



Policy Scoreboard

Editor's Note: To keep SAF members informed of state society policy activities, Policy Scoreboard is a regular feature in the Western Forester. The intent is to provide a brief explanation of the policy activity—you are encouraged to follow up with the listed contact person for detailed information.

Three Initiative Petitions

Rejected...But..On September 24, Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno rejected Initiative Petitions 35, 36, and 37 for failure to comply with the Oregon Ballot Measure “single subject requirement.” All three of these measures would have placed significant restrictions on active forest management in Oregon. Measure 35, the most comprehensive of the measures would have: 1) established 100 ft harvest buffers on fish bearing streams and 50 ft buffers on most other waterways; 2) established a 500-foot buffer for forest aerial applications from any water of the state on forestland; 3) required notification to Oregon Department of Forestry of forestland pesticide applications 14-21

days prior to an application; 4) required approval of written plans before harvesting on locations classified as landslide hazards; 5) restricted voting rights of Board of Forestry members who derive a significant portion of their income directly from companies subject to the Forest Practices Act; and 6) reallocated 2/3 of OFRIs revenues to fire suppression. The petitioners are appealing the Secretary’s decision and concurrently are reworking their petitions to be compliant with the decision, so we can expect to see these issues covered in new initiative petitions in the 2020 general election.

The Healthy Forests and Wildfire Reduction Plan. A group of foresters and forest landowners have submitted a package of initiatives for the November 2020 election that are intended to protect the rights of landowners to actively manage their forestlands. Called the Healthy Forests and Wildfire Reduction Plan, these initiative petitions: requires forest management be guided by peer-reviewed science; add forestry experts to Oregon’s State Board of Forestry; and compensates property owners when government activities unfairly destroy or devalue their property.

Judge Overturns Lincoln County Oregon Aerial Application Ban.

On September 23, Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Bachart issued a decision invalidating the aerial herbicide spray ban passed by Lincoln County voters in May 2017. The basis of the judge’s decision is that the Oregon State Pesticide Control Act preempts county ordinances with respect to herbicide use. Presumably this decision will affect bans being considered in other Oregon counties.

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Buckbee Elected to SAF Board

Elections for national and some state officers occurred in the fall of 2019, with newly elected officers starting their roles in 2020. Here are the results.

In Oregon SAF, Jeremy Felty, a forester for the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and Oregon Tree Farm System, was elected chair-elect. Katie Nichols was elected delegate-at-large; she is a forest engineering operations assistant at Lone Rock Timber Management. Both have significant SAF experience at the chapter level. Jeff Grogan, a forester for Weyerhaeuser, will serve as chair in 2020, and Meghan Tuttle, also of Weyerhaeuser, moves into the past chair position. Members also voted on and approved two position statements, titled “Active Management to Achieve and Maintain Healthy Forests” and “Landslides on Forest Lands.”

In Washington State, Wes Tracy, a Weyerhaeuser forester, moves into the chair position for 2020 and Jenny Knoth moves to past-chair. An election of a chair-elect will take place soon.

Alaska SAF offi-



Jeremy Felty



Katie Nichols



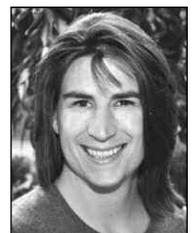
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Both the Washington State and Oregon meetings will feature informative presentations, field trips, and opportunities for networking. Mark your calendar today! Information will be posted on www.forestry.org as it becomes available.

Washington State SAF—April 6-8 • Leavenworth, WA
Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter

Oregon SAF—April 15-16 • Keizer, OR
Keizer Community Center • Hosted by the Capitol Chapter



cers serve two-year terms. John Yarie will serve his second year as chair, with Ed Morgan serving as chair-elect.

On a national level, Tamara Cushing, a forest economics professor at Oregon State University, will serve as SAF president in 2020. John McNulty moves into the immediate past president slot. Henry "Gene" Kodama of Summerville, South Carolina, was elected vice president for 2020.

In addition, four new board members were also elected to three-year terms on the SAF Board: Mark Buckbee



John Yarie



Gene Kodama

of Roseburg, Ore., replaces Mike Cloughesy in District 2; Tara Bal, Houghton, Michigan, District 5; Anne Jewell, Mechanicsville, Virginia, District 8; and William "Buddy" Stalnaker, Nacogdoches, Texas, District 11.

The member referendum to add a young professional representative to the SAF Board of Directors passed. This new non-voting board position will begin in 2021.

SAF's Board of Directors provides leadership and direction to SAF to ensure the achievement of its mission to advance the science, technology,



Mark Buckbee



Tara Bal

education, and practice of forestry. Included among the Board's duties are reviewing annual and long-range budget projections; serving as a communications link among the members of their voting district; reviewing SAF national office programs as they relate to the mission, representing SAF to the public, and evaluating the CEO's performance.

For a directory of the current board, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SAFBoard2019>.

Congratulations to all. ♦



Anne Jewell



Buddy Stalnaker

SAF Northwest Office Seeking New Manager and Editor

BY JEREMY DOUSE, CF

The Northwest Office of the Society of American Foresters is looking for a new manager/editor to work with SAF members and leadership in this three-state partnership between the Oregon, Washington State, and Alaska Societies. This contract, half-time position is needed to run operations, develop and maintain budgets, provide continuity and support to volunteers, assist with conference management, and produce and edit the *Western Forester* publication four times a year.

The current manager/editor, Lori Rasor, has accepted a new position. She is taking a position with the national SAF office and will continue to work with state and regional societies on a number of different programs. She has done an outstanding job for us and we wish her well in her new position working at the national level.



This position is an exciting opportunity for someone interested in managing nonprofit organizations, has experience with forestry and natural resources in the Northwest, is a self-starter, and knows how to manage budgets. This person will make contacts and collaborate with other organizations around the Northwest and nationally, and will identify key issues and themes while working with subject matter experts on developing quarterly issues of the *Western Forester*.

The ideal candidate will be an SAF member that is knowledgeable of opportunities and challenges currently facing SAF; however, this is not a requirement and all candidates will be considered. We are also looking for someone that can work independently and develop a vision for this three-state partnership, motivate volunteers, promote membership in SAF, and develop new ways to generate revenue. Ideally, the candidate would have experience editing natural resources-related newsletters or publications.

In the Northwest, SAF has goals of growing this organization, influencing

policy makers on forestry issues, and educating the public about active forest management and issues facing forests in the Northwest. The manager will administer programs that will accomplish these goals and will work closely with the SAF Northwest Office Committee and other sub-committees that help manage this organization.

Historically this position has been stationed in the Portland area, but we are opening it up to anyone who has home office capabilities in the three-state area of Oregon, Washington, or Alaska that is qualified and can meet the scope of service.

If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please review the RFP at www.forestry.org and respond by 5:00 p.m. January 15, 2020. Any questions about the RFP may be directed to Lori Rasor at rasorl@safnet.org or 503-224-8046. ♦

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