**North Puget Chapter Society of American Foresters**

**Chapter meeting September 30, 2015**

**Topic of discussion was subject matter & speakers for presentations at the 2016 WA State SAF meeting to be held in LaConner, May 12 -14th.**

Among the topics raised was "what will be relevant to employers so that they will send employees to attend". So think about that subject as you read through this and provide feedback.

Definitely want to have some Canadian content and invite CIF members

Ideas:

Forestland ownership (panel?) and maybe a tie in with 75 years of the American Tree Farm Program.

* who owns what (who will own the forest?)
* changes
* family corporations & preparing next generation owners

Politics of Change (2016 election year)

* election consequences for forest policy, funding & outputs
* incumbent/challenger speakers?

Canadian - CINTRAFOR panel

* markets, Pacific Rim, new Pacific trade agreement
* forecasts
* regulatory environment
* softwood lumber agreement
* consequences for infrastructure
* Canadian investment in US mills
* who will be buying/processing, selling logs/wood products?

Resilient Forests - Healthy Forests

* collaborative groups (why here, why now) Darrington Collaborative, Olympic, Tapash, Colville, Pinchot Partnership; Stewardship USFS sales.
* fires & consequences
* climate change
* watershed/water quality
* community forests

*USFS R6 Regional Forester Jim Pena invited*

Technology

* new & useful, new & experimental
* cross laminated timber (CLT) construction, design, markets, potential
* bio-fuels, wood pellet manufacturing, markets, distribution systems, economics, raw material sourcing
* nano cellulose - what is it? Uses?
* LIDAR, airborne & scanning, use in timber typing and inventory assessment/planning, ground image use in layout/planning
* drones
* productive operational use of current field gear in the woods (possible demo on field trip)
* Scribner board feet - why do we use an over 100 year-old measurement system that changes depending on the rule used?

**Ideas for Speakers (none invited yet):** Aron Everett - sustained yield for DNR managed Trust Lands (*invited*).

Keynote speaker: Robert Gates (former Secretary of Defense, current Scouting leader) - leadership in a bureaucracy through major changes and budget challenges, Scouting organization as possible source of future foresters/SAF members*. I've read that he lives locally (Anacortes?) but have no contact info as yet. Thoughts?*

***add/delete or just highlight what you like to this document and email to: pwagner@atterbury.com***

***if you have speaker suggestions for a subject, show in line with subject and add contact info if known.***

Our Chapter needs volunteers for

* program director
* fund raising/vendors
* ice breaker/meeting setup
* field trip setup (rent vans, etc)

Thanks to Ray Taipala we have Maple Hall in LaConner reserved once again.

We will be needing items for silent auction or other ideas for fund raising (like wine or beer raffle)

Please send commentary, ideas for speakers, subjects, etc.

& this is your chance to get involved: VOLUNTEER (even if all you have time for is to pick up rented remote microphone, put up direction signs or move tables & help set up event).

Thank You

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