



February 2017

**Additional Candidate for Election to the
Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors**

Just two days prior to the release of the initial ballot of alumni board candidates on January 31, one of our four candidates for election needed to withdraw his name. We moved forward with a ballot that included only three names because we wanted to ensure that most of the board positions would be filled come spring. Alumnus Terry Harrison noticed that we will have four vacant seats in the spring (two members are completing second terms and two members have chosen not to run for a second term) and has volunteered to be a candidate for the board. Please review his biosketch below and vote – by March 8 -- whether or not to elect Terry Harrison as a board member for a three-year term.

Note that we have received a few “write-in” candidates from the initial ballot and will be contacting those alumni for participation in our spring 2018 election. If you have not yet cast your [initial ballot](#), you may do so until [February 27](#).

Terry P. Harrison (1977 FORSC)

I was a dual major (Forest Science/Forest Products) and graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in Forest Science in 1977. I subsequently worked 5+ years as a professional forester for Koppers Co. in the southeastern United States. Also during that time I worked on loan to the Tennessee Valley Authority, Division of Land and Water Resources. Coincident with this full-time employment, I completed an M.S. and a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee in Management Science (an area of applied mathematics and optimization that I first encountered in my undergraduate Forest Science program).

In 1982 I accepted a position within the business school at Penn State (University Park) as a professor and have been on the faculty for almost 35 years. While my entire career at Penn State has been in the Smeal College of Business, I have remained connected to my forestry roots in a number of ways. These include:

- serving on 12 M.S. or Ph.D. committees in the School of Forest Resources
- publishing in *Forest Science* and other journals on the use of analytics methods in forest mensuration, procurement, and management

- co-founding a special interest group for Forest Analytics within INFORMS
- serving two, three-year terms on the Forest Resources Alumni Board (spring 1998 - spring 2004)

I recently served as Faculty Director of Sustainability at Smeal and now hold the appointment of Faculty Director of Business Analytics. I supervise our new, online graduate program in Business Analytics offered via Penn State's World Campus.

I have spent the bulk of my academic career teaching and performing research on quantitative methods applied to supply chain management. I have been active in professional societies and I am a past president (2012) and Fellow of INFORMS (www.informs.org), which is a leading international society for operations research and analytics professionals. I have also served two terms as editor-in-chief of the journal INTERFACES and seven years as INFORMS Vice President of Publications, overseeing a suite of 13 journals.

My wife Debbie and I will have been married for 40 years in [June 2017](#) (we were married the week after I graduated from Penn State). We have three adult sons and two grandchildren.