



**PennState**

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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 2019.*

*Below, in alphabetical order, are brief biosketches of candidates running for election to the board. Degrees listed are those earned in the School of Forest Resources/Department of Ecosystem Science and Management. Candidates noted with an asterisk (\*) are incumbents. Write-in candidates are permitted.*

*Vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlumniBoardElection>, or print the ballot and mail it to Ellen Rom, 114 Forest Resources Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.*

*Vote for no more than four candidates. **Ballots must be received by Monday, February 25, 2019.***

**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.

I currently serve as the chairman of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Advisory Board for Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

**Stephen C. Grado (1979 FORSC, 1984g FORR, 1992g FORR) \***

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 23rd year at Mississippi State University (MSU), serving as the George L. Switzer Professor of Forestry in the Department of Forestry. This latter designation is given to faculty in the Department of Forestry who excel in teaching, research, and service. I am serving as a mentor for four faculty members in my department. In 2015, I was recognized as one of the Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni at Penn State.

I teach two undergraduate courses - Forestry Resources 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. As the MSU Department of Forestry's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair (1999-present) and Undergraduate Coordinator (2003-present), I have taken the lead in addressing the evolving needs of my academic department. In 2007, I was in charge of the department's SAF Accreditation review. In 2013, I was one of the originators who were fully engaged in initiating a new department major titled "Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation," which officially started in January 2014.

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. Examples of topics previously and currently under investigation include 1) wildlife economics, 2) recreation issues, 3) ecosystem services, and 4) urban and community forestry. I have published 64 refereed journal articles and 11 book chapters to date on these topics. I and my co-investigators have received 62 grants worth a total value of more than \$4.06 million.

I have been actively involved in professional associations, particularly the Society of American Foresters (SAF), Mississippi Forestry Association, and The Wildlife Society. For SAF, I was the MSU Student Chapter Faculty Representative 1995-2001, and the chapter received numerous awards under my guidance. I chaired SAF's Sustainability and Forest Certification Working Group in 2011. SAF honors and credentials include SAF Fellow and Certified Forester/Forest Certification Auditor (#1155). I am also a long-time member of the Mississippi

Forestry Association, and currently serve on its Communications Committee. 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*. Based on my overall record of service in the College of Forest Resources (CFR) at MSU and within the natural resources community, I was awarded the CFR's 2011 Service Award. I am currently a member of the Penn State Forest Resources Alumni Group Board of Directors and serve as chair of its Alumni Awards and Recognition Committee (April 1, 2017-present). I also was elected vice president of the Forest Resources Alumni Group for a two-year term (April 7, 2018-present).

For the past 20+ years I have been a sub-contractor for the Rainforest Alliance (RA-Cert), a certifying body for assessing organizations seeking conformance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) US Standard for forest sustainability. RA-Cert has now joined up with NEPCo. I am certified to the ISO 9001:2008 standard for Quality Management Systems for Lead Auditors and considered to be the Rainforest Alliance's lead socio-economic auditor for the United States. I have participated in 106 FSC forest management pre-assessment, assessments, and audits, and many of the same for chain-of-custody certification.

I have been married to Renee Matich for almost 35 years. She is also a PSU graduate with B.S and master's degrees in Nutrition. She is currently a full-time instructor at MSU. We have a 26-year-old son who graduated from the University of Virginia (UVA) with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. After working for a Professor at UVA doing medical-related research, he is now attending medical school. We have an 18-year-old daughter in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, who is in the band. She will be attending college next year. My outside interests include wildlife watching, particularly for birds; forestry; photography; anything to do with the railroads; history; travel, and cuisine.

### **Corbin J. Rinehart (2011 WP)**

Upon graduation from Penn State in spring 2011 with a B.S. in Wood Products, Business and Marketing option, I first realized my life's passion was in the building materials industry. Entering Penn State in pursuit of a general business degree quickly became a decision that made me strive for a greater sense of direction in my collegiate career. I felt that a general business degree was too broad and relied upon my passion for the outdoors to guide me to find the Wood Products program in the School of Forest Resources. I also spent many countless hours with fellow Forestry and Wood Products undergrads while an active member and eventual president of Tau Phi Delta Fraternity, Treehouse.

Before entering the workforce and choosing my path, I had three potential job options within the LBM industry – one in building materials distribution, one in lumber brokering, and one with a hardwood lumber manufacturer. I chose to enter the lumber manufacturing business with Allegheny Wood Products (AWP) based in Petersburg, WV. I was hired as the Outside Sales Representative for the western United States tasked with providing truckload

quantities of mixed hardwoods to distribution centers in all major markets – Denver, CO, and west. AWP put me through the ringer of a 6+ month training process where I worked with the foresters, dry kilns, and sawmill. I learned and assisted in running every aspect of the tree-to-lumber process giving me unquantifiable knowledge of the manufacturing.

After two years at AWP, I chose to move to Windsor Mill and become the product specialist for trim products in the New England market. Since joining Windsor in 2013, I have taken on roles as territory manager of New England, territory manager of the Mid-Atlantic, and now am serving as the eastern U.S. regional sales manager covering states from Minnesota east. Working for Windsor has also allowed me to get involved with many industry associations including Pennsylvania Builders Association, York Builders, and Northeastern Retail Lumber Association. I also currently sit on the board of directors for the Northeastern Young Lumber Execs, an organization that is working to bring more young talent into the lumber and building materials industry. I am truly excited to see what the future holds for an industry that is often overlooked but always a necessity.

Two Penn Staters came together in December 2014 when I married Stephanie Childress Rinehart (Spring 2012, B.A. Spanish) and we have a beautiful daughter, Carson Lynn, who was born September 11, 2017. I am an avid fly fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman in my free time and enjoy spending time tailgating for PSU football with family and traveling.

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

I attended the Penn State University Park from fall 1975 through spring 1979, graduating with a B.S. 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 as a procurement forester for Fisher & Young and Endeavor Lumber companies in northwest Pennsylvania. In 1987, I began my employment with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), working as a forest technician, forester, assistant regional forester, and regional forester in the 10-county PGC Northwest Region, retiring in 2018 after more than 31 years of service with the PGC.

I have been a member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) since 1993, and have participated in SAF at the local chapter level as Plateau Chapter secretary/treasurer, chair-wlect, and chair; at the division level as PA Division chair; at the state society level as the Allegheny SAF Awards Committee chair and as a member of the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee; and at the national level as a member of the Committee on Professional Recognition. I was deeply humbled to be recognized by the Allegheny SAF with the Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award in 2013. I have been a SAF Certified Forester since 2002.

I am a member of Tau Phi Delta fraternity, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Foundation for Sustainable Forests, the Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum steering committee, and the Twin Valley Hunting Club.

I have previously served two terms as a member of the Forest Resources Alumni Group Board, including two years as president. I also served as the Forest Resources representative to the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society. I was recognized by the Forest Resources Alumni Group as one of the recipients of an Outstanding Alumni award in 2018.

My wife Cindy and I live near Titusville. We have two daughters: Ashley, who is a professor of creative writing and literature at Montevallo University in Alabama; and Sarah (2013g), who is a forestry extension educator with Penn State in Williamsport.