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SELECTION PROCESS FOR CLASS 45 IN FULL SWING

Six area interview panels across the state met on June 1 to interview 33 applicants for Class 45.

Conveners for each of the interview panels include:

Area 1 - Erin Ewald, Class 40

Area 2 - Trevor Faucett, Class 39

Area 3 - Erin Fonville, Class 29

Area 4 - Kyle Curtis, Class 42

Area 5 - Jerod Morris, Class 42

Area 6 - Mandy Galbreath, Class 32
& Bruce LePage, Class 16



Pictured L to R: Bruce LePage, Jerod Morris, Kyle Curtis, Erin Fonville, Trevor Faucett, Erin Ewald
(Mandy Galbreath not pictured)

On June 6, the State Selection Committee weigh the applications along with feedback from each of the interviews to build a diverse Class 45 cohort. The committee's recommendation for the cohort will be presented to the Board of Directors on June 22 for final approval. Class 45 begins their leadership journey in October at their first seminar at WSU-Pullman.

CALLING ALL BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee begins its work in May looking to fill four board spots. The committee is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the governing body for the Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation that will ensure a diverse mix of skills, experiences, and industries. The Nominating Committee presents the final slate of candidates to the Board of Directors at the June 22 board meeting.

The role of the AgForestry board is to:

- Function as trustees of Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation
- Define and adopt long-range strategic plans
- Determine mission, set objectives, general policies
- Preserve mission and goals of the Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation
- Hire competent and inspiring Executive Director
- Require accounts and records be kept
- Ensure adequate revenue to meet demands of robust leadership program

The board meets four to six times a year at locations around the state. If you're qualified, interested and have the time available, contact Vicky Scharlau at: vicky@agforestry.org

CLASS 44 EXPERIENCES FORESTRY IN ACTION

On May 17-19 Class 44 met in Longview for the first seminar of Module 3 after a two month "AgForestry withdrawal". It has been two months since the class was last together in Washington, DC--the longest time the group has been apart since beginning their leadership journey last October. The seminar kicked off with a robust personal and professional check in as the class has been active in implementing learnings in their organizations and communities, as well as working on policy projects.



Class 44 pictured with Mt. St. Helens in the background.



Class 44 with Don Motanic (13)

FORESTRY IN ACTION CONTINUED

The seminar was an introduction to systems thinking while exploring “Forestry in Action.” The three days were place-based learning covering a great deal of ground—literally and figuratively. Themes emerged from the group reflection:

- Language and concepts of systems thinking came alive through the three days as the class followed timber from forest to ship and steps between. The class felt seeing different forest landowners and learning objectives of landowners clarified the system as a whole. The system-wide exploration helped the class understand the role of unintended consequences and the importance of shared values.
- The concept of ‘Public License to Operate’ took on new life to many class members as each landowner delved into their forest practices, regulatory environment, social environment, and efforts to tell their story.
- “We’re all living in a thumbnail world” said Don Motanic (13), as class members stood and stretched their arms from their sides. The full arm span represented the 10,000-year history of indigenous people in North America, while the 200 years of European forestry and philosophy explored at the seminar was a fingernail’s length. Whether considering 200 or 10,000 years, the shift to a much longer time horizon inspired the class.
- “Values” and “passion” were key words throughout the seminar. Incredible passion was evident through the seminar in the work done. There was evidence of shared values on every visit, regardless of different ownership objectives.

The seminar was about gaining new skills and honing those the class has already learned. The improvement in public speaking was evident in table topics, with session managers, and as the class presented updates on public policy projects. In his table topic, Derek Friehe was handed a laser rangefinder, a tool he has never seen before and was asked to describe its use. He expertly used the bridging technique from his media training and used the tool as a way to share a metaphor about leading into the future, quoting Paul Saffo, “Never mistake a clear view for a short distance.”

Huge thanks to Weyerhaeuser for hosting the class and to all speakers, guides, drivers, and alumni who made the experience possible.



Derek Friehe describing a range finder using the 'bridging technique' learned in Module 1.



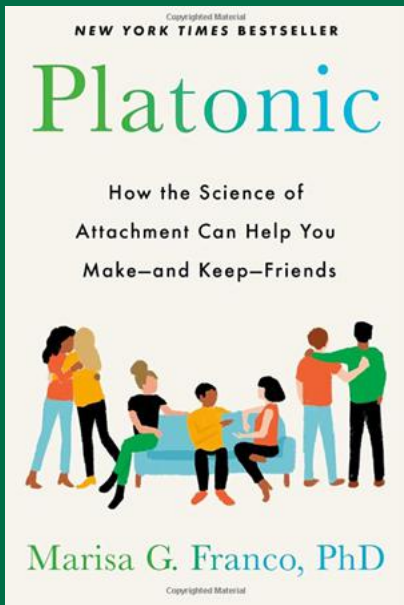
Alumni pictured with Class 44 at seminar:
Don Motanic (13), Jeremy Sapp (36),
Mark Sheldahl (22), Michelle Metcalf (32),
John Keatley (2), and Molly Rasor (31)



Class 44 at Cowlitz Ridge Tree Farm with Doug Stinson (Class 11) and his daughter, Ann Stinson.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION AD HOC COMMITTEE KICKS OFF

In 2019 the Board of Directors adopted a DEI statement and this past March the Board voted to adopt the statement as policy. Assistance to determine application of the policy is in the hands of an ad hoc committee to recommend clear steps for program applications and selection, seminars, as well as populating committees and the Board. The goal is to ensure AgForestry continues to represent all stakeholders and constituents of Washington's natural resource industries.



WHAT WE'RE READING

Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make – and Keep – Friends by Marisa G. Franco, PhD

Read by: Julie Grenfell, Network Engagement Director
Platonic is a great reminder that friendships don't necessarily happen organically, and often need care and attention, like romantic and family relationships. The author begins by looking at attachment styles, and the effects each style has on building and keeping friendships. She then dives into several areas of relationships which can cause strain when not approached in a healthy manner, such as vulnerability, generosity, and anger; sharing tips on how to cope and deal with these pressure points in relationships to build a stronger friendship.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SID MORRISON ROAST & TOAST

Sid Morrison was a long-time supporter of AgForestry and received the very first Stu Bledsoe Leadership Award. To honor Sid's legacy, the Sid Morrison Roast & Toast is set for Saturday, June 24, at Yakima's State Fair Park and Event Center featuring appetizers, drinks, dinner, dessert, and lots of laughs, all in honor of Sid Morrison. The event will benefit the Central Washington Fair Association Foundation and the Sid Morrison Agricultural Education Fund. This evening promises to be a night of food, fun, and laughter, in support of two worthy causes.

Purchase tickets or a table at:

<https://www.statefairpark.org/p/cwfa-foundation>

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