NYSAF 2014 Winter Meeting Draft Tentative Agenda

**Theme:** NYSAF - Thriving Forests, Essential Resources, A Strong Community

This theme builds on the initiative launched by National SAF in 2012. The message should be familiar to all members, and ties our State Society to the larger framework.

**WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2014**

12:00 noon Registration Open, Lobby

1:00pm – 5:00pm Pre-Meeting Training (Pre-registration required; choose one of the following):
- Applied Ethics (Marianne Patinelli-Dubay)
- Pesticides training course (Rock Termini)

5:30pm – 9:00pm NYSAF Executive Committee Meeting (Shelby Boardroom)

**THURSDAY, January 23, 2014**

7:00 am Registration Open, Lobby

7:30am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast (Harbour Ballroom)

8:30 – 8:55 am Welcome and Opening Remarks (Grand Ballroom)

Mariann Johnston, NYSAF Chair

Mike Burns, Winter Meeting Chair

8:55 – 9:45 am Keynote Speaker: 45 minutes

Carol Redelsheimer, Director of Science and Education, SAF

9:45 am – 10:30 am Break (Sponsored by Farm Credit East)

10:30 am – 12:00pm General Session: 90 Minutes

New York Forestry Updates:
- CFRO – TBD
- NYS DEC – Rob Davies, Director, Division of Lands & Forests
- NYS DAM – Kevin King, Director, Division of Agricultural Development
- ESFPA – Eric Carlson, President and CEO
- Cornell CCE Forestry – Don Schaufler, Arnot Forest Manager

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch Buffet and Awards Banquet
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1:45pm – 3:15pm Concurrent Tracks: 90 minutes each

• 1. Thriving Forests Moderator: Peter Marchese, Consultant Forester
  ▪ NY FIA Data overview - Sloane Crawford, DEC
  ▪ “Climate Change and Adaptive silviculture” – Patricia Butler, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science
  ▪ “Timber Management and White Tailed Deer: Can’t we all just get along?”, Matt Ross, Quality Deer Management Association

• 2. Boots on the Ground: Moderator: Laurie Raskin, ESF
  ▪ Lessons from a dirt forester (oriented at students)
    • TIMO - TBD
    • Industry forester - TBD
    • Government forester – Tom Martin, DEC
    • Consulting forester – Sue Keister, Consulting Forester
  ▪ Looking for a Job?
    • DEC Seasonal positions, Rob Cole, DEC
      o Forest Health
      o State Forests
    • Making yourself a more attractive candidate in private industry interviews – TBD

3:15 – 3:40pm Break

3:45pm – 5:15pm Concurrent tracks: 90 minutes each

• 3. Forest Certification – Finding the System that Fits Your Needs Moderator: Justin Perry, DEC
  ▪ FSC - TBD
  ▪ SFI - TBD
  ▪ Tree Farm - TBD

• 4. Graduate Student Presentations - Moderator/Organizer: Chris Nowak, SUNY-CESF

5:15pm – 6:30pm Poster Session and Reception (Harbour Ballroom)

6:30pm – 8:00pm Alumni Receptions (Grand Ballroom area, specific locations to be announced)
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Friday, January 24, 2014

7:30am – 8:30am   Breakfast Buffet (Harbour Ballroom, Sponsored in part by Tajfun)

8:35am – 9:30am   Concurrent Tracks: 50 minutes each

  o   5.  480-a and Beyond – Revisions to Existing Regulations and New Concepts
       Moderator: Bruce Williamson, DEC
       ▪ 480-a regulation revisions – Sloane Crawford, NYSDEC
       ▪ New Open Space and Sustainable Forestry Tax Incentive Concepts, Jessica Otney, TNC (Invited)

• 6.  Essential Resources (and Sessions 8 and 10)   Moderator: TBD
    o Exhibitor Demonstrations
      ▪ Donn Downey, Forest Metrix
      ▪ Brian Mitchell, Haglof Inc.
      ▪ Tamara Zalar, Tajfun; Nathan Metzler, B&B Timber Co.
      ▪ Eric Newman, Waypoint Technology Group
    o New USFS SMART program for Stewardship plans: Bryan Ellis, DEC

9:20am – 9:55am   Break

10:00am – 10:50am   Concurrent Tracks: 50 minutes each

  o   7.  A Strong Community – Landscape scale initiatives   Moderator: TBD
       ▪ To Be Announced

• 8.  Essential Resources (Continued Exhibitor Demonstrations/presentations)

11:00am – 11:50am   Concurrent Tracks: 50 minutes each

  o   9.  Re-thinking How We Reach New Audiences   Moderator:____________________
       o “Forest management to support Rare, Threatened and Endangered species”, Mike Wasilco, DEC
       o Managing forests for Birds, Dr. Michael Burger, Audubon
       o Project Learning Tree - Tom Shimalla, NYSDEC

Post meeting Workshops; 4 hours each

1   Tree Farm Inspecting Forester Training : Moderator - Erin O’Neil
2   Estate Planning Workshop, protecting the future of family forests – TBD