

Board Adopts Long Range Plan

The Board of Directors has adopted a long range plan that aims to carry the Society into the twenty-first century. The Long Range Planning Committee worked more than a year—including meetings in Durham, Chicago, Denver, and Albuquerque—to develop the blueprint for the plan. Serving on the committee were Lynn Day (chairman), Tom Birdzell, Tom Dunlap, Peter Murphy, Ted Nelson, and Gene Robbins.

For a copy of the full report, contact Durham headquarters. Below is a summary:

Mission of the FHS

The Forest History Society links the past to the future by identifying, collecting, preserving, interpreting, and disseminating information on the history of relationships among forests, their related resources, and people. The focus is from a North American perspective within a global context.

Goals and strategies

1. Intensify development of the FHS library and archive programs.
2. Increase the scholarly tone of the journal, but also develop the Issues Series and *Forest History Today* to address the more general reader.
3. Develop educational programs for public schools, resource professionals and executives, and journalists.
4. Be responsive to international opportunities for bibliographic and archival services, and other areas that are consistent with the Society's purposes.
5. Publicize services and products, such as the availability of the online bibliography.
6. Develop a financial base that will generate adequate support.
7. Assure strong and effective leadership by strengthening Board and staff development programs. ▲

FHS to Copublish New Journal

The American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) and the Forest History Society have entered into an agreement to jointly publish a new journal, *Environmental History*. Volume 1, number 1 will appear in January 1996. The new quarterly journal will contain the best features of *Forest & Conservation History* and *Environmental History Review*, both of which will be discontinued at the close of 1995.

Environmental History will be a membership benefit for FHS as well as ASEH. Dual memberships are also available at a discount for those who wish to support the programs of both organizations.

The Forest History Society began publishing a journal in 1957. Under various names, most recently *Forest & Conservation History*, the journal evolved into a respected publication and a fair representative of the Society's commitment to historical scholarship. However, times change, and both readers and potential authors began to favor a broader context within which to examine forest and conservation history. Thus, during the past decade the number of quality articles submitted for our consideration declined, despite rigorous recruiting, as did paid circulation.

After examining the options, the FHS Board of Directors decided that copublication of a scholarly journal that would carry articles and book reviews related to forest and conservation history, but published within a broader context, was the best choice. Not compelling but still significant was the added benefit of combining the paid circulation of two journals, including the doubling of library subscriptions and adding student members equal to 10 percent of the total, in order to make *Environmental History* self-supporting. The Forest History Society has long subsidized its journal up to as much as 50 percent of its cost. A financially self-sufficient journal is especially desirable during these times of increasing competition for funds. ▲

New Leadership Elected

At the annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, members elected four new Board members for three-year terms: Patricia M. Bedient of Arthur Andersen & Co. in Boise, Idaho; William J. Barton of Barton Consultants in Savannah, Georgia; Susan L. Flader of the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri; and Richard Porterfield of Champion International in Stamford, Connecticut. Reelected to three-year terms were: Jean Claude Mercier (Quebec); Ted Nelson (Washington), and Richard White (Washington).

Later in the day, the Board elected for one-year terms President Eugene S. Robbins, The Charlotte Group, Charlotte, North Carolina; Vice-President Thomas R. Dunlap, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas; Secretary Harold K. Steen, Forest History Society, Durham, North Carolina; and Treasurer Patricia M. Bedient, Arthur Andersen & Co., Boise, Idaho.

Leaving the Board following two terms of service are Luther E. Birdzell (New York), Ernest B. Corrick (Montana), Charles H. W. Foster (Massachusetts), and Walter S. Rosenberry III (Colorado). ▲