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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 2016.

Below, in alphabetical order, are brief biosketches of six candidates running for election to the board. Three of the six are running for re-election; incumbents are noted with an asterisk (). Write-in candidates are permitted.*

Vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlumniBoardElection>, 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 Monday, March 7, 2016.***

William R. "Bill" Donley (1978 FORSC)

I earned a B.S. in Forest Science at Penn State in 1978 and an MBA at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business.

I am a retired 31-year senior management veteran with extensive experience in global materials and services businesses. From October 2005 until retiring in 2010, I was president and CEO of Tangent Rail Corporation. I led management in a buyout of Tangent Rail from the former owner, RailWorks. Prior to the sale, I was president of RailWorks' Products and Services Group, a provider of railroad construction products and track maintenance services.

Prior to joining RailWorks, I worked for nearly 20 years with Koppers Company and its spin-off, Koppers Industries, where I gained across-the-board management experience in sales, procurement, operations, strategic planning, and division management. I was elected corporate vice president in 1995 and was vice president and general manager of Koppers' Utility and Heavy Construction Division from 1995 to 1998.

I have held leadership positions in several industry associations, including chairman of the American Wood Preservers Institute and the Railway Tie Association.

Stephen C. Grado (1979 FORSC, 1984g FOR R, 1992g FOR R)

I earned a Ph.D. in Forest Resources in 1992, an M.S. in Forest Resources and Operations Research in 1984, and a B.S. in Forest Science in 1979. I also completed a B.A. in Political Science at Villanova University in 1971. I am currently in my 21st year at Mississippi State University, serving as the George L. Switzer Professor of Forestry in the Department of Forestry. In 2015, I was recognized as one of the Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni at Penn State.

I teach two undergraduate courses (Forestry Recourses Survey and Forest Recreation Management) and a graduate course (Nonmarket Forest Valuation). The latter two courses are also taught via Distance Learning. I have served as a mentor to many graduate students including the department's first Distance Learning M.S. student who graduated in 2013.

My research interests have focused primarily on economic contributions of nonmarket valued outputs from forest- and water-related resources in Mississippi. The overall objective of my research program has been to develop viable measures of economic-use values, which characterize nonmarket forest, wildlife, and water-related outputs that are key components of the natural resource base of Mississippi and the southern region.

I have been actively involved in professional associations, particularly the Society of American Foresters, Mississippi Forestry Association, and The Wildlife Society. I also serve as an associate editor for the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, and in the past have served as associate editor for the *Journal of Wildlife Management*.

For the past 16 plus years I have been a sub-contractor for the Rainforest Alliance, a certifying body for assessing organizations seeking conformance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) US Standard for forest sustainability.

I have been married to Renee Matich for over 30 years. She is also a PSU graduate with B.S and master's degrees in Nutrition. We have a 23-year-old son, who graduated from the University of Virginia, and a 15-year-old daughter in the 9th grade. My outside interests include wildlife watching, particularly for birds; photography; anything to do with the railroads; history; travel, and cuisine.

Joseph F. Gray (1948 FOR)

My varied working years have been with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Tennessee Valley Authority, Shannon Associates, and Dominion Resources, the latter including: Arch Land Company, coal acquisition supervisor (five years), Consolidated Gas Supply Corp., special projects engineer (23 years), and supervisor Lease and Right of Way for Pennsylvania (10 years).

In retirement these past 27 years, I worked as an interpretive naturalist with conservation organizations, schools, and community groups. I have served on several boards, including University of Maine, Tanglewood 4-H Camp & Learning Center (25 years emeritus), Knox-Lincoln County Cooperative Extension, (Maine) Pine Tree State Arboretum, Mid-Coast Audubon Society (20 years), Maine Cooperative Extension, Audubon Nature Education, and Schooner Cove Independent Living Cooperative

I authored weekly published (25 yrs.) *Nature Notes* and recently published books, *Nature Embraced* and *Nature Mystique*.

I served four years in the U.S. Army in the European, African Middle East Theatre during World War II and 12 years in the Army Reserve, Captain CE-USAR (retired).

Awards include: USDA-4-H National Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Award, National Audubon William Dutcher Outstanding Educator, DAR Conservation Award, and Maine Extension Association Outstanding Volunteer

I take pride in being a survivor of that group of foresters at Mont Alto in 41-42.

Derald J. Hay * (2003 FORSC, 2007g FOR R and J.D.)

I completed a B.S. in Forest Science in 2003, and was the first student to complete a joint M.S. in Forest Resources and J.D. from Penn State Dickinson School of Law in 2007. I am an attorney with Fox Rothschild LLP, a 400-lawyer law firm based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My legal practice primarily consists of providing advice to help businesses develop management programs to ensure compliance with the current and evolving environmental regulations.

As a member of the Society of American Foresters, I have stayed close to my forestry roots. I am developing relationships with forest land managers and forest owners in providing legal advice and support using this unique legal and forestry background to create innovative solutions to land management issues. My experience has put me in a position to evaluate and respond to cutting-edge legal issues related to natural resources in a rapidly changing regulatory environment.

Nathan T. Jobe * (2000 FORSC)

I earned a B.S. degree in Forest Science, Forest Management option, at Penn State in 2000. I received sales training via Virginia Tech, Skill Path seminars, and Dale Carnegie courses. I have been employed with American and Baillie Lumber Company for 15 years where I currently am a salesmen/species manager. I am in charge of domestic sales covering 21 states. I also have responsibility for inventory levels and pricing for our organization. Prior to sales, I worked in the construction industry as well as the local farming community. I was born and raised on a farm in western Pennsylvania. I understand the meaning of hard work. I am both a blue-collar worker and a white-collar thinker. My current position has me buying and selling products for profit on a global scale. This has given me some understanding of economics and the effects of supply and demand. I am happily married with 2 children.

David B. Lezzer * (2000 FORSC)

I graduated from the School of Forest Resources in spring 2000 with a B.S. degree in Forest Science. Upon graduation, I accepted a position with Keystone Veneer in Williamsport, PA, as a log-buyer trainee, and moved to Jersey Shore, PA. During my time with Keystone, I worked in all aspects of veneer production including log-yard duties, production in the plant, veneer sales, and training "in the field" with company log-buyers. After two years, I relocated to Jacksonville Beach, FL, and took a position with DeAngelo Brothers Inc., a Pennsylvania-based vegetative management company. My duties there included managing vegetation through chemical and mechanized means, developing new business, completing bids for work, and managing work crews on a large-scale contract with CSX Railroad.

After two years in Florida, I wanted to get back to the Northeast and back into log procurement and accepted a position as a log-buyer for International Veneer Company, based out of South Hill, VA, and completed the training program at IVC's sister company, International Timber and Veneer, in Mercer, PA. For the first three years, I lived in Grove City, PA, and traveled Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio procuring high-quality, hardwood veneer logs to be sliced into veneer at IVC and ITV and sold worldwide. With the company feeling the need for better coverage in Ohio, I relocated to Wooster, OH, where I have lived for the past eight years. Five years ago, with markets changing and the pressure to buy a wider grade of log, I took my current position with Rolling Ridge Woods, a log export company based out of Parkersburg, WV. My duties with Rolling Ridge include procuring different grades of hardwood logs in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, which we market to domestic and global companies; and aiding in log sales.

My wife Megan and I married in October 2011, and we still reside in Wooster where she is a district sales manager for a large bio-tech company.