

New England Society of American Foresters 89th Winter Meeting

*March 17-20, 2009
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, Maine*

Bio: Mass, Fuel, Products, Diversity Resource Management in a Changing World

Co-sponsored by:
Northeast Region - The Forest Guild
Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society
New England Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture
Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine

Tentative Program as of January 9, 2009

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9:00 am – 5:00 pm NESAF Leadership Academy
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm NESAF Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Meeting Registration

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

7:30 am – 9:00 am Meeting Registration
Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 11:30 am **General Session**

Welcome and Introductions

Ron Lemin, *Chair, NESAF*

Ken Laustsen, *General Chair, Winter Meeting*

Keynote Addresses

These speakers will address Bio: themes to begin the discussions of the next few days.

Bob Perschel, *Northeast Region Director, The Forest Guild*

Steve Walker, *CEO, New England Wood Pellet, LLC*

Andrew Whitman, *Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences*

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Box Lunch**

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm **NESAF Business Meeting**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions A**

Technical Session 1 –Sustaining New England’s Forest Sector

Moderator: **Jeremy Wilson**, *Irving Chair for Forest Ecosystem Management, U. Maine School of Forest Resources*

Rob Lilieholm, *E.L. Giddings Associate Professor of Forest Policy, U. Maine School of Forest Resources*

Michael LeVert, *Economist, Maine State Planning Office*

Bill Labich, *Regional Woodland Conservationist, Highstead*

Technical Session 2 –Success of the Commons

Moderator: **Laura Kenefic**, *Principal Silviculturist, U.S. Forest Service, Northern Station*

John Brissette, *Project Leader, U.S. Forest Service, Northern Station*

Grey Lee, *Director, Land's Sake, Inc.*

Terry Miller, *District Ranger, White Mountain National Forest*

Technical Session 3 - Maintaining Family Forests

Moderator: **Si Balch**, *Director of Community Forest Stewardship, New England Forestry Foundation*

Thom McEvoy, *Extension Forester and Associate Professor, UVM*

Alan Calfee, *Forester/Landowner, Calfee Woodland Management, LLC*

Technical Session 4 –Forester Credentialing

Moderator: **Carol Redelsheimer**, *Resource Manager, Baxter State Park*

Louise Murgia, *Director of Field Services, SAF*

Matthew Kelty, *Associate Professor, UMass Dept. Natural Resources Conservation and Member Massachusetts Forester Licensing Board*

Northam Parr, *New Hampshire Forester Licensure Board representative*

Robert Seymour (Invited), *Professor of Forest Resources, University of Maine and Chair Maine Forester Licensing Board*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Break** - Refreshments available

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Poster Symposium**

Join students and professionals alike for these unique oral presentations. Presentations will be grouped by categories and presenters will have approximately 10 minutes each to present their posters to the audience. All attendees are encouraged to attend this exciting session!

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Icebreaker Social**
Refreshments available, cash bar

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Student Quiz Bowl Jeopardy**
The NESAF Quiz Bowl has been revamped for 2009! Join **Carol Redelsheimer** while she stumps the students in this new incarnation of an old favorite.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

7:30 am – 8:30 am Meeting Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am **Concurrent Sessions B – Panels**

Sessions will begin with an overview of the subject by the moderator, continue with two to four talks by invited speakers and closing with time for questions and answers.

Technical Session 1 –State of the Forest

Moderator: **Phil Bryce**, *President, Fountains America*

Brad Simpkins, *Acting New Hampshire State Forester*

Alec Giffen, *Maine State Forester*

Jonathan Wood, *Secretary, Vermont Natural Resources Agency*

Jim DiMaio (Invited), *Chief Forester, Bureau of Forestry, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation*

Technical Session 2 –Biomass Harvesting

Moderator: **Jeff Benjamin**, *Assistant Professor of Forest Operations, University of Maine School of Forest Resources*

Bob Perschel, *Northeast Region Director, The Forest Guild*

Evelyne Thiffault, *Post-doctoral Fellow, Canadian Forest Service*

Jessica Leahy, *Assistant Professor of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, University of Maine School of Forest Resources*

Technical Session 3 – Planning Family Forests

Moderator: **Mike Dann**, *Outreach Forester, Small Woodland Owner’s Association of Maine*

Steve Walker, *Beginning with Habitat Program Manager, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

Alan Caron, *President, Grow Smart Maine*

Paul Dillon, *Estate Planning Attorney*

Technical Session 4 –Wildlife Society Presentations

This session is devoted to technical presentations offered by the Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society. More program details will be available shortly.

Technical Session 5 –International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Presentations

This session is devoted to technical presentations offered by the New England Maine Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. More program details will be available shortly.

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Break** - Refreshments available

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions C**

Technical Session 1 – Conserving the Forest for All its Values

Moderator: **Jake Metzler**, *Forestland Stewardship Manager, Forest Society of Maine and Chair of MESAF*

Alice Chamberlain, *Executive Director, Two Countries, One Forest*

Jane Difley, *President/Forester, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire’s Forests*

William Ginn, *Director, Conservation Markets and Investments, The Nature Conservancy*

Technical Session 2 – Seeing the Forest for All its Values

Moderator: **Henry Whittemore**, *Director, Investments and Acquisitions, Four Winds Capital Management, Inc.*

Peter Stein, *General Partner, Lyme Timber Company*

Brett Vicary, *Vice President, James. W. Sewall Company*

Chip Collins (Invited), *The Forestland Group*

Technical Session 3 – Community Forest Innovations

Moderator: **Bob Perschel**, *Northeast Region Director, The Forest Guild*

Caitlin Cusack, *Recent graduate, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

Marcy Lyman, *Program Manager, Community Forestry Collaborative*

David Paganelli, *County Forester, Orange County, VT*

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12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

NESAF Awards Luncheon

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions D

Technical Session 1 – Lab Coats and Cruise Vests

Moderator: **Robert Wagner**, *Director, University of Maine School of Forest Resources*

Don MacKay, *Principal, Forest Research, LLC*

Hemandt Pendse, *Managing Director, University of Maine Bioproducts Research Initiative*

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Technical Session 2 – Adapting to Emerging Markets

Moderator: **Peter Howland**, *Forester, Cersosimo Lumber Company*

Joel Swanton, *Northeast Regional Manager, Forest Resources Association*

Dan Phillips, *The Oliver Stores*

TBA

Technical Session 3 – Assessing Today’s Resource

Moderator: **John Gunn**, *Senior Program Leader*

Adam Sherman, *Program Manager, Biomass Energy Resource Center*

William Keeton, *Co-Director, University of Vermont Carbon Dynamics Lab*

Harry Dwyer, *Forester/Master Logger, Ghost Dancer Forestry*

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Technical Session 5 –Invasive Species

This session will include talks on invasive pests (plants, diseases and pests) identification, integrated pest management, and control. More program details will be available shortly.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Break - Refreshments available

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Concurrent Sessions E

Technical Session 1 –Changing Climate, Changing Forests

Moderator: **J.P. Barsky**, *Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station*

Barbara Vickery, *Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy*

George Jacobson, *Climate Change Institute, University of Maine*

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Technical Session 2 – Emerging Markets

Moderator: **Don Floyd**, *Director, Canadian Institute for Forest Policy and Communication, University of New Brunswick*

Alec Giffen, *Director, Maine Forest Service*

Peter Condaxis (Invited), *Ryegate Power Station*

Les Otten (Invited), *Director, Maine Energy Systems, LLC*

Technical Session 3 – Assessing Tomorrow’s Resource

Moderator: **Don Mansius**, *Director, Forest Policy and Management, Maine Forest Service*

John Gunn, *Senior Program Leader, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences*

Chris Hennigar, *PhD Candidate, Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB*

Charles Borque, *Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB*

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5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Wildlife Society Business Meeting**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Alumni Socials**

Join fellow alumni for reminiscing, roll calls and relaxation at your alma mater's social

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm **NESAF Hockey Game**

This old favorite returns for 2009. Details will be available soon.

Friday, March 20, 2009

7:30 am – 8:30 am Meeting Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am **General Session – Conference Wrap-up**

These speakers will close the program by bringing together what we heard during the meeting and presenting visions for the future of our forests.

Moderator: **Spencer Meyer**, Associate Director, Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, University of Maine

Karin Tilberg, Senior Policy Advisory, Maine Governor's Office

Lloyd Irland, President, The Irland Group

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10:00 am – 10:30 am **Closing Remarks**

Ron Lemin, Chair, NESAF

Ken Laustsen, General Chair, Winter Meeting

11:00 am – 3:00 pm **Field Tour**

Join us for a field tour that will highlight several aspects of the discussion topics covered for the past 2 days. This tour will include a tour of SAPPI's Westbrook Mill to view their biomass handling operation. Also weather and conditions permitting we hope to tour several harvest operation sites. More details to come!

11:00 am – 3:00 pm **Hands-on GIS Workshop (Tentative)**

More information about this technical workshop will be available soon.

Check out <http://www.nesaf.org/society-american-foresters-annual-meetings.asp> for meeting updates!