 1993-1994 - Elected during the Board's regular meeting in July 1993 were (L-R) James Spears, Vice Chairman, Robert Lowe, Chairman, and Robert Nonnemacher, Secretary. All officers will assume their respective duties October 1, 1993. - Board photo.

FINAL BOARD MEETING/Last for Fiscal Year 1993

Officers of the State Board for the next fiscal year were elected during the regular meeting held July 28, 1993. Presiding in the absence of the chairman was James Spears, Vice Chairman. Elected to serve as next year's chairman was Bobby Lowe. He will be assisted by James Spears, Vice Chairman. Bob Nonnemacher will serve as secretary and will be assisted by Pamela Sears, Office Manager.

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Representatives of the Society of American Foresters, Alabama Division were invited to the July 1993 meeting of the Board. The five in attendance (see picture, page 3) addressed such concerns as publishing the Continuing Education Policy each year in one issue of The REGISTERED FORESTER, reasons why Registered Foresters let their licenses lapse, and plans of the Board to further publicize its actions, new procedures, and policies, and how the SAF could further the basics of Registration. The Board reminded members of SAF that effective June 1, 1993, the Board's Office Manager became a member of the Forestry Commission's, Division of Education. In her new capacity she will be assisting Cynthia Page in an over-all educational effort in behalf of forestry, the commission, and the profession. The first major effort will be to develop a 'speakers bureau' to benefit the public. Additional plans call for updating exhibits and developing new ones. Environmental workshops may also be scheduled at strategic locations with appropriate public service announcements adding to this informational program. The Board will present an Update Report during the business session of the Alabama Division, SAF meeting scheduled for Auburn, Alabama, September 26-28. The SAF will also have the responsibility for submitting three nominations to the Governor from which to select a replacement for T. Waymon Paul whose five-year term expires January 6, 1994.

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