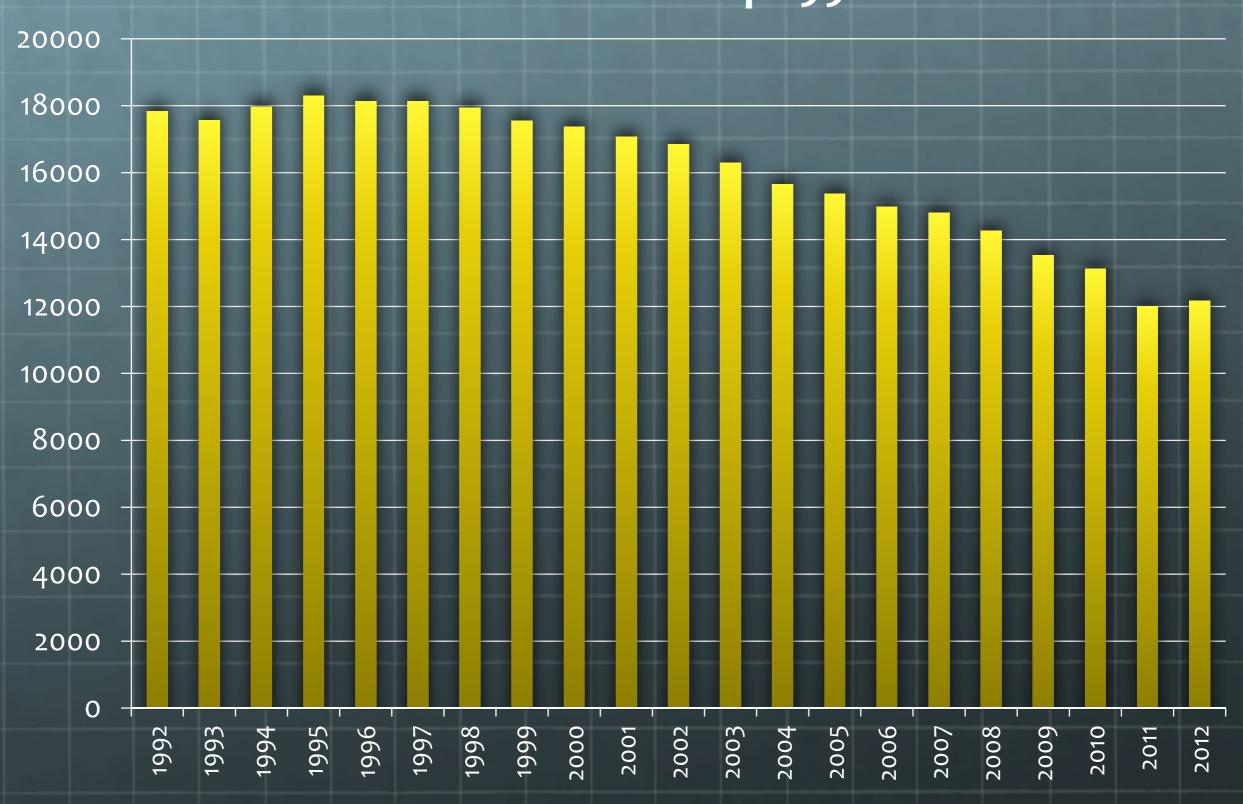
#### SAF's Brand Framework Core Language, & Strategic Direction

- Thriving forests.
- Essential resources.
- A strong community.

# Good to Great – why some firms make the leap and Others don't!

- Level 5 Leaders
- Getting the Right People on the Bus
- Confront the Brutal facts
- Hedgehog Concept
- Culture of Discipline
- Technology Accelerators
- Flywheel

#### SAF Membership 1992-2012



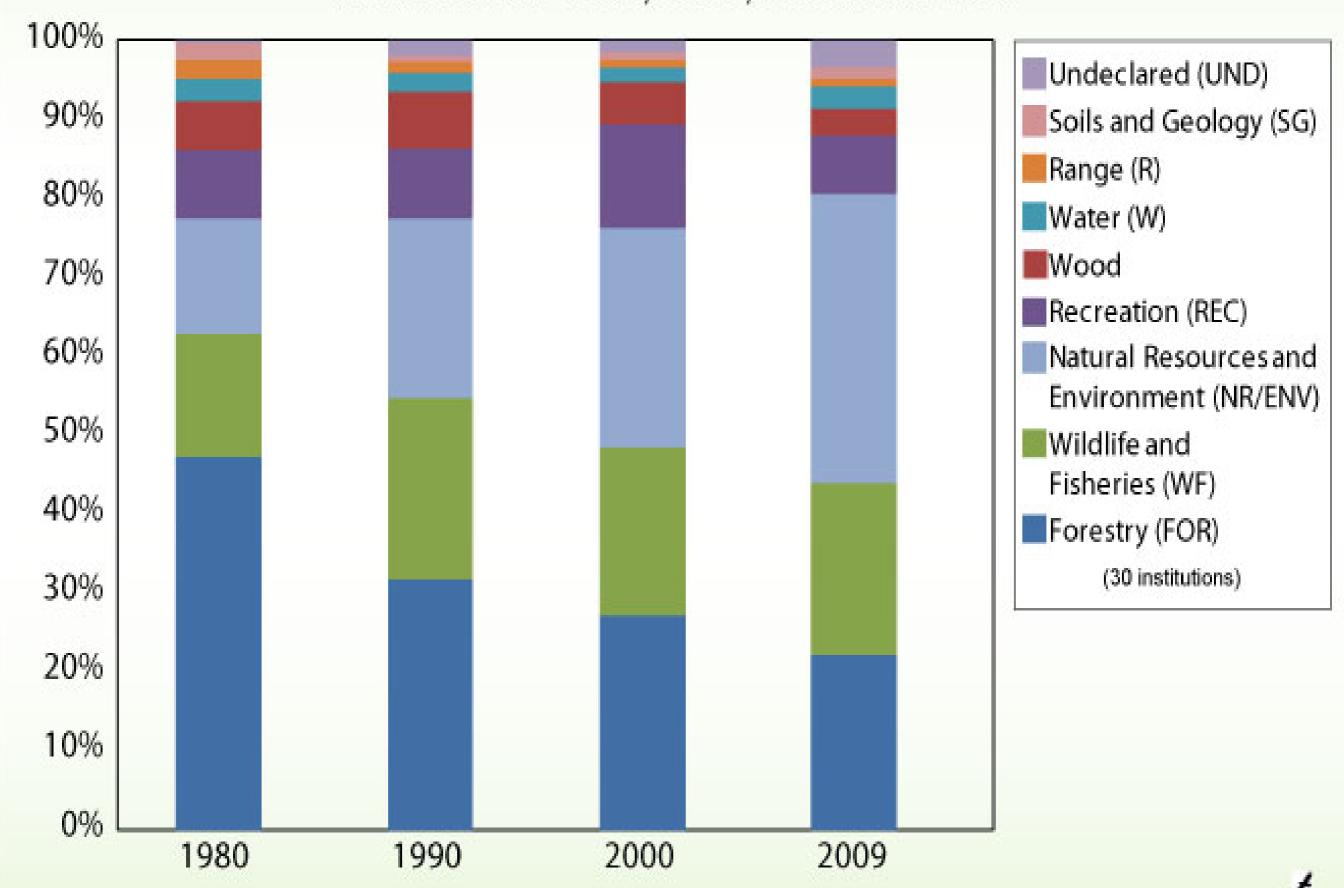
#### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PAST SAF REVENUE?

- •Since 2006, overall revenue averages \$3,332,450 and decreased by 20%!
- •Membership revenue represents 38-40% of revenue, averaging \$1,296,000/yr.
- •Publications and merchandize revenue averages \$775,000/yr. and has decreased by 33%
- •Convention and meetings revenue averages \$640,500/yr.
- •Education revenue averages \$182,000/yr. and increased by 27%
- Contributions average \$112,000/year

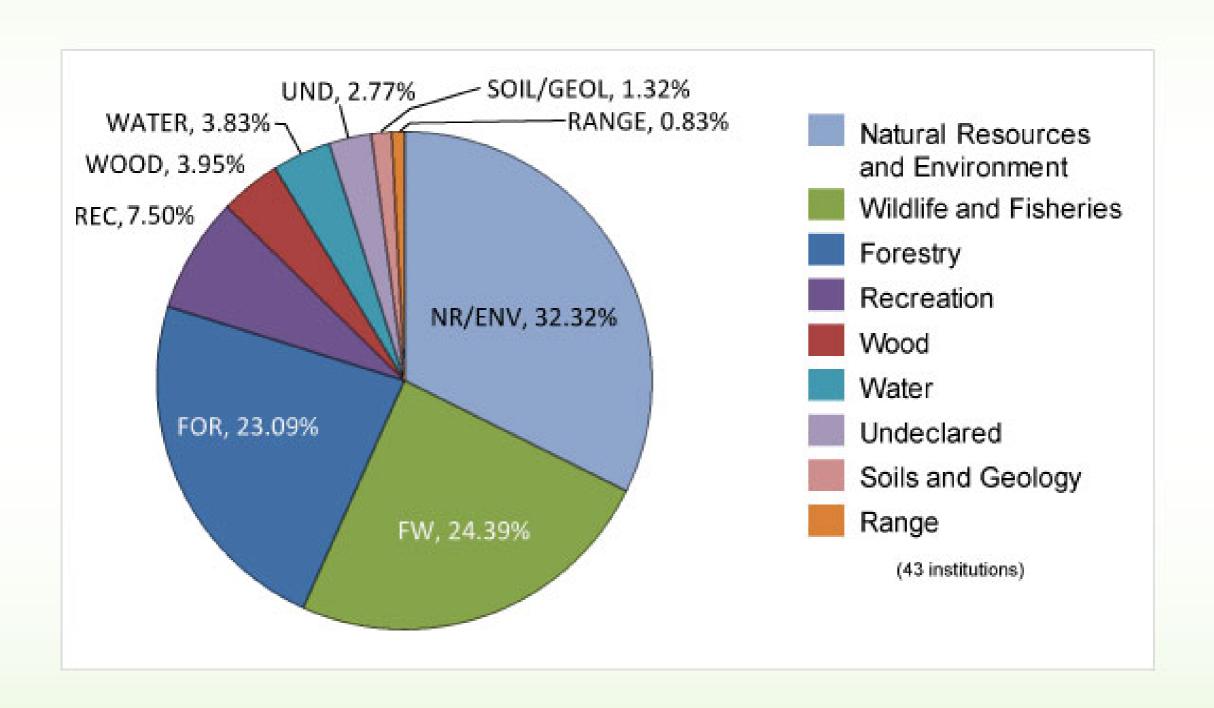
#### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PAST SAF EXPENDITURES?

- Since 2006, total program expenses have averaged \$3,426,000,
- SAF has averaged a deficit budget of \$93,550/yr.
- Publications average \$862,000/yr.
- Convention and meetings average \$552,265/yr.
- Science and education averages \$229,795/yr.
- Member services average \$478,300/yr.

#### Proportion of undergraduate enrollments in various fields of study in natural resources for 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2009



#### NAUFRP Proportion Enrolled by Field of Study, 2009



# Going from Good to Great: the Hedgehog Concept

#### Intersection of:

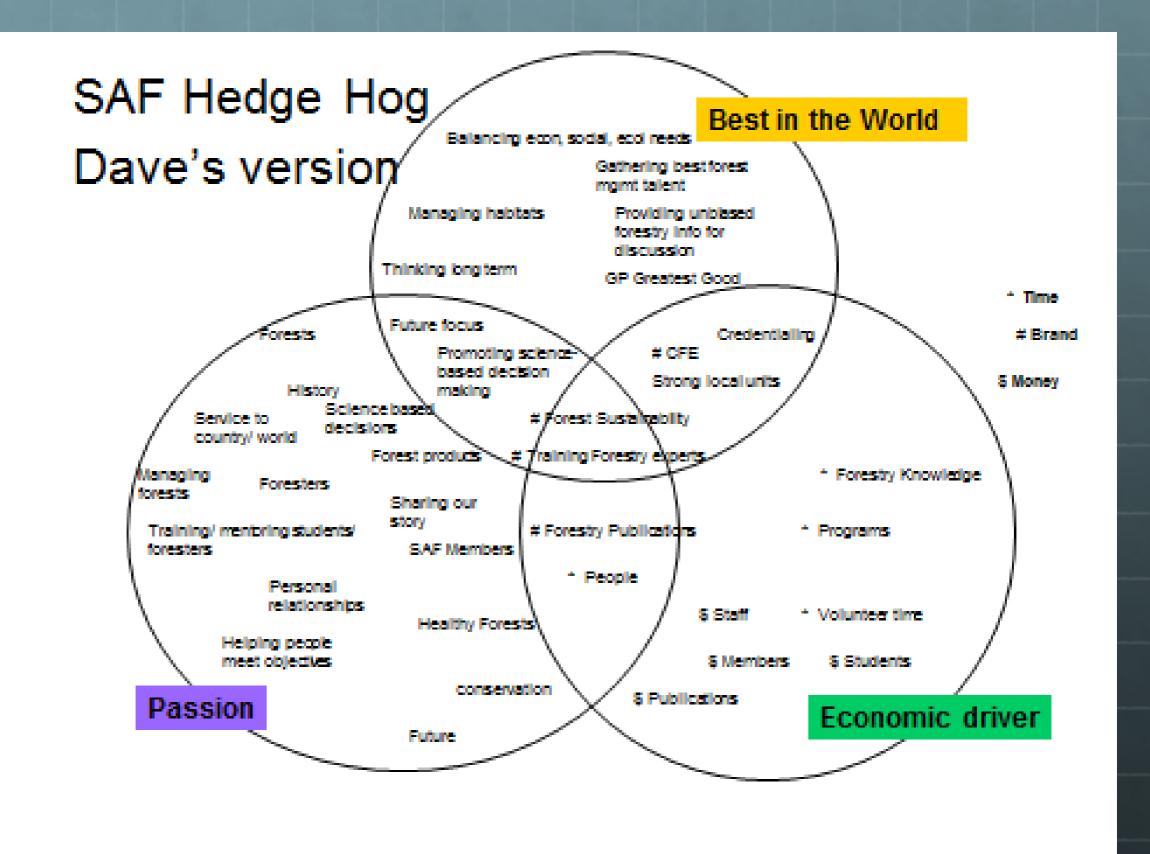
- What are we passionate about?
- What can we be best in the world at?
- What is our 'resource engine?

Decision filter for everything we do

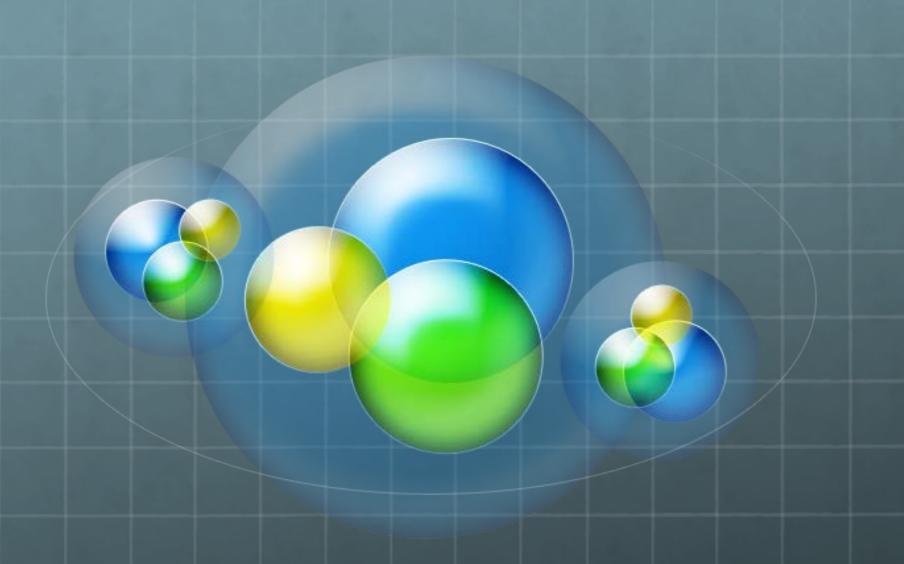
What are you deeply passionate about?

What can you be best in the world at?

What drives your economic engine?



# Branding 101



#### Our Objective is to Improve SAF

We will do this by providing clarity for who we are, what we do and why it matters

#### People want to know:

- Who are you?
- What do you do?
- Why does it matter?

#### We have to know how to say:

- Who we are.
- What we do.
- Why it matters.

In terms that are:

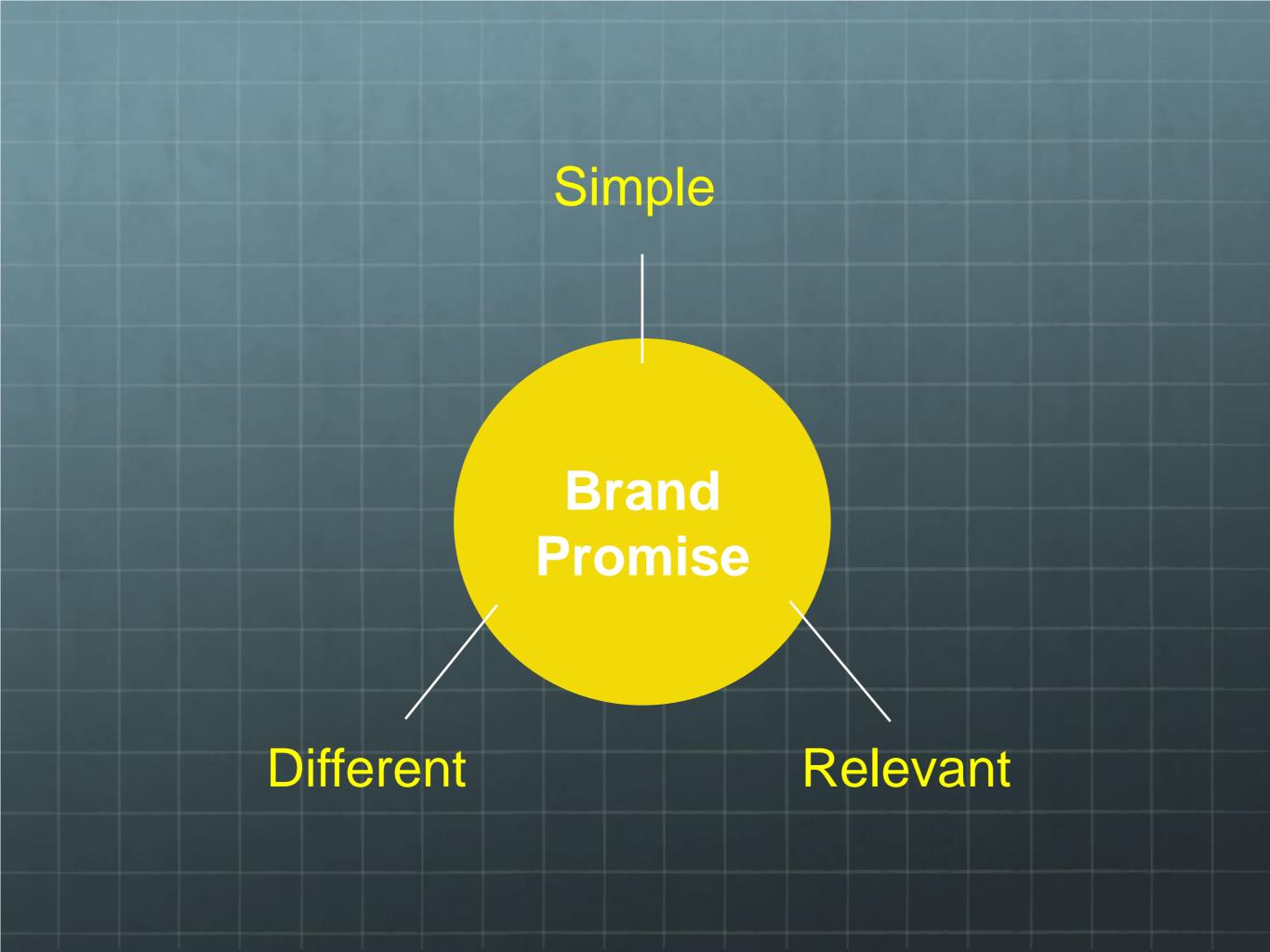
# Different. Relevant. And Simple.

reducing complexity to richness

Brand: The core promise of our organization.

Branding: The signals we send to transmit that promise.

The brand framework aims to authentically distill who we are and who we aspire to be. It becomes the decision principle, the lens we use to examine decisions and opportunities and helps us stay on course. We work to create and manage the signals SAF sends to communicate our promise. We will get beyond the mission statement, core values, and strategic plan which are important, but we are working to find the core of who we are that lives in the hearts and minds of all our members.



#### Marin Waldorf School: Mission

To provide an education that will prepare children to fulfill their highest potential as free human beings

energized by a life-long joy for learning. Recognizing the spiritual nature of the human being, we bring into practice the education principles of Rudolf Steiner in a way that

reflects their relevance for an every-changing and socially diverse world. Each stage of a children's development is supported by activities that engage the mind, fire an imagination, and strengthen the will in order to develop capacities and skills

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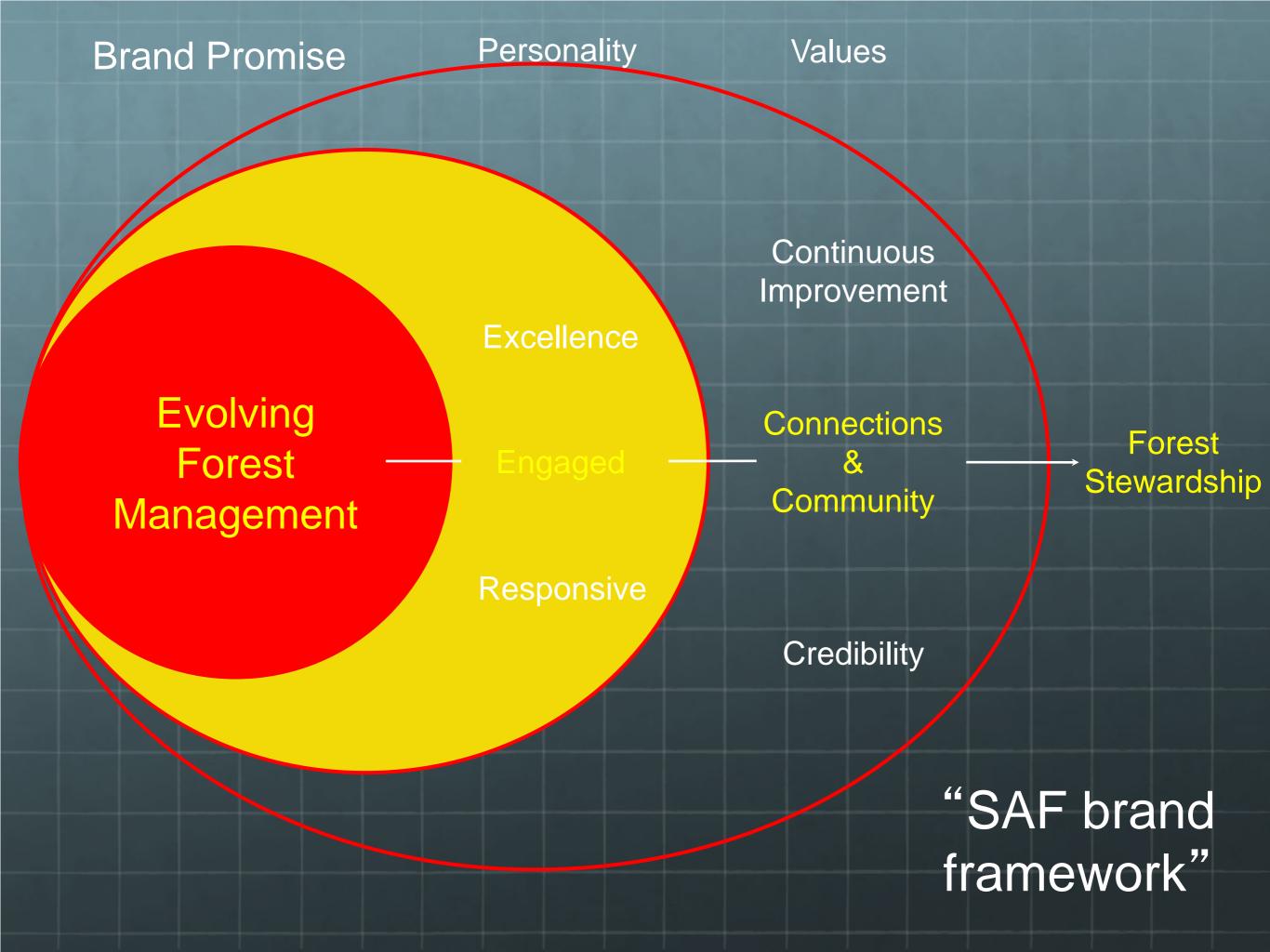
humanity.

# Simple Create **Exceptional Human Beings** Different Relevant

#### The Mission

of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology and practice of forestry enhance the competency of its members; establish professional excellence, and use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

The bulk of SAF members will read the mission statement, and core values maybe once, and they are not likely to read the strategic plan. The brand framework is who we are and should be widely recognized by the membership, not necessarily through words, but through experience and instinct. This framework will then flow through everything we do.



#### Strategic Planning

A Map

"1000 Words"

Vision/Mission/TOC

Black & White

#### Strategic Clarity

A Compass

"The picture"

**Decision Filters** 

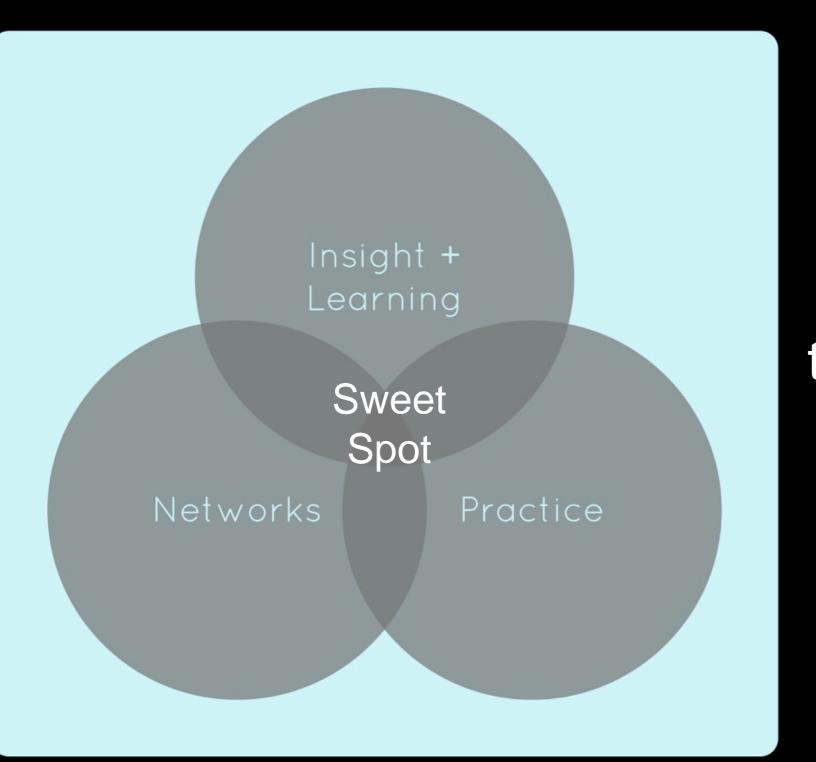
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# Core Language

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- We seek viable pathways forward, balancing diverse demands on our natural resources.
- We set the standard in forest management, bringing science, best practice and the best people together to actively shape the future of the profession.
- "For the greatest good. For the greatest number. For the long run."
- Society of American Foresters
- Evolving Forest Management since 1900

### Key Insights

from the Brand Framework & Core Language



To improve the practice of forest management

#### Spinning the Flywheel

accelerating SAF's momentum to keep us moving & on track

keep the Strategic Plan current

ID & focus on the Big Hairy Audacious Goal professsional development of leaders & members

keep facing old & new brutal facts promotion of science-based decision-making

quality control

#### Pushing the Flywheel

- Developing the "TEM" accreditation
- Annual strategic planning cycle
- Improved budget & program analysis
- New Membership/Credentialing Task Force
- Draft Implementation Road Map
- Big, Hairy Audacious Goal

#### Pushing the Flywheel

Gathered membership feedback from two exercises at State society meetings

#### The Miracle Occurred

Exercise 1: You wake up tomorrow and find that a miracle has occurred. Overnight the core purpose of SAF has been achieved.

How will you know the miracle has occurred?

What will be different in the world?

What conversations will be different?

#### Exercise # 2 -- \$100 Exercise

If we were to give you \$100, how would you spend it across the current activities of SAF

convention, accreditation, science, publications, policy, local meetings, networking, etc. —

how would you allocate the \$100 in terms of benefits to members?

#### Exercise #3

Write down your top three ideas to evolve SAF and its activities at the local level to better reflect the core insights of SAF's brand framework.

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