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Candidates for Election to the Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors

The Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors includes 12 at-large members who are elected to serve a three-year term, and who may serve a second consecutive term if re-elected. The terms of four at-large members expire in spring 2014.

Below are brief biosketches, in alphabetical order, of seven candidates running for election to the board. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk ().*

Vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/55VMLSH>, or print the ballot and mail it to Ellen Manno, 114 Forest Resources Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

*Vote for no more than four candidates. **Ballots must be received by February 28, 2014.***

Joseph "Joe" E. Barnard (1960 FOR, 1963g FOR)

I graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in Forestry ('60) and an M.S. in Forest Ecology ('63). I retired from the USDA Forest Service in 1996 after 35 years in the research division where I specialized in forest inventory and forest health issues. I have authored more than 60 research publications and was the national manager of the Forest Health Monitoring Program when I retired. In 1998, I became the part-time executive director of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA), serving in that position until October 2000. For more than 18 years, I was a member of the External Committee of the Goddard Chair of Forestry at Penn State. I am a life member of the PFA and currently serve as chairman of the Awards Committee.

I have received numerous professional awards including a 1989 excellence award for technology transfer and the Secretary of Agriculture's Superior Service Award in 1983. I am a recipient of the Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award from the PFA and was named the Forester of the Year in 1982 by the Allegheny Section, Society of American Foresters. I have been listed in Longman's WHO'S WHO IN SCIENCE. I previously served on the SFR Alumni Board from 2002 to 2007 and was active on the planning group for the 100th anniversary of forestry at Penn State. In 2010 I was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Forest Resources. I reside in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, where I am active with my family, church, and forestry interests. I am the parent of five children and grandparent to 19 grandchildren.

Stephen E. Fairweather (1974 FORSC, 1982g FOR R)

I've had the good fortune to work all over the United States in various forestry positions. After graduating from Penn State in 1974 with a B.S. in Forest Science, I went to Minnesota to earn an M.S. in Forest Pathology and Remote Sensing. In 1976 I returned to Penn State and eventually was awarded a Ph.D. in Forest Biometrics in 1982. During that graduate program I became an instructor in forest biometrics, and also worked for the USFS as a research forester for one year in St. Paul, Minnesota, and as the Inventory Forester for Great Northern Paper Company in northern Maine. During my time there I was an adjunct faculty member for the College of Forestry at the University of Maine.

I returned to Penn State in 1984 as an assistant professor of forest management. I was on the faculty until 1993. During that time I taught Forest Biometrics, Forest Management, and an introductory course in microcomputers for the College of Agriculture. I was also involved with the Governor's School for Agriculture, chaired the Forest Science Program, and was the faculty manager of the School forest lands. I was active in the SAF at the national level, and was the first associate editor for forest inventory and biometrics for the *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry*.

In 1993 I decided to go back to work for forest industry, and joined Boise Cascade in Boise, Idaho, as the corporate forest biometrician. I was there for five years, and was lucky to work in various parts of the United States as well as in Brazil. In 1998 I joined Olympic Resource Management in Poulsbo, Washington, and in 2000 moved to Portland, Oregon as the Inventory Systems Manager for Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., a natural resources consulting firm. I became a Principal in the firm about ten years ago, and have served as the President for seven years.

Warren E. "Ed" Frayer (1961 FOR)

After completing the B.S. in Forestry at Penn State in 1961, I earned a master of Forestry (1962) and doctorate in Forestry (1965) at Yale, both in biometrics/computer science. I worked as a research forester and mathematical statistician for the U.S. Forest Service until 1967 and then moved to academia. I spent 17 years at Colorado State University, interrupted by one year (1975-76) with the Forest Service in Washington, DC. The last eight years at Colorado State I was head of the Department of Forest and Wood Sciences. In 1984 I became dean of the School of Forestry and Wood Products at Michigan Technological University and retired in 2000. My retirement in Florida has included time teaching as an adjunct math faculty member at two local colleges, and I have also worked for the U.S. Census Bureau. I am a member of SAF and assisted in establishing the first SAF Student Chapter in 1970; I was elected SAF Fellow in 1996. I chair the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited and serve on the board of directors of the Harbor

Hills Homeowners Assoc. (600 families). I am a trustee at Lady Lake Methodist Church. My wife Mei and I live in Gainesville, Florida.

Samantha J. Pedder (2011 W F S)

I graduated from Penn State in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Wildlife Option and a minor in Geographic Information Systems. I worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission throughout college and within a few months of graduating, I secured my current position with the Commission as the Hunting Outreach Coordinator in Harrisburg, PA. I guide the agency's efforts to recruit, retain, and reactivate Pennsylvania's hunters by managing different programs, marketing campaigns, and other projects. While I did not expect to do this type of work once I graduated, I really enjoy what I do. I recently enrolled in a graduate program at Utah State University to complete a Master of Natural Resources and will focus my graduate project on hunter recruitment and retention programs nationwide. I currently serve on the Board for the Pennsylvania State Chapter of The Wildlife Society as well.

Rachel R. Reyna (1998g FOR R) *

I received my M.Agr. degree, which is a combination of forestry and communications, from Penn State in 1998. I also received a B.S. in Forest Management from LSU in 1996. I have worked for the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry since 2001 and am currently Chief of Rural and Community Forestry, which houses Private Forestland Stewardship, Urban and Community Forestry, watershed/riparian programs, and the Forest Legacy program. It also assists with "Clean & Green," an open space tax incentive program, and the Federal Highlands Conservation Act. Prior to working with the bureau, I was self-employed with half of my business consisting of database programming, and the other half consisting of conducting forestry education workshops with home school co-ops.

I am a Certified Forester and a Certified Arborist and an active member of the Society of American Foresters, currently serving in a variety of positions: the Allegheny SAF Chair-Elect, a co-chair of the Human Dimensions Working Group, a member of the National Communications Committee, and as a member of the Keystone Chapter's Executive Committee. I am also a member of PFA and currently serve as the Urban Forestry representative to the Board of Directors.

On the personal side, I love to travel and have been to all 50 states and 7 other countries. I am an avid reader and crafter (mostly beadwork and sewing) and I also do quite a bit of singing.

Jason M. Wenrich (2000 FORSC)

I graduated in 2000 from the School of Forest Resources with a B.S. in Forest Science, Forest Management Option. For the past 13 years I have been working as a consulting forester in the private sector. Since 2005 I have been employed by Forecon, Inc., which is a multi-faceted natural resources consulting company with offices in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. My career with Forecon, Inc. began in Oak Hill, West Virginia as an office manager and staff forester. My responsibilities include management of various projects in six states involving state agencies, timber investment management organizations, large land holding companies, high net worth individuals, and private landowners. These projects have encompassed more than 400,000 acres. Forecon, Inc. opened a State College, Pennsylvania office in January 2012, which I am currently managing. In addition to overseeing operations in the West Virginia offices, I have been procuring business in the central Pennsylvania region. My professional organizations include Society of American Foresters, Association of Consulting Foresters, West Virginia Forestry Association, Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, and Forest Landowners Association. I live in Julian, Pennsylvania, with my wife, Jenny (An Bio '01) and our son, Jacob.

Howard G. Wurzbacher, Jr. (1979 FORSC) *

I attended the Penn State main campus from the fall of 1975 through the spring of 1979, graduating with a BS in Forest Science. Following graduation, I worked as a seasonal technician for the Forest Service in northwestern Montana. From 1982 through 1987, I worked as a log scaler, then a procurement forester for Fisher & Young and Endeavor Lumber companies in northwest Pennsylvania. In 1987, I began my employment with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, working as a Forest Technician, Forester, Assistant Regional Forester, and Regional Forester in the 10-county PGC Northwest Region.

I am a member of Tau Phi Delta, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum Committee, and the Twin Valley Hunting Club. I have been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1993, and have participated at the chapter, division, and state society levels: Plateau Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Chair-Elect and Chair; Pennsylvania Division Chair; and Allegheny SAF Awards Committee Chair and Executive Committee. I am a Society of American Foresters Certified Forester.

My wife Cindy and I live near Titusville, and have two daughters, Ashley and Sarah.