

NASF 1997 Resolutions

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In Honor of Mr. Paul R. Kramer

Resolution Number 97-1

In honor, memory and recognition of the life of Mr. Paul R. Kramer (May 17, 1914 – September 5, 1997), and by unanimous vote of the National Association of State Foresters during the 1997 annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: Mr. Paul R. Kramer as an active leader of the National Association of State Foresters throughout his 14 years as Director of the Texas Forest Service, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Kramer served with distinction as President of the NASF in 1975, and as chairman of the NASF Legislative Committee and was instrumental in gaining passage of the federal Cooperative Forest Management Act of 1978, and

WHEREAS: Eileen, Paul's charming wife, a prominent participant in virtually all NASF annual meetings for over three decades, and

WHEREAS: Paul was widely honored for his forestry and related work, having received the NASF Lifetime Achievement Award in 1982, the State of Texas Distinguished Service To Forestry Award in 1971, and was elected to be a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters in 1979, and

WHEREAS: Paul retired from the Texas Forest Service in 1982, after 33 years of superior service to the people of Texas and the nation, and

WHEREAS: Paul continued his strong interest and participation in forestry throughout the remaining 15 years of his life,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the National Association of State Foresters, meeting this 18th day of September, 1997, in Salt Lake City, Utah, that the NASF

desires to express its admiration and appreciation of Mr. Paul R. Kramer for his noteworthy service throughout his outstanding career, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be spread upon the minutes of the NASF, and copies thereof, signed by the President of the National Association of State Foresters, be provided to Eileen, Paul's wife, as a permanent indication of NASF's appreciation and recognition of Mr. Paul R. Kramer's numerous and valuable services to NASF, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/16/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

In Honor of Mr. Osal Capps

Resolution Number 97-2

WHEREAS: Osal Capps passed away on January 1, 1997, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps was known by his friends, family, and associates as Osal Capps, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps was a member of this organization as State Forester of Missouri from 1960 – 1975, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the National Association of State Foresters, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps was recognized as a leader in forestry, both locally and nationally, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps received the National Association of State Foresters Lifetime Achievement Award October 1993, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps received the Forest Conservationist of the Year Award from the Missouri Conservation Federation in 1967, and

WHEREAS: Osal Capps received numerous other awards, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Foresters recognizes Osal Capps and the contributions he made to forestry and the nation, and hereby offer condolences to the family on this day.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/16/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

In Honor of Arthur Ray Shirley

Resolution Number 97-3

WHEREAS: Arthur Ray Shirley passed away on September 4, 1997, and

WHEREAS: Arthur Ray Shirley was known by his friends, family, and associates as Ray Shirley, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley was a member of this organization as State Forester of Georgia from 1960 - 1982, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the National Association of State Foresters, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley was recognized as a leader in forestry, both locally and nationally, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley Started the first state Urban Forestry Program in the nation, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley was awarded the J. Sterling Morton Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley received numerous other awards, including the Wise Owl Award from the Georgia Forestry Association, and

WHEREAS: Ray Shirley was elected "*Fellow*" in the Society of American Foresters, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Foresters recognize Ray Shirley and the contributions he made to forestry and the nation, and hereby offers condolences to his family on this day.

NASF ACTION:

Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

Disapproved President, NASF

Tabled

Date of Action: 9/16/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

Recognizing and Supporting Project Learning Tree

Resolution Number 97-4

Since its inception in 1973, Project Learning Tree (PLT) has emerged as one of the country's leading and most widely used environmental education programs for elementary and secondary schools.

PLT's goal is to provide young citizens with the skills and understanding necessary to make intelligent decisions about our global environment.

Co-sponsored by the American Forest Foundation and the Western Regional Environmental Education Council, PLT has reached approximately 20 million students and more than 400,000 teachers since its inception.

PLT's success is in part due to the network of people who make it work. Partnerships are the heart of PLT.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of PLT and its importance to conservation education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of NASF embrace the mission and goals of PLT and recommend that members become active partners in State programs.

NASF ACTION:

Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

Disapproved

Tabled

Date of Action: 9/15/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

Inventory and Assessment of Urban and Community Forests Throughout the United States

Resolution Number 97-5

Situation: Urban and community forests represent a major component contributing to the quality of life within our communities. The practice of Urban and Community Forestry requires an understanding of the many complexities interacting in the management of tree systems within our communities.

Understanding our urban and community forests requires an analysis of base line information offered through inventory and assessments of these forests.

Currently no systematic, coordinated, comprehensive approach exists to guide the collection of inventory and assessment of information regarding these forests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Foresters recommends that criteria and standards be established for a nationwide initiative to periodically gather comprehensive information relating to the inventory and assessment of our urban and community forests.

And that this same organization takes a leadership role in development and implementation of a programmed approach on how to deal with the needs identified in the above initiative.

NASF ACTION:

Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

Disapproved

Tabled

Date of Action: 9/18/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

Resolution Number 97-6

Despite current efforts to develop consensus goals and objectives for America's public and private forestlands, polarized debate continues in many regions of the country.

Three of NASF's standing committees (Emerging Issues, Forest Health, and Resource Management) met in May, 1997 to discuss how the use of internationally agreed upon criteria and indicators (C&I) to define and implement sustainable forest management (SFM) may be a valuable vehicle to establish a clearer vision for the management of the nation's public and private forest lands.

The three committees believed that C&I can provide the needed framework to assure adequate support and interagency cooperation for data gathering and reporting of information for sustainable forest management of the nation's forests. This would result in increased support for both National Forest System and State & Private Forestry programs as a result of better national planning efforts and better resolution of the appropriate contributions of public and private forest lands for sustainable forest management of the nation's forests.

The Committee chairs discussed the results of the joint meeting with the NASF Executive Committee, who directed them to draft a letter from the NASF President to USFS Chief Dombeck who responded favorably.

The NASF Executive Committee also directed the Resource Management Committee to prepare a white paper by August 4, 1997 that was a focus of discussion in the 1997 Committee of State Foresters meeting in August.

The potential use of C&I was further discussed at a three hour interactive panel at this annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NASF body supports the recommendations brought forward by its Resource Management Committee entitled, The Use of Criteria and Indicators in Sustainable Forest Management, which states:

1. NASF and the USDA Forest Service jointly articulate a policy of sustainable forest management to guide the stewardship of all the nation's forests,
2. NASF endorse the seven criteria established by the Montreal Process as a framework for integrating and measuring sustainable forest management,
3. The Chief of the Forest Service and the President of the NASF co-chair a coordinating group to implement mutually determined actions toward achieving this national policy. The agenda of the group should consider the following:
 - a. review of the 67 Montreal Process indicators to assess their applicability on a national basis,
 - b. design a more effective forest inventory system to address, among other issues, key measures, timelines for information, common data structure, and advanced remote sensing technology, and
 - c. redirection of forest resource planning to align national strategic direction with sustainable forest management policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASF may stay engaged in national and international activities as they relate to sustainable forest management. This should include, at a minimum, continued participation in the Forest Service's Interregional Ecosystem Management Coordinating Group and, on the international level, the newly formed Intergovernmental Forum on Forests.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/18/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

***Note:** Resolution 97-6 approves a white paper entitled "[The Use of Criteria and Indicators In Sustainable Forest Management](#)", which will be published separately by the National Association of State Foresters.*

Approving the New Forest Health Policy Statement

Resolution Number 97-7

Forest Health is a large and growing concern across the U.S. and the world. Natural and human caused stressors can reduce the resiliency, productivity, and value of forests if allowed to spread and worsen unchecked. The State Foresters are all engaged in the detection, monitoring, and suppression of forest health problems, and, as leaders in the forestry community, can help constituents define desired future conditions for their forests and move those forests towards that condition.

The attached Forest Health Policy of the National Association of State Foresters can help move State Foresters and our partners further down the road in understanding and dealing with forest health problems, and help define the acceptable range of options for handling these problems on multiple ownership's. It will be used as the basis for future work on Federal policy and legislation relating to forest health.

The membership approves this policy at our 75th Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 18, 1997, and further commends the work of the Forest Health Committee and State Forestry agency staff who assisted them in the development of this document.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/18/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

Note: Resolution 97-7 approves a NASF policy statement entitled "[NASF Forest Health Policy](#)", which will be published separately by the National Association of State Foresters.

Demographics as a Forestry Tool

Resolution Number 97-8

SITUATION:

The Western Stewardship Committee of the Council of Western State Foresters has determined that the incorporation of demographic data into future Forest Inventory and Assessment (FIA) and state forestland ownership surveys is necessary. Demographic data is available nationwide through the Department of Commerce Census Bureau and provides the basic set of social characteristics of people living in an area. These characteristics may be examined at national, regional, state, county, community, and smaller scales. Demographic information is important to landowners because it helps them to "see" and understand patterns of residential development and decline. Assumptions may be made about the age, social and economic status, and geographically biased values of residents. Demographic information is required to evaluate how adequately services are provided to all segments of the landowner population. Information on ethnic makeup of the non-industrial private landowner community is not readily available at the state or national level. Demographic information illustrates patterns of growth and decline in forestry and forest materials industries, patterns make powerful tools for forest landowners and natural resource managers to assess social demands and blend those with management options.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The National Association of State Foresters recommends the USDA Forest Service national leadership utilize demographic information for all large scale resource initiatives, and incorporate demographic data into future Forest Inventory and Assessment (FIA) and state forest land ownership surveys.

And that the USDA Forest Service Research/Regions be encouraged to:

1. Develop sources and methodology for standardizing information by state, and
2. Develop and utilize spatial and statistical change displays, at a county level, for demographic and economic information on forestland ownership.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/18/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

Tax Incentives for Forest Resource Management Practices
(retired by [Resolution No. 2004-6](#))

Resolution Number 97-9

SITUATION:

NIPF landowners have expressed their desire for tax incentives as a top priority to encourage voluntary financial investing in forest stewardship management during the National Conference on Forest Stewardship in Nebraska City, NE (April 1994). Likewise, the National Forest Owners Association (NFOA), has lobbied for such tax incentives. The long-term nature of forestry results in sustained resource management over time. Tax incentives offer attractive economic reasons for landowners to practice stewardship management and may result in more NIPF acres properly managed. NIPF landowners making financial investments in their forest could receive credit of some other incentive for qualifying practices by complying with tax code definitions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The National Association of State Foresters recommend the USDA Forest Service national leadership encourage the development of tax incentives for voluntary financial investment that properly applies accepted stewardship practices on NIPF lands.

NASF ACTION:

(X) Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

() Disapproved President, NASF

() Tabled

Date of Action: 9/18/97 Witness: L. Earl Peterson

In Honor of Art DuFault and the Utah Staff

Resolution Number 97-11

WHEREAS: State Forester Art DuFault and all forty-three of his Utah staff (a.k.a. Black Bart and his gang of blue-vested cowpokes) did circle the wagons and make us feel right welcome, and

WHEREAS: former State Foresters Paul Sjoblom, Dick Klason, and Ed Storey did join us for fond memories around the campfire, and

WHEREAS: the City of Salt Lake and the surrounding Wasatch Mountains provided a beautiful setting for the 75th NASF Annual Meeting, as well as a convenient excuse for several fun fall vacations, and

WHEREAS: our ambitious Utah hosts provided us with goody bags full of local food ways and culture—and gave us an excuse to keep our rooms clean, and

WHEREAS: the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands did risk life, limb, and long-term insurance claims to bring us the delightful Smokey Bear Balloon, and

WHEREAS: the assembled State Foresters and their guests, partners, and other visitors did thoroughly enjoy a week of interesting discussions, fascinating field trips, good food, dancing, and authentic Western hospitality

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the National Association of State Foresters, meeting this 18th day of September, 1997, that we acknowledge the tremendous time, effort, and creativity put forth by the State Forester and his staff to ensure our comfort and entertainment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the members of NASF offer a special vote of thanks to these folks for a memorable and meaningful annual meeting.

NASF ACTION:

Approved Attest: Paul D. Frey

Disapproved President, NASF

Tabled

Date of Action: 9/16/97