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MESSAGE FROM NAUFRP PRESIDENT:

Greetings, Colleagues!

I look forward to the new year as I begin my two-year tenure as NAUFRP president along with the rest of your Executive Committee. I hope you will enjoy and benefit from this first NAUFRP Washington Report. We will send these reports out periodically to update you on important Washington activities of NAUFRP.

Over the last three years, we have created a shared Vision for our Nation's forests, a leadership Summit on the future of forestry research and the beginning development of a strategic plan for the McIntire-Stennis Program. These products will be our benchmarks to deliver our funding requests. In recent years increased funding for the McIntire-Stennis has been minimal. This must change, and all of us must be active if we want our funding to improve. In the new 110th Congress, we have an opportunity to build political support for this program so fundamental to the infrastructure of our nation's forestry and natural resources research. I encourage you to join me in Washington, D.C. on March 6th for visits with the Congressional and Executive Branches as well as Congressional reception on Capitol Hill in the evening. This will be an excellent time to meet or renew your relationship with your Congressional delegations and colleagues. You are more than welcome to attend our Executive Committee meetings occurring March 5-7. Details on the Hill visits and reception will be forthcoming.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2007 on NAUFRP issues and hope to see you in person the first week of March. For us to achieve our goals of increased funding, improved communication, and enhanced opportunities, we must all participate. Working together, we will be successful. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or feel free to contact Terri Bates, NAUFRP's Executive Liaison (naufnp@verizon.net or 703/538-1134), if she can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

George Hopper
President

NEW NAUFRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NAUFRP is pleased to announce Hal Salwasser (Oregon State) as the new President-elect and Tim White (University of Florida) as the new Secretary-Treasurer. As you may recall we changed our By-Laws in 2005 to allow the nominating committee to bring a single nomination to the annual General Assembly meeting for each of the officer positions with the ability to nominate from the floor. At our Pittsburgh meeting there were no additional nominations so a mail ballot was not needed. Returning to the Executive Committee are the following: George Brown (Diversity), Perry Brown (ATR Liaison), Steven Daley Laursen (Policy) Nat Frazer (Extension), Barry Goldfarb (International) and Mike Kelly (Research). Peg Gale (North Central) and Chad Dawson (Northeast) will continue as regional Chairs. Dan Keathley will join the Executive Committee as Education chair and Steve Bullard (Southern) and Doug Piirto (Western) as new regional chairs. Al Ek will return to serve in an 'At Large' capacity and Dick Brinker will be liaison with FRAC and Pat Reid liaison with CREATE 21.



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Meet on the Hill: Deans in DC March 5-7

Plans are moving forward for forestry deans and directors to meet in DC March 5-7. The NAUFRP Executive Committee will meet during this time and NAUFRP will host a Congressional reception on Capitol Hill the evening of March 6th, 5:30-7:30 . All are invited to participate. An electronic invitation providing all the details about the reception is being developed that will be made available to NAUFRP members for you to personally send to Congressional members and staff from your state.

All NAUFRP members are invited to the Reception and to the Executive Committee which will discuss strategy and meet with partners. The Executive Committee will meet all day on March 5th, and the morning of March 6th with a mid-day wrap-up on the 7th. The location of the Executive Committee meeting will be hosted at the office of NAUFRP Washington Counsel Randy Nuckolls (McKenna, Long & Aldridge) at 1919 K Street, NW, first floor beginning at 9:00 on the 5th. This is near the Farragut West Metro Stop (blue-orange lines) .

The afternoon of the 6th and morning of March 7th will be devoted to NAUFRP Congressional visits. NAUFRP members will be divided into regional teams for group visits to key members of Congress with jurisdiction over key forestry programs. Randy's office will coordinate these NAUFRP group visits. NAUFRP members will be asked to make their own appointments with the offices of home state Members and to provide information on such appointments to Randy to go into a master schedule.

Hotel rooms are being held at the One Washington Circle Hotel (202/ 872-1680 or 800/424-9671) under the name 'NAUFRP Executive Committee'. This hotel is about 2-3 blocks from the Executive Committee meeting location and near the GW-Foggy Bottom Metro Stop (blue- orange lines). Please make your reservations as soon as possible; demand for hotel rooms is very high for this period.

The above information and an Executive Committee agenda will be posted and updated at www.naufnp.org. Please feel free to contact Terri Bates for additional information or questions at 703/538-1134 or naufnp@verizon.net.

NEW CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

The House and Senate continue to organize Committees for the new 110th Congress. Of key importance to NAUFRP are the House and Senate Agriculture Committees which have jurisdiction over the Farm Bill, forestry programs and the Create-21 Proposal being advocated by NASULGC. The new Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee is Colin Petersen of Minnesota. The Ranking Republican is Bob Goodlatte of Virginia. To see the full list of leadership for these committees go to the House Agriculture Committee website at <http://agriculture.house.gov/>. The Senate Agriculture Committee website is <http://agriculture.senate.gov/>

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees are currently working on a final Continuing Resolution for FY 07 and will begin consideration of the President's FY 08 budget soon after it is sent to Congress on February 5th. The House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chair is Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, and the Ranking Republican is Jack Kingston of Georgia. In the Senate, The Agriculture Subcommittee will be led by Senator Herbert Kohl of Wisconsin, the Ranking Republican is Robert Bennett of Utah. To see more about the House Appropriations Committee go to <http://appropriations.house.gov/>. The Senate Appropriations Committee link is <http://appropriations.senate.gov/>.