



Annual Meeting
of the
Pennsylvania Forest Products
Association
September 16, 2008
State College, Pa.

Meeting Agenda

5:30pm-7:00pm Reception

7:00pm Dinner and Program

- **PFPA Business Meeting**
- **Invocation and Dinner**
- **Program**

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The Pennsylvania Forest Products Association

Mission:

To promote the common interests of the forest products industry within Pennsylvania by:

Creating a regulatory environment in Pennsylvania that enhances the profitability of the entire forest products industry;

Creating among the general public an increased knowledge of, and appreciation for, the value of the forest products industry in Pennsylvania, and the contributions the industry makes to forest sustainability; and

Increasing the amount of information available to the industry about legislative and regulatory issues, technical matters, and activities within the industry.

Membership:

On September 16, 2008, PFPA membership includes 195 companies and organizations. Since October 2007, PFPA has added 12 new members and lost 10 members, for a net gain of 2 members.

Office Relocation:

PFPA relocated its offices to center city Harrisburg in December, 2007, placing staff a few blocks from the State Capitol and only two blocks from the central offices of DCNR and DEP.

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PFPA Government Affairs Program (Oct. 2007 - Sept. 2008)

Highlights of Legislative and Regulatory Activities

PFPA successfully secured a provision in a recently enacted law that would address the rising fees for E&S plan reviews charged by some county conservation districts. The new law gives the State Conservation Board the authority to review fees to ensure that they are reasonable in relation to the scope of service.

PFPA continues to advocate for increased access to timber on state-owned lands. PFPA efforts to focus attention on reduced timber sales on state gamelands resulted in an investigation of the PGC's timber management by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. A report of this review is expected this fall.

The 2008-09 state appropriation to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Hardwoods Development Council was \$760,000. While this was a slight reduction in funding (2.5%) over the previous year, efforts by PFPA prevented a more significant 21% cut sought by Governor Rendell. PFPA had sought expansion of HDC funding to \$890,000.

PFPA provided comments and input on the report and recommendations of the Jt. Conservation Committee's Forestry Task Force, released in late 2007. PFPA also provided input into the drafting of legislation to reauthorize the Forestry Task Force to investigate the impacts of forest conservation, carbon sequestration and alternative energy development.

PFPA has prevented the introduction of legislation that would mandate the licensing and regulation of foresters and forestry operations in the state, although this battle is still on-going.

We are working to block passage of legislation that would prohibit logging near streams.

PFPA continues to oppose proposals that increase taxes and fees on forest product manufacturers.

We testified on the threat of litigation to forest landowners and advocated stronger liability protections to those landowners allowing public access.

Utilizing research data developed by Penn State, PFPA was able to avoid a major expansion of DEP regulation of dry kiln air emissions.

We coordinated statewide industry comment on the proposed update of DCNR's State Forest Resource Management Plan.

PFPA has sought to protect industry interests by providing input to DCNR and Bureau of Forestry on various policy and guideline issues, such as carbon sequestration, timber contracting, and biomass harvesting.

PFPA hosted training for DNCR service foresters on the impact of burdensome municipal timber regulations.

We provided input to DCNR and its design team on the development of a new generation of nature inns at State Parks, promoting the utilization of Pennsylvania-produced wood products.

PFPA has worked closely with state and federal agencies as they respond to the recent discovery of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer and *sirex noctilio* in Pennsylvania.

PFPA has supported continuation of the Game Commission's on-going Deer Management Strategy. We have opposed the recently implemented non-concurrent seasons in four WMUs.

This year, staff has provided information and advice to more than thirty members on state and local regulatory matters. Questions and issues related to local road posting and bonding; and municipal timber ordinances continue to dominate this activity.

More than 80 legislators, legislative staff and key agency personnel attended PFPA's Legislative Event in April, 2007. PFPA also hosted a meeting of the House Timber Caucus.

PFPA provides financial support to the Hardwood Federation, which conducts lobbying on federal hardwood industry issues. The HF was instrumental in the adoption of a number of initiatives, including passage of the Combat Illegal Logging Act.

PFPA also continues to advocate for multiple-use and active timber management on the Allegheny National Forest. In the spring of 2008, the U.S. Forest Service ruled against an administrative appeal filed by PFPA on the ANF forest plan revision.

Industry Representation

PFPA represented industry interests at more than 60 separate meetings of the various formal committees and advisory groups, working on various policy and regulatory issues. PFPA formally participates in the following groups:

- Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council
- HDC Blue Ribbon Task Force on Low Value Wood Utilization
- Joint Legislative Conservation Committee Forestry Task Force Advisory Committee
- Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs
- Governor's Invasive Species Council
- DCNR Citizen's Advisory Committee
- DCNR Forest Stewardship Committee
- DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee
- DCNR Carbon Sequestration Work Group
- DCNR Nature Inn Focus Group
- DEP's Non-Point Source Liaison Work Group
- PennDOT's Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee
- Lumber Heritage Region
- Penn State School of Forest Resources Advisory Committee
- Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council
- Penn State Ag Council
- Pennsylvania State Chamber Transportation Workgroup
- Hardwood Federation
- Northeast Hardwood States Legislative Conference
- Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM State Implementation Committee

TimberPAC

TimberPAC is the political action committee for PFPA, and is our tool to help elect pro-forestry and pro-business individuals to the General Assembly.

In 2008, TimberPAC has already made contributions to 22 state legislative candidates totaling over \$11,000. As a result of the on-going fundraising efforts, TimberPAC will be providing additional financial support to its state legislative allies in anticipation of the important November election.

Other Activities and Initiatives

New WoodMobile Truck

When the existing truck for the Pennsylvania WoodMobile could no longer transport the project, PFPA and its members stepped in to provide a new truck and keep the initiative on the road. PFPA members supporting this effort include: AgChoice Farm Credit; Andrews Forest Products; Bingaman and Son Lumber Inc.; Cochran & Zandi Lumber Co.; Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp.; Deer Park Lumber Inc.; Lewis Lumber Products, Inc.; Matson Lumber Co.; Metzler Forest Products; Mountaineer Hardwoods Inc.; Pendu Manufacturing Inc.; Penn-York Lumbermen's Club; Quality Custom Cabinetry Inc.; RAM Forest Products; Red rock Enterprises LLC; REMMEY-The Pallet Company.

As a result of PFPA's efforts, 2008 has been the WoodMobile's busiest year, with more than 12,000 participating in student programs and total visitor attendance of 134,000 through Labor Day.

Penn State Leadership Transition

Through its representation on the Penn State School of Forest Resources Advisory Committee and the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group, PFPA has taken an active role in the search and selection process for a new SFR Director to replace Dr. Chuck Strauss.

Timber 2009

PFPA and Penn State initiated planning for Timber 2009, which will take place on May 29-30, 2009 at the Ag Progress Grounds in Rock Spring, PA. site in June. The show saw a 20% increase in exhibitors and a modest increase in attendees.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative

The Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM State Implementation Committee is a committee of the PFPA Board. PFPA helped secure a \$47,000 HDC grant to support SFI's continuing activities. Since its inception, SFI has provided logging safety and environmental training to more than 6,700 individuals and participated in the distribution of more than 25,000 landowner outreach packets.

New Public Outreach Publications

PFPA was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Hardwoods Development Council to produce updated public outreach and education brochures for use in the WoodMobile and other HDC/industry outreach efforts. PFPA produced four separate brochures, covering forest facts, the economic importance of the forest products industry, and wood products careers.

Human Resources Guide

Utilizing a grant from the HDC, PFPA contracted Penn State to produce the publication and CD, *Human Resources Best Practices: A Handbook for the Hardwood Industry*.

Sponsorship of Career Education

PFPA sponsored the Pennsylvania FFA Forestry Career Development Event which took place in June at the Pa. FFA Annual Convention. The sponsorship allowed the competition's winning team and individuals to represent the state in the national forestry competition.

Media Relations

Acting as industry spokesperson, PFPA fielded media inquiries, issued press releases and submitted letters to the editor on a variety of issues impacting our industry.

PFPA also authored a number of articles and reports for the Northern Logger magazine and other publications.

Industry Outreach, Education & Networking

The following activities and initiatives keep members informed and provide marketing and networking opportunities:

- PFPA Annual Meeting and Golf Event
- PFPA Legislative Event
- Regional Meetings
- The Ticker – weekly government affairs fax update
- Annual Membership Directory and Buyers Guide
- Pennsylvania Marketing Bulletin
- PFPA Website – www.paforestproducts.org