

District 3 Board Member Report to California SAF Board of Directors

December 4, 2019 Meeting

- A successful SAF convention was held in Louisville, KY October 30 – November 3 with 1,403 registrants and 76 exhibitors/sponsors
- Sacramento will be the site of the 2021 convention, with CA SAF serving as host state society
- Gene Kodama, CF, from South Carolina was elected vice president for 2020; he is a retired South Carolina state forester and a recipient of SAF's highest award, the Gifford Pinchot Medal
- Steven Glover was hired as director of membership services; he will serve as second in command to the CEO
- Both of our former acting-co-CEOs (Louise Murgia and John Barnwell) have left SAF
- We are under contract to sell our headquarters building to a developer for \$2.25 million; closure will not occur this calendar year; following closure, we will lease office space in the Bethesda-Washington area; because Wild Acres is on Bethesda's list of historical structures, tear down is not an option; the purchaser is expected to refurbish the building for residential and/or commercial use
- Our first 5-year financial projection covering 2020-2024 is nearly finalized
- As of October 25, SAF had 10,456 members, a decline of 329 from a year previous
- As of the close of the August books, our net assets were \$20.08 million
- In October, SAF made a \$40,000 donation to help fund the Sustainable Forestry Initiative/Project Learning Tree's training course on Jobs in Forestry
- The Forestry Source is now available online
- The certified forester program has been the subject of a comprehensive audit this year by multiple committees; the committees' findings are now being considered by the board; potential changes to the CF program will be under discussion by the board in 2020
- One of our main administrative problems is our primary database (iMIS), which operates membership records, our website, and financial systems, among other things; we have retained a consultant (ISG) to improve database organization and train staff in its use
- The Ethics Committee completed its first complaint investigation in several years; the subject of the investigation was former CA SAF member and U.C. Berkeley professor of silviculture Kevin O'Hara; the complaint was upheld; O'Hara was determined to have violated Canon 6 of our code of ethics; as a result, O'Hara's SAF awards (fellow, Schenck award) and his SAF membership were rescinded