



# THE CROSSCUT

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Words to Ponder:

"For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad."

~Edwin Way Teale  
1899 -1980

American naturalist, photographer,  
and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer

## From the President's Pen ~ Bob Eaton



The Return of Fall ~ At the risk of repeating myself let me say again, they don't make years as long as they used to. Fall is again upon us. Don't get me wrong, I love the fall. As seasons go fall rates in my all time top four favorites. The days are not quite as hot and the nights take on a comfortable chill. The blue skies seem bluer and I am always surprised the first time I notice that some of the leaves are not quite as green as they had been just, well, the other day. Amphibians are going into hiding; I sure am going to miss them this winter. County fair season is upon us.

To me fall is a great time to talk about forests and forestry - with your friends and neighbors, I mean. They might even bring up the subject. Your responsibility then, as a steward of this phenomenal resource, is to seize the teachable moment. Talk with them about trees as the versatile resource that adds so much to our lives as well as our economy. They are the perfect "green" material, renewable, recyclable, biodegradable and responsive to good management. They are also cool to play in, climb in and walk amongst.

Speaking of teachable moments I hope you have all signed up for our annual conference November 5 and 6 at the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor. The educational seminars will have some special focus for the private woodland owner. No matter what size your woodlot you will learn how to get more of the values you want from it.

Because of the venue (National Harbor) and the breadth of the subject matter this will also be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to attend with you. You provide the interested guest and MFA will provide the teachable moments!

Something else very important corresponds to the fall. You, our members, vote for MFA's leadership. New members of our Board of Governors will be selected by you. This is an extremely important function. Your election of members to the board is how you direct your organization. Please respond to the Board of Governors ballot.

Finally, the fall is when my term as your President winds up. It has been an honor to represent you, to work with the many fine folks on the Board of Governors and our Executive Director, Karin Miller. I will stay involved in the MFA because I believe it is the most effective way for my concerns to be represented in my state. MFA is your voice and I urge all of you to get involved and stay involved as well. Thank you.



Steven B. Brandt, Executive Director  
AGRO-ECOLOGY, INC.

The Center for Agro-Ecology's Spring 2010 newsletter is now posted on their website at [http://agroecol.umd.edu/files/Spring\\_2010\\_Newsletter.pdf](http://agroecol.umd.edu/files/Spring_2010_Newsletter.pdf). Their focus was "Maryland Forests: Shaping the Future" with a number of interviews from throughout the forest community including:

**CONSERVATION** Nick Williams, Biophilia Foundation; **LOCAL GOVERNMENT** Don Outen, Natural Resources Manager; **CONSERVATION** Nevin Dawson, University of Maryland Extension; **ACADEMIC** Dr. Marla McIntosh, University of Maryland; **LAND OWNER** Amelia "Mimi" Wright and **INDUSTRY** Peter Miller, NewPage Corporation; Larry Walton, Vision Forestry LLC; Frank Stark, Red Rock Enterprises; and Arthur Egolf, Egolf Forest Harvesting. Plus an article on "Understanding Forest Certification". Read this issue online or subscribe by email. For more information, contact the Center at (410) 827-6202 or [agroecology@umd.edu](mailto:agroecology@umd.edu)



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#### 2010 MFA Officers

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John Jastrzembski 1st VP	301-784-5309
Dick Stanfield, Treasurer	410-922-5959
John Foster, Past President	302-378-9893

#### Board of Governors

##### Central Region

Chris Holmgren	Montgomery	Secondary FPI	2012
Tim Smith	Harford	Forest Industry	2011
Dick Stanfield	Baltimore	Forest Industry	2010

##### Eastern Region

Robert Hess	Somerset	Forest Landowner	2012
Kirk Rodgers	Dorchester	Forest Landowner	2011
Bob Tjaden	Queen Anne's	Forester - U of MD	2010
Tom Wieland	Wicomico	Forest Industry	2012

##### Southern Region

Joan Hill Bearden	Charles	Forest Landowner	2011
John Colton	St. Mary's	Forest Landowner	2012
Bob Eaton	Charles	Forest Landowner	2011
Chris Holmes	Anne Arundel	Retired USFS	2010
Brian Knox	Anne Arundel	Consultant Forester	2010
Gene McCandless	Charles	Business Community	2011
Steve McHenry	Anne Arundel	MARBIDCO	2012

##### Western Region

John Jastrzembski	Allegany	ACM Forestry	2011
Donnelle Keech	Allegany	Ecologist —TNC	2010
Pete Miller	Garrett	Forest Industry	2012
Bob Shives	Washington	Forest Landowner	2010

Staff: *Karin E. Miller, Executive Director*

Founded in 1976, MFA is a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] citizens' organization of forest landowners, foresters, loggers, wood-using industries and resource-based interests.

The mission of Maryland Forests Association is to conserve and enhance forests in Maryland by:

- increasing awareness of the diverse, public benefits of forests;
- supporting the sustainable use of forest resources;
- promoting economic opportunity for forest landowners; and
- maintaining a viable local forest products industry.

Membership benefits include subscriptions to *The Crosscut*, *Legislative Updates*, *MFA E-news*, and for qualified members, participation in the *Safety Group Insurance*, *Timberland Liability* and *Hunting Lease Liability Insurance* programs. For more information on membership call or write us.

## This issue of THE CROSSCUT dedicated to the memory of MFA Board member Mel Noland

On August 11, 2010, Melvin L. Noland, of Kingsville passed away. Mel had served as a forest landowner on MFA's Board of Governors since 2000 and served for many years on its legislative and educational outreach committees. Mel had been awarded MFA's "Educator of the Year" award in 1999 for his environmental education efforts in Baltimore County and throughout the State.



As chair of the Baltimore County Forestry Council, he built coalitions of businesses, community, and government leaders to advance the mission of the Council. He facilitated hundreds of tree plantings, pioneered school-based tree grow-out stations, and conducted countless workshops. The Chesapeake Bay Trust was honored to have presented Mel with our Ellen Fraites Wagner award in 2003 to recognize his amazing achievements as a volunteer and steward of the Bay. He was the current president of the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards which won the Governor's Volunteer Service Award in 2008 under Mel's leadership and tenure. In 2009 Mel was awarded the highest honor given to a Maryland citizen by the governor, the "Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay" award, for his years of dedication to forestry, forest resources and forest issues in Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his name be made to the [Tree-Menues Maryland Foundation](http://www.TreeMenuesMarylandFoundation.org), 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401 or call 410-260-8515.

## In Sympathy

We also report the unexpected passing in early June of former MFA Board member **Jay L. Gossaman**, who served on the Board in the early 1990's. Jay was a graduate of Penn State, served in the military and then became project forester for Worcester County in 1961. Later in 1966 he was named as Park Manager for Shad & Milburn Landing State Parks. Jay retired from DNR in about 1990 as manager of the Pocomoke River Forest & Park complex.

Jay had a great love of the forest resources of the state and county and continued to work for the resource after his retirement as a company forester for Paul M. Jones Lumber Company of Snow Hill and then as an independent consultant. Condolences may be sent to his wife Flora and sons Michael, Marty and Danny @ 103 N. Morris Street, Snow Hill, MD, 21863.



## Natural Resources Careers Conference (NRCC) 2010

Submitted by Lynne Marquess

*MFA member, Frederick County Forestry Board member, NRCC's staff assistant and gopher*



2010 was another exciting and fun-filled year for NRCC! The summer educational conference for high school students interested in forestry and natural resources took place July 25-31 at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland. Twenty-six students from 12 Maryland counties attended this year; half were from the western region.

Steve Reah, MFA member, Forestry Professor at Allegany College

of Maryland, and Curriculum Director at NRCC, selected six of his ACM students to lead small groups of high school students, creating a phenomenal student-to-teacher ratio which facilitated covering lots of material in one week's time.

This year the NRCC staff welcomed Brad Metzger of the Allegany County Forestry Board and Soils Specialist for the Maryland Department of the Environment to teach one of the Monday field rotations at the Casselman River. His participation and expertise were much appreciated.

Monday is also Career Night at NRCC. Steve Reah follows a **What's My Lie?** format for students to quiz the panelists about their professions. The students congregate with their team members and come up with questions requiring "yes" or "no" answers to uncover clues about a panelist's job. This year both your MFA Executive Director Karin Miller and MFA Board Member Pete Miller were among the fine professional participants. To date, no group has ever correctly guessed Karin's profession!

The tuition fees collected for student participants do not cover all of NRCC's operating expenses. In addition to its participation in program events, MFA has also been an important financial supporter of NRCC since 2005 and this year donated \$500 for operating expenses. The additional money from financial contributors like MFA is essential to program success and sustainability.

The western Maryland weather was a wonderful relief from the brutally hot and humid conditions left behind in the eastern parts of the state. Brief rain showers did not hamper any of the planned outdoor educational activities. However the severe thunderstorm back in Montgomery County did prevent PEPCO from participating in the Thursday urban forestry panel and conducting the hotline demonstration. The gap was graciously filled by the talented and flexible Bartlett Tree Experts Peter, Rob, and Joe, and Davey Tree Expert Steve who worked side by side on an amazing demonstration of felling a 75-foot dying hickory tree.

Forest Service personnel including Becky Wilson, Clarissa Harris, Randy Kamp, and recently retired Bernie Zlomek continued to faithfully serve as NRCC instructors, maintaining the high quality education offered at this conference.

The major themes emphasized to the students by many speakers this year were to volunteer, stay active, seek out summer internships, be open to many opportunities in natural resources, and be willing to travel. The speakers were wonderful role models, showing great enthusiasm and passion for their work.

Mark your calendars now for **NRCC 2011: July 24-30. NRCC tuition will be \$400, an increase of \$50. The student activity fee will remain the same at \$100.** Updated NRCC 2011 materials for distribution will be forthcoming in October. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until full attendance (48 students) is reached, or until NRCC Director Gabrielle Oldham closes enrollment to finalize preparations for the conference.



Six schools participated in our Wednesday college night: University of Maryland-College Park, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg, West Virginia University-Morgantown, Frostburg State University, Garrett College, and Allegany College of Maryland. These college professors and recruiters touted the benefits of their programs in forestry and natural resources. Penn State has apparently dropped their participation in NRCC. Ten of the 26 high school students this year opted to take the mastery exam for college credit. All but one passed.

Garrett County Forestry Board members and Hickory Environmental Education Center staff planned and held a memorial tree planting at Hickory during NRCC week this year (photo below). The NRCC students attended the brief ceremony, showing great compassion and empathy by voluntarily staying to help the NRCC staff, ACM students, GCFB members, family and friends plant a sugar maple in memory of Karin and Pete Miller's son Mike, who passed away April 28th from complications of heat shock. Mike was a former ACM forest technology student and the only NRCC team leader to serve two years. Steve Reah delivered a warm and heartfelt eulogy.



## 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### "Maryland's Working Woodlands"

November 5 & 6, 2010 ~ Gaylord National, PG County Maryland

All events in National Harbor Conference Rooms 10 & 11 of the Gaylord National Convention Center unless indicated otherwise

Complete details at <http://mdforests.org/AM2010.html>

**Program Committee:** Brian Knox, Donnelle Keech, Bob Tjaden, Chris Holmgren, and Craig Highfield    **Logistics:** MFA Executive Director Karin Miller

#### Friday - November 5, 2010

- 12:30-5 pm    **Continuing Education Field Trip ~ Myrtle Grove WMA**  
*(Departs from Hotel parking area at 12:30 p.m. Transportation provided)*
- 4:00 pm    **Exhibitor Setup ~ Hotel Check in ~ Meeting Registration Desk Opens**
- 6:00 pm    **Social Hour, M&E Exhibits, Silent Auction Opens**
- 7-9 pm    **Awards Banquet with Keynote presentation ~**  
**Healing Landscapes: The Living Memorials of 9/11**  
 By Erika Swenson, US Forest Service, Northern Research Project

#### Saturday - November 6, 2010

**\*\* Breakfast on your own \*\***

- 8-8:30 a.m.    **Networking break, M&E Exhibits, and Silent Auction**
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Opening Session MFA Business Meeting**
- 8:45-10:15 a.m. **Educational Session I ~**
- **Updates on Issues of Concern plus Q&A with Session 1 Speakers**
  - **State of the Nation Report - Michael Goergen, SAF**
  - **State of the State Report, Steve Kohn, MD State Forester**
  - **State of the State Report, Jon Hall, MD State Conservationist**
- 10:15-10:45 a.m.    **Networking Break, M&E Exhibits, Silent Auction Round**
- 10:45-12:15 p.m. **Educational Session II ~**
- **Just Because It's Green, Doesn't Mean It's Healthy plus Q&A with Session 2 speakers**
  - **Why manage - Brian Knox**
  - **Invasive Insects and MD Forests - Stanton Gill**
  - **Planning for Success: Unlocking Your Property's Potential - Julie Wood**
- 12:15 -1:15 p.m. **Networking Lunch**
- 1:25 p.m.    **Final Round ~ Silent Auction**
- 1:30-3 p.m.    **Educational Session III ~**
- **The Forest All Around Us plus Q&A with Session 3 speakers**
  - **Applying Forest Ecology Principles to Privately Owned Forests - Joseph Sullivan**
  - **Understanding Silviculture: The Art and Science of Growing a Forest - Jonathon Kays**
  - **Forestry and the Farm Bill - Tom Morgart**
- 3-3:30 p.m.    **Closing Session**

### MFA's 2010 Host Site

Gaylord National Hotel on the Potomac in Maryland

Discover this first-class destination with fun for everyone, including fine dining and casual restaurants, unique shopping experiences, an indoor pool, and a 20,000-square-foot spa and fitness center.

Located in National Harbor, Maryland in Prince George's County, Gaylord National offers its guests convenient access to Washington, DC with an hourly shuttle service and water taxi to Old Town Alexandria.

Gaylord's spectacular 18-story glass atrium welcomes you to the hotel. Come and discover for yourself this jewel of the capital region. Take an interactive walkthrough underneath the majestic climate-controlled glass atriums and discover the "wow factor" their guests keep talking about!

#### MFA GROUP RATE ACCOMMODATIONS

Singles/Double Occupancy  
 \$149 / night plus tax  
 (Includes resort service fee)  
 Group rate available 3 days prior to and following the conference

**Room reservation deadline is  
OCTOBER 6th**

Plan to bring the family....  
 National Harbor has something for EVERYONE!

Meeting attendees can reserve room directly at  
 301-965-2000



MFA 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

complete and return with payment to: Maryland Forests Association ♦ P.O. Box 599 ♦ Grantsville, MD ♦ 21536  
by Friday, October 22nd, 2010

**NOTE: Make your hotel reservations directly with the Gaylord National at 301-965-2000**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on tag(s) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>total cost</u>
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MFA Member Registration Fee	\$149 / person	_____	_____
<i>includes Friday ice breaker, banquet and program, Saturday general sessions, networking breaks and luncheon</i>			

Non Member Registration Fee	\$199 / person	_____	_____
<i>includes 1-yr individual membership in MFA, Friday ice breaker, banquet and program, Saturday general sessions, networking breaks and luncheon</i>			

Friday only	\$79 / MFA member	\$89 / non-member	_____	_____
<i>includes Friday ice breaker, awards banquet and program</i>				

Saturday only	\$89/ MFA member	\$119/ non-member	_____	_____
<i>Includes Saturday general sessions, networking breaks and luncheon</i>				

STUDENT RATE	\$100 /student	_____	_____
<i>includes entire meeting, all Sessions and meals. Contact the MFA office for Scholarship availability</i>			

Extra Tickets = Spouse / Guest Meals:

• Friday Night Banquet and Social	\$75/ person	_____	_____
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• Saturday Luncheon Buffet	\$45/ person	_____	_____
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Field Trip - Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area ~ limited to first 40 people / \$5/person	_____	_____
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YES! I would like to sponsor a College Student Scholarship at \$100/scholarship \_\_\_\_\_  
By sponsoring a College Student Scholarship to the Annual Conference you are helping to ensure the future of forestry in Maryland.

I would like to be a 2010 Hospitality Fund Shareholder (\$100, \$200, \$300 or more!) \_\_\_\_\_  
The Hospitality Fund helps to cover many of the hidden costs of this annual event. As a Shareholder, you will be recognized in both the Conference program and in The Crosscut as our thank you for your financial support.

Please send completed form with Check to Maryland Forests Association: TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by VISA or MasterCard enter card number and expiration date here:

Card type (circle one) VISA / MasterCard Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? Special dietary needs?  
Contact Karin at 301-895-5369  
Or director@mdforests.org

I also wish to donate  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the Silent Auction

Cancellation Policy:  
by October 22 - full refund  
After Oct 22 or No Shows - No refund

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

**October 2, 2010; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### **The College in Your Backyard**

Central Maryland Research & Education Center, Clarksville Facility. Spend a day on the farm at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) Open House. Farm Activities for all ages. See event flyer for more information: <http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Documents/Events/20101002.pdf>

**October 6, 2010**

### **Private Consultant Forester Workshop**

All private professional foresters who are licensed in Maryland are invited to attend this event on October 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Howard County office. The program provides 2 SAF-CFE Category 1 credits and 2 SAF-CFE Category 2 credits. Full details on the agenda and registration can be found at <http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Documents/Events/20101006.pdf>

A recent survey of all MD Licensed Professional Foresters indicated that this type of meeting with private foresters was a high priority. The registration for the meeting is \$20 and includes lunch and refreshments. Please register by Friday, October 1, 2010. For questions on registration, contact Pam Thomas, 301-432-2767 x315, [pthomas@umd.edu](mailto:pthomas@umd.edu).

**October 7, 2010; 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **Webinar - Targeted Grazing Series**

**Sheep and Goats: A Weapon Against Weeds - Controlling Invasive Plants with Grazing.** The webinar will provide information on starting a targeted grazing enterprise. More details will be provided as the date approaches. A second webinar will likely focus on landowners who are interested in leasing goats and/or sheep for targeted grazing.

A recording of the July 19 webinar is available for viewing at: [www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Resources/Webinars.html](http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/Resources/Webinars.html). For those who do not have high-speed internet access, a CD-ROM version of the webinar is available for loan. For more information about the Targeted Grazing Webinars, contact Nevin Dawson, Forest Stewardship Educator at (410) 827-8056 x125 or [ndawson@umd.edu](mailto:ndawson@umd.edu).

**October 19**

### **GPS Workshop - Beginner**

Northern Outrigger Center, Garrett Community College, 12601 National Pike, Grantville, MD  
<http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/index.html>

**December 18**

### **Master Logger Course: Basic Forestry & Silviculture; Forest**

**Certification.** Queenstown and Online, 9 am - 1 pm, \$30, Carol Taylor: 410-827-8056 or [carolt@umd.edu](mailto:carolt@umd.edu).

## ELECTION DAY IS NOV 2nd

An essential cornerstone of our government is a system created by the people for the people. Exercising your right to vote for your representation in government is a fundamental right given to every American. Increased voter participation can and will improve how that system performs for each of us. Many Americans fail to take advantage of their right to vote. Don't become a statistic! Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming general election.

On Tuesday, November 2, 2010 voters across the nation will have the opportunity to elect hundreds of state and local leaders, 37 Governors, 435 Members of Congress and 37 Senators. Each and every one of these elected officials has the ability to positively or negatively shape legislation affecting each of us, our companies, and our communities.

MFA has partnered with AF&PA's (American Forestry and Products Association) **Grow the Vote** campaign. Please visit our website at [www.growthevote.org/mdfa](http://www.growthevote.org/mdfa) for general information to help you prepare for the upcoming elections. This website is designed to encourage our members, regardless of political affiliation, to exercise their civic duties to learn about political issues, and to vote their conscience on Election Day. This website does not endorse any specific political candidates, parties, or causes.



### For analysis of the Maryland Legislature's actions during the 2010 Session go to

<http://www.mbrg.org/news/docs/2010-Roll-Call.pdf>.

This report is prepared annually by the Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG), which is a statewide, nonpartisan, political research and education organization that works to improve Maryland's business climate. MBRG works to inform and educate Maryland's business and political communities and public at large on matters relating to economic development and job growth. Learn more at <http://www.mbrg.org/>



## USDA Announces Conservation Loan Program

The USDA has announced the Conservation Loan (CL) program, which provides farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources. CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques, or technologies.

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA. For more information on the Conservation Loan program, contact a local FSA office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

**2010 Ballot for the Board of Governors term 2011-2013  
Maryland Forests Association**



**One-third of MFA Board members have terms expiring each year. (see roster on page 2)**

**The following Board members have terms expiring this year:** *Chris Holmes, Donnelle Keech, Brian Knox, Robert Shives, Dick Stanfield, and Robert Tjaden.* Any member in good standing may be nominated to a position on the Board of Governors. The Officers of the Association are elected by the Board of Governors. Any past or present Board member may be elected as an officer. (see bottom of page for duties of Board members) As you will see from the ballot, two Board Member whose terms expire this year has agreed to accept the nomination for another term. Three others have also accepted the nomination: Jim Culp, Jonathon Kays and Francis Zumbrun. Two open nomination lines exist to fill the established 7 seats per term.

Please complete your ballot and return it to the MFA office by **October 29th**. The results will be announced at the MFA Annual Business Meeting Saturday Morning, November 6th at the Annual Conference at the Gaylord National Conference Center.

**Vote for 7**

The MFA Nominating Committee has endorsed the following members as nominees for a three-year term which would begin November 6, 2010 and expire November 1, 2013

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Jim Culp, Forest Landowner**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Jonathon Kays, Extension Forester**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Brian Knox, Consultant Forester**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Dick Stanfield, sawmill owner**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Francis Zumbrun, retired, MD DNR project forester**
- \_\_\_\_\_ *OPEN NOMINATION* \_\_\_\_\_
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**DUTIES OF MFA BOARD MEMBERS**

*The Board of Governors will have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Association, its committees, and publications; will determine its policies; will actively promote its objectives; and supervise the disbursement of its funds. Board members are elected by the members of the Association and must be current members of the Association.*

- Board members serve for a three-year term
- One-third of the Board is elected each year for a 3-year term. Board members will be elected by the general membership.
- Each region will be represented by at least one person from that region in each of the 3-year overlapping terms.
- Work to insure sound fiscal management of the Associations assets.
- Represent themselves as advocates for forestry on the Board and in Association business.
- Represent their region as a point of contact and to assist in membership activities, including fundraising, as well as attending and actively participate in MFA activities/events in their region.
- Attend and actively participate in MFA Board of Governor's quarterly meetings.
- Board members are expected to attend at least 3 of the 4 meetings per year.
- Any board member who misses two meetings in row is subject to removal from office by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present.
- Actively serve on at least one MFA committee.
- Attend and actively participate in the MFA Annual Conference.
- All Board members are expected to notify the President or Executive Director if they will be absent from a Board meeting.

**Clip, complete and return this ballot by October 29, 2010 to:  
MFA Governance Committee, P.O. Box 599, Grantsville, MD 21536**



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### Dates to Remember

for further information on any of these items, contact the MFA office unless otherwise noted. For updates and alerts between issues of THE CROSSCUT, sign up for MFA E-news by emailing a request to [director@mdforests.org](mailto:director@mdforests.org)

#### October

- 6 ~ Room block at Gaylord release. Reserve your room now for best rates. See page 4
- 20 ~ MFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
- 22 ~ Meeting registration deadline. Pre-registration required for all events. See page 5
- 29 ~ BALLOTS DUE TO MFA OFFICE

#### November

- 5/6 ~ MFA's 34th Annual Conference "Working Woodlands" at the Gaylord National in National Harbor Maryland (Prince George's county) see pages 4 and 5. Full details online at <http://mdforests.org/AM2010.html>
- 17 ~ MFA BOARD OF GOVERNORS QUARTERLY MEETING, Edrich Lumber
- 19 ~ Deadline for next issue of THE CROSSCUT

#### December

- 15 MFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

