

FORESTERS COUNCIL OF SOUTH CAROLINA



March 23, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Attn: Ms. Katie Philpott

RE: Upcoming Vacancy, South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters

Dear Governor Haley:

In accordance with Section 48-27-20, South Carolina Code of Laws, The Foresters Council of South Carolina submits the following candidates in order of preference for consideration in filling the vacancy on the South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters to be created upon the term expiration on May 31, 2016 of Mr. Eric Smith, who is eligible for another term.

Mr. Eric Smith
Mr. Dan Scheffing
Dr. Tom Straka

All of the candidates are qualified and have agreed to serve if appointed. A copy of each candidate's resume and letter indicating willingness to serve is enclosed for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for allowing the Foresters Council to be of service to the office of Governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Frazier Baldwin".

B. Frazier Baldwin
Chair, Foresters Council of South Carolina

Enclosures



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January 26, 2016

South Carolina Foresters Council
c/o Jon Sokol
Forest Investment Associates
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Dear Council Members,

Thank you for considering me in regard to the open position this year on the SC Board of Registration for Foresters. I'm honored and am willing to continue serving our profession in this role. Over the past four years I have learned much from my participation on the Board. Attached you will find a brief resume with my work experience, education, and affiliations. Please let me know if you have any questions. As well, I openly welcome any comments or suggestions you may have for the SC Board of Registration for Foresters.

Sincerely,

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Forest Certification Manager
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Eric W. Smith, CF

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SC Registered Forester #1509
SAF Certified Forester #1025

WORK EXPERIENCE

2009 - Current **Forest Certification Manager, KapStone Charleston Kraft LLC**

*Manage the company's environmental programs to maintain conformance with various Environmental Standards. This includes a triple Chain of Custody program that complies with the Forest Stewardship Council, Sustainable Forestry Initiative®, and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™ Standards. Maintain conformance to the American Tree Farm Standards of Sustainability for the company's Landowner Assistance Program.

2004 – 2009 **Assistant Senior Wood Buyer, MeadWestvaco Corporation**

*Procure wood from private lands and wood dealers to supply a consistent and cost effective flow of fiber to the Charleston paper mill as well as other outside markets.

1997 - 2004 **CFM Forester/Wood Buyer, MeadWestvaco Corporation**

*Manage forestry activities on 50,000 acres of family forests enrolled in a Tree Farm Group.

1996 - 1997 **Forestry Technician, Westvaco Corporation**

*Maintain the growth & yield and water quality programs for the company's forestland.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science: Forest Resource Management

Clemson University, May 1996

Master of Business Administration

Charleston Southern University, December 2000

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS: Current and Past Positions Held

American Tree Farm System: SC Tree Farm Committee, 2006 – Current; State Chair, 2009; District 4 Chair, 2006 – 2013; District 11 Chair, 2014 – Current; State Inspections Chair 2014 – Current; Tree Farm Inspector; Inspector Trainer; Board of Directors 2015 - 2017

American Forest & Paper Association: Wood Fiber Resource Committee, 2014 – Current; International Trade Resource Committee, 2012 – Current

Forest Resources Association: Forest Products Security Group, 2010 – Current

SC Foresters Council: Board Member, 2011 – Current

SC Board of Registration for Foresters: Board Member, 2011 – Current; Chair, 2015-2016

SC Forestry Association: Board Member, 2012; Greenwood Co. Secretary/Treasurer: 2006 – 2012

SCFA Timber Operation Professional Committee: Board Member, 2009 – Current; Instructor

SC SFI Implementation Committee: Logger Education Subcommittee Chair, 2009 – Current

GA SFI Implementation Committee: Member, 2015 – Current

Upper Savannah Land Trust: Board Member, 2011- 2014

National Wood Flooring Association's FSC Procurement Group: Steering Committee, 2009-2012

Society of American Foresters: Member since 1993, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Vice-Chair

North Charleston Church of Christ: Deacon

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SC Foresters Council

C/O Mr. Jon Sokol

January 20, 2016

Via E-Mail to jsokol@forestinvest.com

Dear Mr. Sokol:

I am sending this letter to make public my intent to serve on the Board of Registration for Foresters in South Carolina if I am fortunate enough to be selected. I have practiced forestry in SC since relocating here in 1990. I am a graduate, registered, forester as well as a Certified Professional Forester with SAF and a member in good standing of the Association of Consulting Foresters. As requested, I have attached my biographic information.

Sincerely,

D. A. Scheffing

112 South Rosemary Ave.

Andrews, SC 29510

dscheffing@sabinc.net

843-520-6276

Daniel A. Scheffing – Biographical Information

EMPLOYMENT:

Sabine and Waters

Senior Project Manager since 08/08

Responsible for project proposal, presentation and management of forestry and environmental projects. Projects include traditional forestry (management plans, timber sales, reforestation, prescribed burning, road and drainage design) as well as pond and impoundment plans, wildlife plans and trail design.

MeadWestvaco Corporation

SC Land Agent 05/07 – 08/08

Responsible for identification, appraisal, marketing and sales of MWV surplus lands in South Carolina as well as negotiation of easements and land purchases/exchanges.

5/98- 5/07 - Forest Manager - North Area - South Region.

Responsible for all aspects of land management on MeadWestavco lands in Berkeley, Georgetown, Orangeburg and Williamsburg counties in SC (approximately 200,000 acres).

Instrumental in design/implementation of current MWV South Region organizational structure.

2/94 - 4/98 - District Forester - Waccamaw District - Southern Region

Responsible for all land management activities on lands in Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties in SC (approximately 100,000 acres).

7/90 - 1/94 - District Forester - Charleston CFM

Responsible for providing management advice and assistance to private landowners in Westvaco's CFM program in Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Georgetown, Orangeburg, and Williamsburg Counties in SC. (approximately 100,000 acres).

2/84 - 6/90 - Project Forester - Wickliffe CFM - inaugurated CFM program in local truck district - Wickliffe Wood Procurement Dept.

6/81 - 1/84 - Procurement Forester - Truck District - Wickliffe Wood Procurement
Responsible for purchase of standing timber, harvesting of purchased timber and delivery to Westvaco's Wickliffe, Ky Mill.

Engineered and managed construction of Big Sandy, TN woodyard.

5/75 - 5/81 - Procurement Forester - Central Rail District - Wickliffe Wood Procurement Dept. Responsible for wood purchases for rail shipment and 2 Company logging operations. Also assisted with engineering and construction of 2 woodyard expansions.

AFFILIATIONS:

Society of American Foresters, 1972 - present

Various State and Chapter assignments: CFE Certificates in 1987 and 1990.
Certified Forester 2002

Association of Consulting Foresters, 2012 - present

South Carolina Forestry Association, 1990 - present

Tree Farm Committee 1992 - 2004. Chair 1995 -1996. Nominated and coordinated
Skeet Burris' selection as National Tree Farmer of the Year.

South Carolina Registered Forester #1242

Scenic Black River Commission, 2002 – present

South Carolina Wildlife Federation Board of Directors, 2006 – present

Executive Committee 01/09 – present.

Tidelands Health System Board of Trustees 2011 – present.

Georgetown County Economic Development Commission, 2003 - present

Chair 2007 – 2014.

Francis P. Bunnell Foundation Community Grants Selection Committee, 2006 –
present

Andrews Lions Club, 2006 – present

Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce, 1994 - 2008

Board Member 1997 - 1999, Chair 1999 - 2000.

Named Georgetown County Economic Development Ambassador 2001

University of Missouri Alumni Association, 1975 - present

Tennessee Forestry Association, 1975 -1990

Tree Farm Committee 1989 –1990

Kentucky Forest Industries Association, 1981 - 1990

Tree Farm Chairman 1987 - 1988. KY had National Tree Farmer of the Year in
1988. Coordinated nomination process.

Bottom Land Hardwood Group, 1982 - 1994

Dorchester County Library Board, 1992 - 1994

Andrews Revitalization Association, 1994 – 1999

CHURCH

1st Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY
Board of Elders 1984 - 1988.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Summerville, SC 1990 – 1994
Council, 1991 – 1994, Council President 1994.

Andrews Presbyterian Church, Andrews, SC 1994 – present
Board of Deacons 1996 - 2002.
Board of Elders 2002 – present
Treasurer 2010 - present

EDUCATION

BS Forestry - University of Missouri - June 1975
Dale Carnegie Course – 1985
Westvaco Supervisor – 1986
Leadership Georgetown – 1995
Leadership Berkeley – 1999
Westvaco Financial Shortcourse (Duke University) - 2000
South Carolinas Economic Developers School - 2006
SC Real Estate License

FAMILY

Married – Wife: Kathryn Slayman Scheffing, Children: Eric Daniel (30), Kaitlin (28)

P. O. Box 594
Pendleton, S.C. 29670
November 21, 2014

South Carolina Foresters Council
C/O Jon Sokol
Forest Investment Associates
15 Piedmont Center, Suite 1250
Atlanta, GA 30305

Dear Foresters Council:

I am very willing to serve as a member of the Board of Registration for Foresters. I am Registered Forester #602 and have been registered since 1977. Attached are a short resume and biographical sketch. Both are one page; if you require a detailed resume, I have a long version (over 50 pages) that I will gladly send. Most of my background is academic, but I also spent five years as a forester working for International Paper Company in Georgetown. I consult quite a bit and have extensive contacts throughout the South. I am very familiar with Boards of Registration throughout the South and have a keen interest in the issues of forester licensing and registration. I am also very familiar with the long on-going problems the Board has experienced with some in the forestry community.

My professional activities have been extensive, especially with the Society of American Foresters. I have served as South Carolina SAF Division Chair, Appalachian SAF Chair, and as a National SAF Council Member. Those are elected positions within the forestry profession. I am well-known in the South Carolina forestry community and know most of the key forestry players in the State.

Many of the Board Members know me. I think they know me as a leader and someone who carries his weight on professional committees and boards. I would consider serving on the Board to an honor and an obligation I would take very seriously.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Straka

Biographical Sketch - Thomas J. Straka

Thomas J. Straka is a professor of forestry and natural resources at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. His educational background includes: B.S., forest science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1972; M.S., forest resource management, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1973; M.B.A., business administration, University of South Carolina-Columbia, 1978; and Ph.D., forest resource management and economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1981.

Dr. Straka has over 30 years of professional forestry experience. He worked as a project forester (timberland management and regional technical department) with International Paper Company for about five years. He held a teaching/research appointment in forest resource management and economics at Mississippi State University for nearly 8 years (earned tenure in 1987). Since 1989 he has held a teaching research appointment in forest resource management and economics at Clemson University. He is currently a tenured professor of forestry and natural resources at Clemson University.

Dr. Straka has over 400 research publication, with over one-quarter in refereed journals. He has been principal investigator on 36 extramurally-funded research projects. Research interests include the nonindustrial private forest, forest valuation, operational forest management problems, and management science/operations research. His dissertation centered on timber supply from the nonindustrial private forest and his research shows a continuing major thrust in that area. He publishes in a wide range of journals and magazines and shows the ability to communicate with both highly technical and popular audiences.

Dr. Straka's teaching has centered on forest resource management, forest resource economics, forest resource valuation, forest resource policy, and forest resource management planning. He teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He is also a popular short course/continuing education instructor. He is an active forestry consultant. His major projects involve forest valuation problems, forest appraisal, expert witness, forest management planning, and timber management investment organizations.

Dr. Straka is very active in the professional forestry community. Within the Society of American Foresters he has served on the National Council, has chaired the three-state (S.C., N.C., and Va.) Appalachian SAF and the Mississippi SAF, has chaired the National Student Affairs Committee, and was a member of the National Task Force on SAF Science Programs. The Appalachian SAF presented him the Distinguished Service to Forestry Award in 2001 and he was elected a Fellow in the SAF in the same year. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Forestry Association and has served in dozens of other offices.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name and Department: Thomas J. Straka, Department of Forest Resources

Educational Background:

B.S., Forest Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1972
M.S., Forest Resource Management, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1973
M.B.A., Business Administration, University of South Carolina-Columbia, 1978
Ph.D., Forest Resource Management and Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1981

Professional Experience:

1974-1975	Associate Forester; International Paper Company; Marion, S.C.
1975-1977	Forester; International Paper Company; Conway, S.C.
1977-1978	Project Forester; International Paper Company; Georgetown, S.C.
1978-1981	Graduate Research Assistant; Virginia Tech
1982-1987	Assistant Professor of Forestry, Mississippi State University
1987-1989	Associate Professor of Forestry, Mississippi State University
1989-1995	Associate Professor of Forest Resources, Clemson University
1995-Present	Professor of Forest Resources, Clemson University

Research Experience:

Twenty-five years of research experience primarily in the areas of the nonindustrial private forest and landowners, regional economics, quantitative forest economics, forest valuation and investment analysis, and economic evaluation of forestry programs. Over 400 publications, with over 140 in refereed journals.

Brief Summary of Accomplishments:

Five years of industrial forestry experience and 25 years of academic experience. Wide exposure to southern forestry and recognized ability to perform applied research in forest valuation issues, forest resource management and planning, and forest economics. Significant consulting experience in these areas.

SAF Offices and Recognition

Chair, Winyah Chapter, 1978; Keowee Chapter, 1991-1992 and 1999.
Chair, National Committee on Student Affairs, 1986-1989.
Member, National Task Force on Review of Structure of SAF Science Programs, 1987-1989.
Chair, Mississippi SAF, 1987.
Chair, Appalachian SAF, 2000.
Chair, South Carolina Division SAF, 2008
Certified Forester #30.
Fellow, 2001.
National Council, 2011-2013.

