



TEXAS FORESTRY
ASSOCIATION

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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Legislative Affairs Committee

TFA participated in the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Agricultural Summit" which addressed current and future legislative issues facing rural Texas.

TFA members were kept informed of Federal legislative issues through email and articles in Texas Forestry.

TFA participated in, and provided comments regarding the Texas Sunset Commission's review of the Texas Forest Service.

TFA was represented at the public hearings held by Regional Water Districts "C" and "D," on the Marvin Nichols Reservoir and voiced opposition to this reservoir and the mitigation that will affect landowners in Northeast Texas.

TFA maintains an active presence in the Texas Agricultural Council and is a member of the Texas Outdoor Partners Coalition.



TFA Forestry Political Action Committee

TFA's Forestry Political Action Committee contributed \$9,300 to eleven candidates seeking election to federal and state offices in the 2010 March Primary Elections. Voluntary contributions in excess of \$12,000 were received from over 100 members for contributions to candidates in the November 2010 elections. The TFA Forestry Political Action Committee (FORPAC) supports candidates who are supportive of forestry issues to federal and state offices. FORPAC is managed by a board of seven trustees who are appointed by the TFA President. All contributions to FORPAC are voluntary and contributors to FORPAC are welcome to serve in an advisory role to the FORPAC Trustees. Tony Bennett serves as FORPAC President and Ron Hufford serves as Secretary/Treasurer.

Environmental Committee

TFA joined with the Texas Farm Bureau in voicing opposition to the study of the Neches River as a Wild & Scenic River.

The monthly webinar programs featured speakers on forestry management practices, insects, tree planting, climate change and mineral leasing rights.

Final revisions were made and the newest edition of the Texas Forestry BMP Manual was printed.

TFA is represented on the Southern Pine Beetle Technical Advisory Board, the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee and on the Texas Native Lands Alliance.

Marketing Committee

The TFA Marketing Committee presented a two-hour Wood Design seminar on the UT Arlington campus. Over 75 Architectural and Engineering students attended the



seminar along with Professional Architects and Engineers from the surrounding Ft. Worth and Dallas area. Other participating and contributing organizations were the Texas Forest Service, American Panel Association, and Southern Forest Products Association. Plans are to expand this program to other University campuses in 2011.

The 2010 Excellence in Wood Design Awards were awarded to Dr. Sid & Kim Fowler of Carthage in the Residential Category, and in the Special Project Category Mr. Stephen Carroll, Southern Traditions in Timpson, received this award for his work in building reproduction tables.

In January, TFA members, CLW, Georgia-Pacific LLC, and Hughes Trucking provided materials for the Extreme Home Make Over for a family in Kemah, TX. The show aired in the spring of this year.

TFA maintains a presence on the Texas Cuba Trade Alliance.

Texas Wood Preservers Advisory Council

TFA provides annual training for wood treaters, which is needed to maintain licenses for applicators to apply chemicals for the treatment of wood products. TFA also maintains membership in the National Wood Treating Council.

Administrative Committee

TFA ended 2009 with 2896 members and the TFA Life Membership continues to grow with six new Life Members added in 2010 which brings the Life Members to 112. New Life Members are Marce & Walter Welch, Dr. Jerry & Mary Marcontell, Mark



& Nona Morgan, Ann Hamilton & Jan Palmer, George A. "Hap" and Sheena Hachtel, and one to be presented at the TFA Annual Meeting.

TFA sponsors a Hunting Lease Liability Insurance program which is offered by Outdoor Insurance Group.

TFA offers a Reward Program for Timber Theft and Arson which is available to TFA members. Signs announcing the program are available for purchase through the TFA office.

TFA has initiated the planning process for the Association's 100-Year Centennial celebration which will be celebrated in 2014.

The Texas Reforestation Foundation was officially closed in 2010, with the unobligated funds transferred to the TFA Educational Fund for the future support of the Teachers' Conservation Institute.

The Capital Campaign continues to move forward for the Educational Training Center and Office Building which will be located in Nacogdoches County on U.S. Hwy 59 and Press Rd, four miles south of Nacogdoches.

The TFA Board of Directors approved the formation of the Texas Forestry Association Educational Fund, Inc. This new foundation replaces the existing Educational Trust. The officers are: President, James Houser; Vice-President, Thom Karels, and Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Hufford. In addition to the officers the initial Board of Directors are: Mike Hamilton, Bob Harper, Linda Moon, Beverly Peoples, Wayne Pfluger, Randy Schiefer, Frank Shockley and Susie Shockley.

TFA is a member of the 25x'25 Coalition and the Rural Alliance for Renewable Energy.

Education Committee

President Beverly Peoples served as a judge in the 2010 4-H Round-Up held in College Station. TFA awarded three scholarships which totaled \$800, to the top four students who competed in the Natural Resource presentations.

The 2010 W. Goodrich Jones Scholarships (\$1,000 to each student) were awarded to: Erin Thomas, Texas A&M University; and James Theiss, Stephen F. Austin



State University.

TFA awarded \$4,500 in scholarships to the winning students who competed in the 2010 District and State Woodland Clinic Contests. The District contests include, Jasper-Newton SWC District, Upper Neches SWC District and the Longleaf SWC District. The State Contest is sponsored by the Texas Forest Landowners Council. TFA also participated in sponsoring a Forestry Contest in conjunction with the Angelina County Youth Fair.

The Teachers' Conservation Institute celebrated the 21st year of the TCI program and 49 teachers attended one of three week-long sessions which were conducted at SFASU's Arthur Temple Pineywoods Conservation Center.

TFA provided educational programming at the Angelina County Forest Festival for area schools.

TFA and TFS co-chair the National Project Learning Tree program in Texas. In 2010, 55 PLT workshops were held with over 2,445 educators attending.

TFA member Ginger Boswell of Magnolia was named the Forestry Educator of the Year for 2010.

The Outstanding PLT Educator of the Year is Susan Campbell, the City of San Antonio Natural Areas Education Coordinator.



The Research Award recipient for 2010 is Dr. Jianbang (Jim) Gan, Professor and Associate Department Head for Graduate programs, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Texas A&M University.

The outstanding AgriLife Extension award winner is Tom LeRoy of Conroe.

Communications Committee

TFA participated in the following outreach programs in 2010:

- The Committee developed a Communications Plan based on the results of last year's Forest Summit.
- On January 20-22, TFA hosted the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program at the Pineywoods Conservation Center.
- 1,000 Bald Cypress seedlings were given away at the San Antonio Stock Show on February 14th
- TFA members gave away 2,200 seedlings of various species at NASA's JSC Spring Safety, Health & Environmental Fair on





April 20th, and 1,000 seedlings at Boeing's Earth Day Fair on April 22nd.

- TFA had a booth at the Woodland & Wildlife Expo held in Conroe on May 1 and 2.
- In June, TFA received a matching grant from Texas



Department of Agriculture's GOTEPP Program for a new State Fair booth in 2011.

- TFA kicked off the State Fair of Texas on September 24th with a booth and giveaway items "May The Forest Be With You" to promote the forests and forest industry of East Texas.

Tree Farm Committee

2010 Outstanding Tree Farmers of Texas
Phillip & Norleine Power, Cherokee County

Zone Winners



Ebarr Investments c/o Ralph Schwausch, Nacogdoches County (Central)

Dr. Lee Roy Mathis, Anderson County (Central)

State Inspector Winners

First – Jason Ellis

Second – Kevin Matthews

Third – Clint Hays

Area Winners

Area I – Russell Lykins

Area II – Ken Conaway

Area III – Philip Gates

Area IV – Mick Schmitt

Area V – Billy Whitworth

Area VI – Todd Nightingale

Area VII – Rich Dottellis

Area IX – John Ross

Hard Hat Awards – Todd Nightingale - Silver

Area Chair Award – Kenneth Foster (Area VII)

Tree Farm Chair Make a Difference Award – to be named at the Annual Meeting.

Division Awards

Consulting Firms/Industry Division – James Houser Consulting Foresters

Consultant Division – Mike Cline

SFI

Mike Hamilton, Resource Management Service, serves as the SFI Chairman and James Edelen, Louisiana-Pacific, serves as vice-chairman and chairs the SFI Logger Training & Education Task Team. SFI supports the Teachers' Conservation Institute, State Fair, Landowner Meetings, Core Training and Continuing Education Workshops for loggers and the reprint of the revised Texas Best Management Practices Manual.



Texas Forest Landowner Council

Don McCutchen, Southeast Texas Forest Landowners Association serves as TFLC President.

Fourteen County Forestry Landowner Associations are represented on the TFLC representing a combined membership of 1528 members.



Brett Aulbaugh, from Spurger, was the 2010 winner of the TFLC State Woodland Clinic Scholarship.

The Northeast Texas County Forest Landowner Association was recognized for having the highest percentage of TFA members. The Angelina/Nacogdoches Landowners Association won the award for the most TFA members recruited in 2010.

TFLC sponsored the annual Forestry Issues & Opportunities workshop at SFASU. Topics included Feral Hog control on private land; Aspen Power Co. Biomass Plant; Legislative Update & Forestry provisions in the Farm Bill.

TFLC members participated in the TFA Forest Family Fun Day & Equipment Show; the Texas Forest Expo and the State Woodland Clinic contest.

TFA serves on the State Stewardship Coordinating Committee and the State NRCS Technical Committee.

Texas Logging Council

Charles Pruitt serves as the current TLC President, Wayne Griffin serves as Vice President and Charles Gee is the TLC Coordinator.

TLC assisted with the forestry and logging tours for the Texas Lifetime Leadership (T.A.L.L.) Class during their stay at the SFASU Arthur Temple Pineywoods Conservation Center.

TLC was represented at the TDA Agricultural Summit;



presented testimony against the Marvin Nichols Reservoir; spoke to the Metroplex Landowner Association; and assisted with the Teachers' Conservation Institute.

TLC printed economic information to show the impact of logging and forestry in Texas.

TLC co-hosted the Forest Family Fun Day & Equipment Show and the Log Auction, which raised over \$20,000 for the Wheel Chair Fabrication Department at the Lufkin State Supported Living Center and the TFA Teachers' Conservation Institute.

TLC endorsed a tire program, for truck and off-road skidder and harvest equipment tires, for TLC members.

The 2010 Texas Outstanding Logger of the Year is Bryan Smith of Linden. The Industry Activist Award went to Ward Timber; and the Excellence in Safety Award went to Keith Oswalt.

TLC maintains a presence in Austin, attends the Texas Agricultural Council meetings, and has given invited testimony on several occasions to members of the Texas Legislature.

The 2010 Bob Currie Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 was presented to Garrett Nerren of Huntington.

Texas Forestry Museum

Rick Bray joined the staff of the Texas Forestry Museum as the Museum Director. Mike Jones, Campbell Timberland Management serves as the 2010 President.

TFM conducts the Annual Treemendous Celebration as a fund raiser in support of the Museum's annual programs. TFM is a major participant in the Annual Angelina County Forest Festival. In addition, TFM sponsored two Texas Hold'em tournaments and held the Sawmill Supper as fund raisers during the year.

TFM dedicated a new exhibit – "Money Trees – the Economic Impact of Forestry in East Texas, sponsored by International Paper Co. Paper Quest – an interactive display on the history of paper manufacturing is in the second year of providing a learning experience for youth and adults.

The 2009 Texas Forestry Museum Hall of Fame inductee was Mr. John Courtenay, retired Forest Supervisor, Texas National Forests & Grasslands.

Special Youth events include: Reading Railroad; EEK Week; Timber Tots; Summer Sylvans; Grand Day; Santa Claus Express; and Kids Club.

In 2009, a total of 11,718 visitors toured the Forestry Museum. Twelve foreign countries were represented which included: Belgium, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland & Venezuela.

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