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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 2020.

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 Tuesday, March 3, 2020.***

Robert T. Caccese (2012 WFS) *

I earned my Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science in 2012, completing the Wildlife option of the degree. During my undergraduate years, I was involved with the Penn State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Delta Theta Sigma agricultural fraternity, Penn State Spur Collectors Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and served as President of the Penn State Archery Club. In addition, I received the 2012 Outstanding Senior in the School of Forest Resources and John L. George Conservation Awards. Upon graduation, I attended Penn State's Dickinson School of Law (now Penn State Law) and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in May 2015. During law school, I specialized in environmental law and policy, as well as water law, agricultural law, natural resources law, and the Endangered Species Act. During my law school summers, I interned within the Offices of Chief Counsel for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg, PA.

After graduation, I accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg performing hunter education, legal, and policy work. In July 2016, I accepted a position as a Staff Attorney for Penn State focused on water rights, water allocation issues and associated economic impacts, climate influences on the water-land-energy nexus and impacts to fisheries.

After two years with Penn State, I joined the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as Assistant Counsel in September 2018. In my capacity as counsel for the agency, I perform a variety of duties ranging from litigation and real estate transactions to regulation drafting, environmental matters, and Right-to-Know Law issues. In addition to serving as an attorney for the Commonwealth, I teach an environmental law and policy online course as adjunct faculty for Penn State Law through Penn State World Campus.

Outside of work, I enjoy writing and have co-authored several articles on water law and policy in peer-reviewed journals and law review journals. Recently, Lara Fowler (Penn State Law) and I co-authored a chapter concerning human conflict and legal solutions for a textbook aimed at the food-energy-water nexus. I am a member of the American Water Resources Association, board member for the Penn State Forest Resources Alumni Group, and an active hunter and fisherman.

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 also 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 degree 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 of Penn State for almost 38 years. While my entire career at PSU has been in the Smeal College of Business, I have remained connected to my forestry roots in several 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, prior three-year terms on the Forest Resources Alumni Board (spring 1998 - spring 2004) and another three-year term (spring 2017 - spring 2020).

I recently served as Faculty Director of Sustainability at Smeal and was the founding Faculty Director of Business Analytics. I supervised the rollout of 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 five years as *INFORMS* Vice President of Publications, overseeing a suite of 13 journals.

My wife (Debbie) and I will have been married for 43 years in **June 2020** (we were married the week after I graduated from PSU). We have three adult sons and two grandchildren.

I would be honored to continue to serve as your representative to the Forest Resources Alumni Group Board.