

SAF Meeting – April 7, 2003

New Committee Members:

Chair – Denise Keele

Vice-Chair – Joe Chairvolotti

Secretary – Amanda da Silva

Treasurer – Nick Parker

Councilors – Wade Aldrich, Janine Fabian, Troy Townsend, Kathleen Creek

Wade talked some ideas he had for the Icebreaker at the Nation Convention. He mentioned having tables with a genius name, while we hand out to students a species name. They get to match their species to the genius name.

He is also contacting a bluegrass band to play there, and have an open forum for students who want to bring their instruments. Or as a back up, bring music on hand for background music.

Travis discussed new things for the tree planting. A site was finally decided upon. It is right after the road to go up to Heiberg Forest, off the left side. We have approximately 3 acres to plant in. The major planting date is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are still tentative about planting trees with the school kids because we cannot get enough SAF members to help out yet. If we get enough people to help out, the date will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, and the planting will be near the Nature Trail. Please contact Travis (tjsmit04@syr.edu) if you can help plant on either or both dates.

Dr. Germain made an announcement about the Cultural Diversity scholarship. Here's a little about it. He will have applications outside his office in a folder.

The Society of American Foresters Committee on Cultural Diversity is offering scholarships for the 2003 National Convention in Buffalo, New York. The convention will be held October 25-29.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled student (graduate or undergraduate) in October 2003
2. Interest in forestry or natural resources as a career
3. Meet the diversity criteria as described in the mission of the Committee on Cultural Diversity:

"...to encourage the involvement in the profession of a variety of people in terms of race, ethnic background, religion, age, sex, and those disabled, as well as the diversity of geography, employer groups, philosophies, and career choices within the broad field of forestry."