

**Washington State SAF
First Quarter Activities for 2007
January 1 – March 31, 2007**

Outcome #1: A strong, forward-thinking organization

- Submitted the nomination of Bill Horn for the John Beale Award to recognize his many behind the scenes contributions over many years.
- WSSAF coordinated with Oregon SAF in presenting the 2007 Oregon/Washington Leadership conference on 1/19-20/07 in Hood River, OR. Sessions from Congressman Brian Baird, Developing SAF Reaction to Sensitive Policy Issues, Strategic Planning, and increasing vitality in your chapter (including membership). GRCC took 16 students and 2 instructors to WA/OR Leadership Conference. Student Chapter chair Jenny Wren helped with the Vitality activity.
- WSSAF volunteers continue involvement in the planning of the 2007 National Convention in Portland Oregon. Co-chairing with Oregon counterparts we are involved in Arrangements, Program, Foresters Fund, Hospitality, On-site volunteers, and student activities. GRCC has been involved in Student Activities for the 2007 National Convention since last fall. Dick has participated in communications and planning; Students and advisors have met with UW, OSU, COCC twice. Next planning meeting tentatively scheduled April 13 at Mt. Hood CC.
- We initiated development of a strategic plan for WSSAF. The executive Committee voted on March 16, 2007 to pursue development of a plan by the end of 2007. This will be a 2+ page plan, coinciding with the strategic outcome categories of the National Strategic Plan.
- Approved budget for 2007 at the March 16, 2007 executive committee meeting.
- National lists GRCC Student Chapter membership at 36 with an increase over last year.

Outcome #2: Enhanced service to landowners and employers

- In our discussions on membership, we are assessing incentives for employers to encourage SAF participation.

Outcome #3: Enhanced service to society at large

- Small articles in the *Tacoma News Tribune* and the *Centralia/Chehalis Chronicle* on the election of Zoanne Aylesworth as chair-elect for 2007.
- Initiated development of a memorandum of understanding between WSSAF and the Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD). WSSAF executive committee gave the go-ahead on March 16th. At their March 19th meeting, the Officers and Directors of the WACD passed a resolution to develop an MOU with WSSAF. This MOU would benefit both organizations through education, increased networking, leveraged support on many areas of common interest, expanded learning opportunities, and many other benefits.
- Wildfire in Washington display is still open to the public at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center in Bellevue.
- GRCC Student Chapter helped host a FFA Forestry practice contest in February that brought 20 teams from 8 high schools.

Outcome #4: Effective engagement in forest policy

- At the OR/WA Leadership Conference, we asked Congressman Brian Baird to address how SAF can affect forestry-related issues in congress. Although he had to bow out at the last minute, he did provide an almost 8 minute video which we presented to the 80 assembled.
- Also at the OR/WA Leadership Conference, we had a panel on SAF being able to react to sensitive issues – using the Oregon Salvage Logging issue (AKA – Donato issue) as a case study.
- The Southwest Washington Chapter sponsored a Legislative dinner on February 20th. Seven representatives and Senators attended, which is a great turnout during session. About 60 SAF members and guests heard presentations on forestry issues of the day, focusing on Forest Fragmentation and Conversion, Eastside Forest Health, and the Trust Mandate for State Lands.
- Several SAF members commented as individuals on proposed Senate Bill 5834, regarding licensing of foresters. We have worked out an agreement with Inland Empire to work on the issue together and come up with ideas and issues that we think need to be addressed prior to next legislative session.
- Provided legislative input to Senator Mary Margaret Haugen who had proposed the “Office of Farmland Preservation”. Proposed adding forest lands since the issue for agricultural and forest lands are essentially the same (fragmentation, conversion, etc.) In the latest version of the bill, the language regarding forest lands has been omitted.

Outcome #5: Enhanced professional education, performance, and leadership

- WSSAF and the local chapters elected new officers for the 2007.
- At the OR/WA Leadership Conference, we had a session on increasing chapter vitality and membership. We came up with three pages of ideas which were sent to attendees, WS SAF and posted on the WS SAF website - [Welcome to the Oregon Society and Washington State Society of American Foresters](http://www.forestry.org/saf_members/index.php)
http://www.forestry.org/saf_members/index.php
- Washington State SAF is chairing one of the HSD convener groups and has participated in two conference calls.
- WSSAF executive committee approved two Foresters Fund grant applications, with some minor modifications. They applications are for support of the SW WA Legislative Dinner and the Mid-Columbia Forest Landowner's Field Day.

Outcome #6: Development and sound stewardship of SAF's Resources

- WSSAF provided input to HSD and Council on the membership proposal, after discussion at the chapter and state level.
- GRCC submitted our 2006 activity report to Louise.
- GRCC submitted their Chapter Financial Statement to state treasurer for 2006: just over \$6000 in income and donations, we spent 2/3 going to conferences at Pittsburgh, Chelan, and Oregon.