



## **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 2013.*

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

*Vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LSFQBFN>, 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 March 11, 2013.***

**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 have received sales training via Virginia Tech, Skill Path seminars, and Dale Carnegie courses. I have been employed with American and Baillie Lumber Company for 12 years where I currently am a salesman/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 have 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-color 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. “

**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 3 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 5 years. Two 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. “

**James R. Snyder, Jr.** (1998 FORSC) \*

“I have resided in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, since April 2000 with my wife, Carla, and our four great kids, Selena, a freshman at Penn State Altoona majoring in nursing; Harrison; Edythe; and Otto. I am currently the harvest manager at Kane Hardwood where I have worked full time since October 2002 and part time during the summers of 1994, 1995, and 1996 while attending Penn State. Since graduating from Penn State with a degree in Forest Science in 1998, and before working full time at Kane Hardwood, I was a forester with Cross Station Hardwoods, in Girard, Pennsylvania, and Industrial Timber and Lumber, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. I am currently chair of the Pennsylvania Division of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. In the community, I am a member of the Leadership McKean Class of 2008, Chairman of the Finance Committee for Trinity United Methodist Church in Ridgway, Past Master and current Junior Master of Ceremonies of Elk Lodge No. 379 F&AM, a member of the Ridgway Rifle Club, Wilcox Sportsmen’s Club, Sons of American Legion Squad 208, and a life member of the National Rifle Association.”