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**NAUFRP Celebrates  
25th Anniversary!**

## President's Message

Donald H. DeHayes

### NAUFRP—25 Years of Leadership: “Moving Forward”

This year our organization celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Twenty-five years ago, a group of thoughtful and forward-looking forestry deans saw the need for our universities and partners to unite to ensure that the nation's forests get the attention and support needed to serve society and be sustained into the future. Dr. Eric Ellwood, then Dean at North Carolina State University, became the first President of the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges (NAPFSC). Indeed, our association was born and set forth to promote education, research, and outreach in support of forests. All of us, including the many faculty, staff, students, alums, and partners affiliated with our programs, owe a debt of gratitude to Dean Ellwood and those Presidents (see page 2) and Executive Committee members that succeeded him. Please join us for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Pittsburgh on October 24, 2006. More importantly, find a way to get involved and contribute some of your energy and ideas to our association.

Now, 25 years later, the need for our organization, its efforts, and your commitment and participation is greater than ever. As you all know, support for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program, a base support program critical to our institutions and the nation's forests, has been under siege in recent years. Our organization, now the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP), has stepped forward not only to fight the battles to maintain and grow the program, but also to take the lead on developing the strategic plan that will guide the future of the program. Indeed, the need for a vibrant organization and engaged membership is greater now than ever before. The nuts and bolts of that plan will be developed during our General Assembly meeting workshops this October in Pittsburgh.

With support from the USDA CSREES and the US Forest Service R&D, NAUFRP led and hosted a national summit in January 2006 to define a new, progressive, and relevant forest research agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This summit was inclusive and included participants from all disciplines and sectors in an effort to define the future in a meaningful manner. The output from that summit, entitled *Redefining the Future of Forest Research*, defines the new science needed, the knowledge and qualities needed for the next generation of forest scientists, and new funding models to support research, intellectual capacity, and infrastructure. We are pleased that the USDA CSREES has embraced the agenda that emerged with strong consensus from the summit participants as a platform for future McIntire-Stennis program evolution. This agenda is only a first step—it is up to each of us to find ways to implement elements of this to rebuild our programs and ensure their relevance for the future. While we need to work together on Capital Hill and

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## Bi-Annual Newsletter of the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

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with our agency partners, there is much that can be done in our own programs and institutions. Let us not let this opportunity slip away.

As I reflect on our 25 years as an association, I am very much taken with the national leadership role that we have assumed and the need for us to continue to be bold and forward-looking. This past year NAUFRP crafted and disseminated a vision for our nation's forests, entitled *Forests For a Richer Future*. Twenty-five years after our organization's inauguration, we have called for "*a renewed national commitment to understanding, enhancing, and protecting the health, productivity, and sustainability of forests—a commitment needed to ensure our forests will thrive and remain vibrant and dynamic ecosystems capable of providing the full array of benefits, services, and intrinsic values necessary to sustain and enrich quality of life.*" My friends, this is a vision we must pursue. In shaping this shared vision, we managed to see beyond our different philosophies and jointly commit to promoting shared values, applying the "best" science, and advancing a new stewardship ethic to create lasting forests. Let's continue to work together to relentlessly pursue this vision with passion—our nation, our forests, and our profession need our leadership.

As I prepare to pass the President's baton to George Hopper in a few months, I want to thank all of our members and partners for their patience and support. Also, I urge you to step into the fray. Our forests are complex and rich with challenges, but the opportunities and rewards to advance the greater good are enormous. Don't miss out on the opportunity to help shape a vibrant and productive future. Best wishes.

## NAPFSC Past Presidents

2004-2006	Donald DeHayes	University of Vermont
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1996-1997	Gregory Brown	Virginia Tech
1994-1995	Richard F. Fisher	Texas A&M
1992-1993	Warren Thompson	Mississippi State University
1990-1991	Larry W. Tombaugh	North Carolina State University
1988-1989	Arnett C. Mace, Jr.	University of Florida
1986-1987	David B. Thorud	University of Washington
1984-1985	Charles Lee	Texas A&M
1982-1983	Eric Ellwood	North Carolina State University

**NAPFSC was formed during 1981**

### **A VISION FOR NAUFRP . . .**

**A renewed commitment to promoting shared and balanced values among all constituents, applying the “best” science to create lasting forests, and advancing a new stewardship ethic that ensures our forests remain as forests.**



Sometimes it is beneficial to look back so that we can have an enlightened vision for the future. In the past, we have each pursued our own interests and rarely shared a common purpose. However, now, more than ever, it is vital that we work together to sustain our programs. Only by working together can we ensure the success and continuation of our individual programs. In this age of cross-institutional and interdisciplinary research, it is critical that we maintain a strong, unified organization to assure that funding for forestry research and education remains intact through federal appropriations and programs. The above vision clarifies the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs' (NAUFRP) position on what university leadership believes to be the future of forests and forestry. As we carry forward this vision and share it with our congressional delegations, we will be able to articulate and show how our member schools have the capacity to help achieve this vision. However, we must work as a team for our individual programs to succeed.

On March 6, 2007, we will have a “fly-in” to Washington, DC, to visit our congressional delegations. I encourage you to participate in this event, as we have strength in our numbers. Together we will make visits to the Hill and communicate our shared vision, the impacts of our research and extension programs, and the new strategic plan for McIntire-Stennis, including funding proposals. Materials will be prepared for distribution during our visits to our respective delegations. By making these visits together, we will make a strong impression among our congressional leaders, as it shows that we are all on same page.

While in Washington, DC, visiting congressional delegations on March 6, 2007, the NAUFRP Executive Committee will meet during that week, and everyone coming to DC is invited to participate in that meeting as well. For 25 years, NAUFRP has been active in strengthening relations with partners and serving as an advocate for funding for our research and extension programs. This is a great time for everyone to participate in the plans and activities of NAUFRP.

Remember the proverb, “United we stand, divided we fall.” Let us unite as we strive to sustain the future of forests and forestry programs. For us to be successful, we must have the full support of our entire membership.

I pledge to work with you to achieve our collective vision and secure funding to carry forward our planned research agenda and educational programs.

### **Past President's Message** *C. P. Patrick Reid*

My extended duties as Past President have focused primarily on serving NAUFRP's interests on the Budget Advocacy Committee (BAC) within the Board on Agricultural Assembly of NASULGC, as Chair of the Board on Natural Resources (BNR), and as a member of the CREATE-21 Committee. Although the activities of both the BAC and BNR have been important to the interests and priorities of NAUFRP, especially in supporting our budget priorities in the federal appropriations process, the interesting action these days is in the CREATE-21 group that seeks to enhance federal resources for land-grant and associated public universities (e.g., some of our members who are not land-grant).

The CREATE-21 process has been ongoing for almost two years, and is working toward the next Farm Bill (i.e. either 2007 or 2008) to initiate a new national institute that would encompass the current activities of CSREES, along with several USDA agencies, including the Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, Forest Service R&D, and perhaps other Department of Agriculture agencies. The goal of CREATE-21 is to provide a new structure by which the research, education, and extension function of USDA can be more effective and responsive in meeting the priority agriculture and natural resources needs in our nation. The federal support for Agriculture and Natural Resources research, education, and extension (REE) has been continuously slipping in real dollars for many years. It is hoped that the new institute structure will provide the leverage with Congress to double the REE budget over the next seven years, from a current baseline of \$2.67 billion to \$5.35 billion, including a boost in competitive grants of about \$1.9 billion and an enhancement of capacity funds of about \$760 million. Major emphasis is placed on increasing competitive funds, while maintaining the capacity to deliver on the investment.

The latest information on CREATE-21 can be found at <http://www.create-21.org>. I encourage you and your professional colleagues to follow this development closely.

## Committee Reports

### Policy Committee Report

*Steven B. Daley Laursen, Chair*

The Farm Bill has been the primary focus of the NAUFRP policy committee for over a year. This activity will continue to intensify between September 2006 and the end of the next Congress in fall 2007. We fully expect that there will be another Farm Bill, probably launched in 2008, though it is unclear whether it will be a “new” one or a short-term recasting of the last one. The major factors creating uncertainty about the Farm Bill on the Hill have been the upcoming federal elections and the outcome of the World Trade Organization negotiations in Europe. The former could result in major changes in congressional committee leadership and agendas. The latter was completed this summer and left some doubts that there would be a windfall of “donor” funds moving from commodity support programs to conservation programs.

### Running the Trap-Line with Our Partners

We have stayed involved in conversations and deliberations with a variety of partner organizations and congressional staff in several states. The two goals have been to develop, communicate, and vet our own slate of agendas that advance support for university research, education, and outreach, and to formulate common agendas and mutual support among as many partners as possible.

We are interested in topics relating to the Conservation, Forestry, Research, Rural Development, Energy and Trade titles. Many topics of interest to forest and natural resource groups could be debated and authorized under more than one of these titles. For example, biomass and energy issues could be debated in almost any of the titles. As another example, the majority of Farm Bill programs target agricultural conservation. Since attention to forestry can enhance agricultural goals, we argue that Farm Bill programs should be extended to include forestry where appropriate.

To deal with these crossing agendas, we are networking with people involved with all of these other titles. This is facilitated by the NASULGC Farm Bill Committee, under the auspices of NASULGC’s Board on Agriculture Assembly. The NAUFRP policy chair also serves as the chair of the forestry title subcommittee of the larger Farm Bill Committee.

### Primary Topics and Issues

The Farm Bill issues and topics of primary importance to our natural resource community are:

- ◆ Ecosystem services
- ◆ No net loss of forested lands to other uses
- ◆ Biomass and energy, forest fuels and forest restoration activity
- ◆ Sustainable forestry policy for the United States
- ◆ Forest practices relating to conservation title incentive programs
- ◆ Farm Bill as a vehicle for implementation of the ESA

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### ATR Committee Report

*Perry Brown, Chair*

Under contract with CSREES, NAUFRP is charged, through the Administrative-Technical Representative (ATR) Committee, with preparing a strategic plan for the McIntire-Stennis Program. While a plan that gives direction to the McIntire-Stennis Program for overall guidance and decision-making is needed, a strategic plan should help justify the addition to the federal appropriation made each year by Congress. Also, it should help NAUFRP in its continuing dialogue with the federal administration about the value of the program.

During NAUFRP’s Annual Meeting, a workshop has been scheduled for October 25, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, at the Westin Hotel in Pittsburgh, to focus on the McIntire-Stennis planning effort and some of the decisions to be made regarding program direction and funding. The workshop will take the place of the Biennial ATR Meeting held every two years in Washington, DC; however, an afternoon ATR Business Meeting will follow the workshop.

At this stage, we have various elements of the strategic plan in draft form—a list of principles to guide the program; draft goals, actions, and performance measures for elements of the program; and possible funding strategies for the program. These three documents will be posted on the NAUFRP web page before the Pittsburgh meeting and sent to deans, directors, department heads, and to ATRs before the workshop. These documents will form the basis for our workshop discussions. In addition, we will explore ideas regarding multi-institutional research projects and various projects that might be appropriate under the McIntire-Stennis umbrella.

Since this is an issue of considerable importance to our members, participation in the Pittsburgh meeting and workshop is strongly encouraged.



## Regional Reports

### Southern Region

*Richard Brinker, Chair*

The Southern Region deans and directors have signed on to support The Alliance for the Future of Southern Forests. This Alliance was created by a group of landowner and conservation organizations to respond to the threats to the future of Southern forests through the encouragement action by government. The immediate goal of the Alliance was to identify organizations who share the goal of maintaining the Southern forests for a sustainable economy and environment.

The Alliance conducts a telephone conference call on a weekly basis to share ideas, concerns, and actions that will impact the Southern forests. One of its major activities is to work with other public and private groups and coalitions to ensure that the re-authorization of the U.S. Farm Bill includes strong and effective provisions and incentives for restoring, retaining, and managing forestland by family forestland owners at the scale needed to make a difference in the future of Southern forests. The Alliance believes this goal can be accomplished by coordinating the Southern forest community to propose new or modified provisions of the Farm Bill that address the threats to Southern forests and speak to the needs of landowners. Through support for the Alliance, the Southern deans and directors have become a part of a broad effort to conserve our Southern forests for many years to come.



A longleaf pine, one of many Southern trees that The Alliance for the Future of Southern Forests works to protect.

### Western Region

*Hal Salwasser, Chair*

Western deans and directors met in Portland, Oregon, on July 27-28, 2006. We talked with Western Forestry Leadership Coalition Director Jay Jensen about how to improve coordination with state and federal forest agency executives. The upcoming Farm Bill offers good opportunities to work with agencies on programs affecting state and private forests and the research and extension our institutions do on their behalf. Steven Daley Laursen, Policy Chair for NAUFRP, led our discussion on the Farm Bill, highlighting that Congress wants to see better coordination across administrative boundaries, with a focus likely on sustainable forestry, forest ecosystem services, and biomass energy.

We talked about the NAUFRP vision for forests and what our institutions could do to further its use. Since NAUFRP is still working on its rollout strategy, we weren't ready to commit to specific actions. Some feedback so far is that the document is somewhat clumsy and could use tight editing. As SAF and NASF develop their national policies, the NAUFRP vision could be useful.

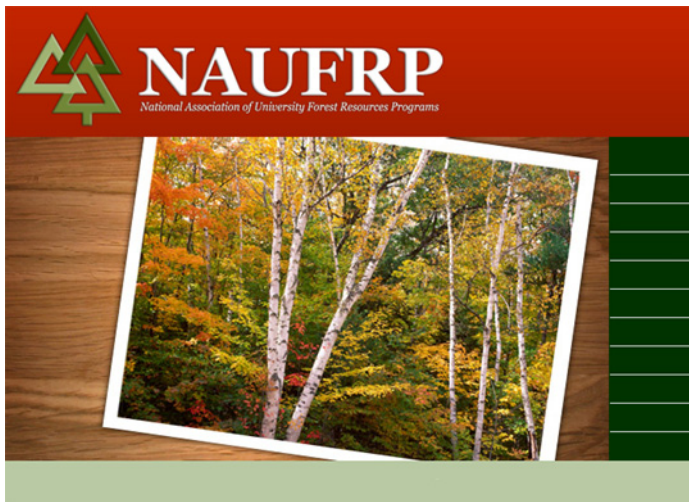
Perry Brown led a discussion on McIntire-Stennis strategic planning. Guiding principles include accountability, ethnic and cultural inclusivity, capacity for research, long-term capability, integration of knowledge creation with knowledge delivery, and options for integration across geographic, administrative and disciplinary boundaries.

Pat Reid shared a PowerPoint presentation on CREATE-21. We had an open discussion with Forest Service research leaders on opportunities to improve collaboration. Possible focal topics include fire, fuels and biomass energy; restoration after large disturbance events; invasive species; ecosystem services; and science application. General consensus was to pick one and focus on it through regional coalitions of institutions.

Hal Salwasser joins the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources of The National Academies in November and he solicited ideas about forest resource topics to bring before the board. Invasive species, forest health, forests and climate, international competitiveness of the domestic forest sector, cellulosic biomass, changing rural-urban landscape, restoration following catastrophic events, disaster response, and preparing for catastrophic events made the list. Forests and climate is a likely topic for the upcoming fall meeting of the board. Hal is open to ideas from other parts of the country as well.

Salwasser led a discussion of Oregon State University's recent experiences around academic freedom and offered some lessons for others on how to avoid learning the hard way. We finished our meeting with a field tour of the Tillamook Forest Center and state forest hosted by the Oregon Department of Forestry. We highly recommend the Center for any who venture out to Oregon. It is world-class interpretation.

**We have a NEW name  
and a NEW look!**



### **NAUFRP Website**

Mississippi State University oversees the administration of the NAUFRP website. The url is: [www.naufrp.org](http://www.naufrp.org). Items to be posted on this site can be sent directly to Karen Brasher at [kbrasher@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:kbrasher@cfr.msstate.edu) or to Terri Bates, NAPFSC Executive Liaison, at [naufrp@verizon.net](mailto:naufrp@verizon.net).

### **NAUFRP Archives**

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## **NAUFRP Annual Meeting**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
October 23 – 25, 2006

### **Executive Committee**

**Monday, October 23**

Westin Hotel, Butler East  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 24**

Westin Hotel, Butler East  
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

### **General Assembly**

**Tuesday, October 24**

Westin Hotel, Cambria Room W/E  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 25**

Westin Hotel, Cambria Room W/E  
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

### **25th Anniversary Reception**

**Tuesday, October 24**

Westin Hotel, Butler W/E  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Northeast and North Central Regional Joint Regional Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 25**

Sonoma Grille Restaurant  
12:30 p.m.

### **Southern Regional Meeting**

Location and time: TBA

### **Western Regional Meeting**

Location and time: TBA

### **Administrative/Technical Representative (ATR) Biennial Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 25**

Workshop on McIntire-Stennis Strategic Plan  
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Westin Hotel, Cambria Room  
Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Westin Hotel, Cambria Room

### **Society of American Foresters Annual Convention**

October 25 – 29, 2006, Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.safnet.org/natcon-06/index.cfm>

## Nine New Faculty will Add to Scope and Depth of UW-CFR Programs

During the last academic year, nine faculty searches were underway at the University of Washington's College of Forest Resources (UW-CFR) and an additional two faculty were hired as part of cooperative agreements with other institutions. Of the nine searches, seven are complete, and the College welcomes Drs. Jonathan Bakker, natural resource management and restoration; Renata Bura, natural products chemistry; Sharon Doty, bioresource sciences; Greg Ettl, silviculture and forest ecology; Soo-Hyung Kim, landscape plant science and sustainable management; Joshua Lawler, quantitative landscape science; and Monika Moskal, remote sensing and biospatial analysis. Dr. Ettl will be serving as the Director of the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest. Two faculty searches are still underway to fill positions in natural resource economics and natural resource informatics. A cooperative agreement with the USFS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center has resulted in the hiring of Dr. Christian Torgersen, landscape ecologist, and an agreement with Washington State University has resulted in the sharing of a faculty position for Dr. Dean Glawe, a plant pathologist specializing in mycology.

## SAF Site Visit Evaluates UW-CFR's New MFR in Forest Management

The College of Forest Resources' new Master of Forest Resources in Forest Management, recently approved by the University of Washington's Graduate School, was reviewed during a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accreditation site visit in April 2006. Site visitors Dean Perry Brown of the University of Montana School of Forestry and Conservation, Dean Richard Kluender of the University of Arkansas-Monticello School of Forestry, and Terry Clark, SAF's Associate Director of Science and Education, presented a positive preliminary exit report to the College. The visiting team does not make the recommendation for accreditation, but is a fact-finding body for an SAF Committee on Accreditation that meets in October 2006 at the SAF National Convention. The MFR in forest management is a non-thesis professional degree designed to integrate knowledge and skills from technical disciplines with those from policy and management in ways suitable for professional

leadership in the public, non-governmental, and private sectors; to create a collaborative and interdisciplinary learning environment that develops team approaches and leadership skills; and to present experiences needed for complex decision-making and create future managers capable of addressing the complex issues facing society and industry in the forest resources arena.

## Four New Endowments Support the UW-CFR's Transformation

The University of Washington's College of Forest Resources (UW-CFR) is the recipient of funding for four new endowed gift funds. The Denman Chair in Bio-Resource Science and Engineering was recently established by long-time College supporters Mary Ellen and W. Richard Denman and will greatly facilitate the transformation of the paper science and engineering program as it focuses on research and educational opportunities related to sustainable bio-based products and sources of energy that better serve society. Three new endowments will support students at UW-CFR: The William A. Eastman Jr. Endowed Fund for Student Support will benefit students engaged in studies through the Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest, The William McKean Endowed Scholarship benefits students in the paper science and engineering program, and The W. G. Reed Endowed Fellowship in Sustainable Resource Sciences will advance the science of global natural resource sustainability.

## UW-CFR's Denman Forestry Issues Series

The University of Washington's College of Forest Resources recently sponsored two additional programs in its Denman Forestry Issues Series: "Water Supply and Stormwater Issues in the Pacific Northwest," and Part I of a two-part series on sustainable urban ecosystems, "Physical and Biological Environments of Sustainable Urban Ecosystems." Part II, "Human Dimensions and Management of Urban Ecosystems," is planned for November 2006. These programs, along with most of the Denman series, are available for viewing on the UWTV cable channel and the nationwide Research Channel and in streaming video on the UWTV website at <http://www.uwtv.org/programs/displayseries.asp?collid=233>.

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**Faculty at University of Washington Receive Awards**

We congratulate these faculty on their outstanding achievements:

Dr. David Mabberley, Professor and Director of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens received the 2006 Linnean Medal.

Dr. Sarah Reichard, Associate Professor, received the 2006 American Public Garden Association’s Professional Citation Award.



**Clemson’s Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Hires New Faculty**

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Clemson University is pleased to have hired the following faculty members:

Dr. M. Chad Bolding, Forest Harvesting and Operations

Dr. Bryan L. Brown, Aquatic Ecology

Dr. Karen Hall, Master Naturalist Programs

Dr. Rob Baldwin, Conservation Biology



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**Relationship between Farm Bill and Other Legislative/Policy Proposals**

In our current difficult budget climate in Washington, DC, newly funded programs are unlikely in the next Farm Bill, so attention is focused on enhancement and improvement of existing programs, offering suggestions for improved structure, delivery and implementation. For example, we are submitting wording that would renovate authorizations funded through the normal appropriations process with focus on clear prioritization and demonstrated outcomes/accountability and performance. This has been our strategy with forestry and natural resources research and extension. In our testimony to Senate and House committees this past fall and spring, and in our NAUFRP strategy and deliberations with the USFS, we have been proposing reforms to the way forestry and natural resources research and science application are funded.

Please refer to NAUFRP’s Budget Advocacy Committee Representative Dr. Pat Reid’s report on page 3. His report includes reference to our position on funding for McIntire-Stennis and RREA and the more dramatic reform proposal dubbed CREATE-21, which would transform the federal funding model for Agriculture and Natural Resources research in CSREES, ARS, USFS research and the land-grant universities, among others.

**Where Do We Go From Here?**

We will continue to work with our partners on common agendas and to develop and hone our own agendas. Input is welcome.

We will intensify our discussions and deliberations with the federal agencies as they release their agendas for the Farm Bill over the next several months.

We will continue to hone our proposals for new mechanisms and models of collaboration between federal and university research and federal and university science application.

Thanks for your support! I would like to establish a NAUFRP Farm Bill and policy working group made up of the national and regional policy chairs. It is difficult to keep up with all regional agendas with only a national chair. I welcome your nominations for people to work with me in an information sharing network over the next year and a half. I can be reached via email at [stevendl@uidaho.edu](mailto:stevendl@uidaho.edu) or at (208) 885-6442.



### NC State University Selects New Dean of Natural Resources



Robert D. Brown

Dr. Robert D. Brown was selected as the Dean of the College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State University, effective August 1, 2006. Prior to joining the College of Natural Resources, Brown served as the Director of the Institute of Renewable Natural Resources and Head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Brown succeeds Dr. Larry Nielsen, who served as Dean from 2001 until his appointment to Interim Provost in 2004 and subsequent selection as Provost in 2005. Dr. J. B. Jett served as Interim Dean following Nielsen's departure.

"We're excited to announce Bob

Brown's appointment as Dean of the College of Natural Resources," Nielsen said. "His extensive experience in natural resources management and innovative approaches to sustainability are a great fit with the mission and achievements of the college and its programs. I have worked with Bob for more than 20 years, and he is one of the finest natural resource leaders in the nation."

As head of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M, Brown managed 49 faculty members in 10 locations throughout Texas, and diverse programs, including an extension program, a Sea Grant program, a marine mammal program in Galveston, and a mariculture program in Corpus Christi. During his tenure, Brown developed joint and cooperative doctoral programs with other universities within the Texas system, expanded the extension program, developed a distance education graduate program, and attracted more than \$5 million in endowment gifts.

In 1995, Brown was appointed Director of the Institute for Renewable Natural Resources, a coalition that includes wildlife and fisheries sciences; forest science; rangeland ecology and management; and recreation, park and tourism sciences. He led a successful effort to become the host unit for the Gulf Coast-Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit (GC-CESU), a coalition of nine federal agencies, 21 universities, and three nongovernmental organizations dedicated to environmental research and education. The GC-CESU received the 2005 award for the best CESU in the nation.

Brown has also served as President of the National Association of Fish and Wildlife Programs, Chair of the national External Review Panel for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of the American Forest and Paper Association, and is currently President of the Wildlife Society.

Before joining Texas A&M, Brown spent six years as head of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Mississippi State University. Prior to that, Brown spent six years as a Research Scientist with the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute.

Brown began his academic career as an Assistant Professor of Animal Nutrition at Texas A&I University. He received his B.S. from Colorado State University in 1968, and his Ph.D. in 1975 in Animal Nutrition with a minor in Physiology from Pennsylvania State University.



### In Memoriam

Larry R. Nelson, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist with the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University, died suddenly on Saturday, August 26, 2006.

Nelson began his Clemson career in 1984, establishing himself as a forest vegetation management expert and making significant contributions to the intensive management of Southern forests. He was active in numerous professional organizations, including past chair of the South Carolina Forestry Council.

Nelson earned his B.S. in Botany from Ohio University, his M.S. in Forest Pathology from Duke University, and his Ph.D. in Tree Physiology from Auburn University.

**Uncertainty Surrounds Completion of FY 07 Agriculture Appropriations**

The Congress will adjourn at the end of September for the mid-term national elections with much uncertainty about the outcome of most of the FY 07 appropriations bills. While all but one of the eleven FY 07 appropriations bills have passed the House, the Senate has completed its work on only the Homeland Security and Defense appropriations bill and none of the bills have been cleared by Congress to send to the President for signature. House and Senate leaders are committed to finishing work on the Homeland Security, Defense and Military Construction-Veteran Affairs bills during September so that these three priority bills can be sent to the President before Congress departs for election campaigning in October. Before the beginning of a new federal fiscal year on October 1<sup>st</sup>, Congress also will pass a Continuing Resolution to fund other agencies of the government until Congress returns in November after the elections.

No one is certain how Congress will deal with appropriations matters after the elections. The most likely scenario is that the House and Senate will convene for two weeks in mid-November and pass a large omnibus appropriations bill that wraps all the unfinished FY 07 appropriations bills into one package and then sends it to the President. Depending on the outcome of the elections, however, there is also some possibility that Congress might just pass a simple Continuing Resolution that carries funding for most agencies until the new Congress is established in January, or possibly for the entire FY 07 fiscal year. With the outcome of the national elections hard to predict, and control of the House of Representatives in particular, up for grabs, no

one in the current Congressional leadership is willing to provide many firm details about a post-election agenda for the lame-duck Congress.

Most pollsters and political experts continue to predict a Democratic year at the polls but most also believe the Republicans will be able to hold a slim margin in the U.S. Senate after the election. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee remains optimistic, however, in its projections that Democrats will pick up seats in the Senate. In the House, a shift of 15-20 seats would return control of the House to the Democrats for the first time since 1994. In recent weeks, leading political observers have increased the number of competitive House races from 20-25 seats, to more than 50 seats in the competitive range. Most experts attribute the change to growing public dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq and the continued low popularity of President Bush. Historically, the party of an unpopular incumbent President loses significant seats in a mid-term election.

While the final outcome of the FY 07 Agriculture Appropriations bill is still unclear, NAUFRP members should feel good about where we now stand. The House provided a 4% increase in McIntire-Stennis and the Senate provided a 5% increase. Both the House and Senate rejected the Administration’s proposal to migrate a large percentage of the base funding to competitive grants. The NRI and RREA programs also received similar increases. Below is a chart outlining the current status of funding of these programs for FY 07 as Congress leaves for the November elections.

<b>Line Items - USDA Appropriations Current Funding</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 06 NASULGC Request</b>	<b>FY 07 House Bill</b>	<b>FY 07 Senate Bill</b>	<b>FY 07</b>
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	\$22,008,000	\$24,500,000	\$22,668,000	\$23,318,000
Renewable Resources Extension Act	\$4,019,000	\$8,000,000	\$4,052,000	\$4,220,000
National Research Initiative	\$181,170,000	\$247,500,000	\$189,000,000	\$190,229,000

In CY2005, NAUFRP membership dues were based on a flat fee of \$750 charged to each institutional member, plus a fraction (0.002569) of McIntire-Stennis funds allocated to the institution. If all 69 NAUFRP institutions paid in full, annual dues income would have totaled approximately \$105,000. Because some institutions do not remit dues, NAUFRP has operated on an annual dues income of approximately \$95,000 for the past several years.

2005 NAUFRP membership dues collected totaled \$93,737; dues not collected amounted to \$11,000. Expenses totaled approximately \$95,799. With income and reserves, total cash-on-hand after expenses at the end of calendar year 2005 was \$35,901.

NAUFRP members voted by paper ballot in December 2005 to increase the dues multiplier percentage to 0.003 to better meet budget needs. This would mean an income of \$115,382 if all members paid their dues; the membership approved a CY2006 budget of \$100,000 at the General Assembly held in Ft. Worth, Texas, October 2005. Dues collected as of August 31, 2006 total \$103,958; dues yet to be collected amount to \$11,424, although \$10,000 of this amount includes schools who do not 'normally' pay. Cash on hand at the end of August 2006 was approximately \$71,944. NAUFRP has received a \$20,000 grant from the Forest Service for the purpose of coordinating the Summit and Outlook efforts and anticipates reimbursement for certain expenses from a CSREES grant to the University of Vermont for McIntire-Stennis strategic planning.

The approved CY2006 NAUFRP budget is \$100,000, an increase of \$5,000 over CY2005. Overages in CY2005 included tax preparation, education coordination, and the annual meeting.



## NAUFRP Financial Summary

### Income Statement (1/01/06—8/31/06)

#### Income

2006 Membership Dues <sup>1</sup>	\$103,958
CSREES Grant to UVM	\$ 16,974
US Forest Service Grant	\$ 20,000
Interest Income	<u>\$ 1,183</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$142,115</b>

#### Expenses

Operating Expenses	<u>\$62,417</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$62,417</b>

**NET INCOME** **\$79,698**

### Balance Sheet (As of 8/31/06)

#### Assets

Cash on Hand	\$79,698
Accounts Receivable:	
2006 Membership Dues (Unpaid)	\$11,424
CSREES Grant to UVM	\$16,974
US Forest Service Grant	<u>\$20,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$120,392</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$0.00**

<sup>1</sup>\$11,424 of 2006 Membership Dues unpaid as of 8/31/06; \$10,000 is probably "uncollectable."

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	<b>Budgeted 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2006 (as of 8/31/06)</b>
NATIONAL NAUFRP		
Operations, President's Office	7,000	3,350
Executive Liaison		
Salary		
Office Expenses (Supplies, Postage, Printing, Telephone, Conference Calls)	21,565*	14,326
In-town Ex Com Mtg	1,500	2,097
Management - Tax Preparation Fees	1,000	850
Assembly Expenses	3,500	0
Contingency	1,000	242
Education Coordination (R. Nuckolls)	40,000	25,307
Travel Expenses	15,000	10,386
Semi-annual Newsletter (Design of electronic version for NAUFRP web page)	1,890	0
NASULGC/BAC	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,955</b>	<b>\$62,417</b>

\*20% (\$4,313) of Executive Liaison Salary to be charged to CSREES Summit Grant. Salary buyout will reduce 2006 budget to \$95,642.

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