

Agenda Item No:	C
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Presentation Title:	Regional Forest Practices Committee Appointments and Reappointments
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of new members and the re-appointment of existing members to the Regional Forest Practice Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board of Forestry to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management, and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners, or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Forest Resources Division Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three regional committees.

BACKGROUND

Committee member appointments occur annually in September. The committee positions have staggered terms, and each year one-third of the committee members’ terms end. This approach ensures the continuity of committee work.

The department contacted committee members whose terms expire in 2024 about their interest in continued service. To fill pending resignations and existing vacancies, the department and committee chairs searched for qualified nominees with diverse backgrounds. The department also sent a public news release to generate additional interest in serving in this voluntary role. Attachment 1 details the biographies of all new and reappointing members. Attachment 2 details the full roster for each committee.

The following recommendation shows current vacancies, recommended member reappointments and new appointments, and term expiration dates. The term expirations maintain the staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends the Board make the following reappointments and new appointments:

<u>Northwest Oregon Region:</u>	<u>Term Expiration (September)</u>
Aaron Zweber (r)	2027
Craig Richards (n)	2027
Dave Wells (p, n)	2027
<u>Southwest Oregon Region:</u>	
Steve Swanson (n)	2026
Kale Woosley (n)	2027
VACANT	2027
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<u>Eastern Oregon Region:</u>	
Bob Messinger (Chair) (r)	2027
Elwayne Henderson (r)	2027
Paul Oester (p, r)	2027
VACANT	2025

- (r) Reappointment
- (n) New Appointment
- (p) Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Biographies for appointments
- (2) Committee rosters

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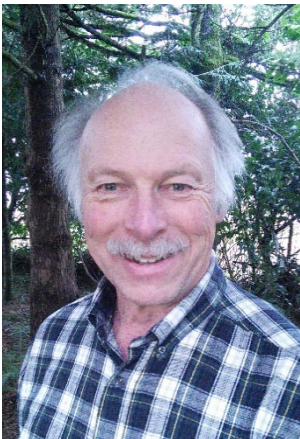
Biography for Aaron Zweber

Aaron Zweber is a Forester for Hampton Lumber where his primary duties include road construction and maintenance administration, Right of Way logging, and harvest unit design and layout. He began his career with Weyerhaeuser where he worked on the Coos Bay tree farm and then on the St. Helens tree farm as a Forest Engineering Specialist. Aaron has a B.S. in Forest Operations Management from Oregon State University.



Biography for Craig Richards

Craig Richards is a procurement manager for NWH. His career includes experience in various roles such as Forest Technician and Service Forester for Professional Reforestation of Oregon, Inc., Silviculture Technician for Menasha Corporation, Forest Technician and Cruiser for Stuntzner Engineering, and CEO and Forester for Pro Forestry Consulting, LLC. Craig has an associate degree in Forest Technology from Southwestern Oregon Community College. Since 1998, he has been active with the Oregon Society of American Foresters-Coos Chapter in various capacities and positions.



Biography for Dave Wells

Dave has worked in the forests of the Pacific Northwest for over 40 years. His experience includes a 40-year career with Oregon Department of Forestry where he prepared and administered timber sales in compliance with State Forest Management Plans and the Oregon Forest Practices Act. He then opened Oregon Natural Forestry, LLC where he has spent the last six years providing forestry services to non-industrial forest landowners in Northwest Oregon. He has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from University of Washington and is an adjunct instructor at Tillamook Bay Community College. He is a Board Member of the Oregon Tree Farm System, Associate Director of the Tillamook Soil and Water Conservation District, Past Chair (2022) of the Oregon Society of American Foresters (SAF), and member of the Tillamook Working Lands and Waters Cooperative and Oregon Small Woodland Association.

SOUTHWEST OREGON REGION

Biography for Steve Swanson



Steve Swanson is the Southern Oregon Region Engineer for Weyerhaeuser Company in Eugene, Oregon. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. After graduation started his career at International Paper in Veneta/Vaughn. Steve went on to work in an area engineering role with Weyerhaeuser and for 31 years was responsible for planning, scheduling, management, and layout of field engineering activities associated with timber harvest, road construction, and road maintenance. Steve is a professional licensed engineer and has extensive experience implementing the Oregon Forest Practices Act, interpreting federal easement agreements, and mentoring and onboarding early career engineers. In 2023 he was promoted to Region Engineer. He serves on the Oregon State University Forest Engineering Department Academic Advisory Committee and volunteers for Forests Today and Forever.

Biography for Kale Woosley



Kale is a forester for Chinook Forest Management and has been a forester in Southern Oregon for the past 7 years. He is an OSU Forest Management graduate.

EASTERN OREGON REGION



Biography for Bob Messinger, Chair

Bob Messinger is a private forest consultant. He is experienced in management of large tracts of private timberlands, sustainable forestry audits under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council standards, and long-term land-use planning processes. He has an M.S. in Forest Management from University of Christchurch and a B.S. in Forest Management from Utah State University.



Biography for Elwayne Henderson

Elwayne Henderson is a farmer and forestland owner who has been active within the forest industry for over 60 years. He is part owner of Henderson Logging & Construction and owns storage units as well as a log sort yard.



Biography for Paul Oester

Paul Oester worked as a Forestry Extension Agent for the OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension program for over 30 years until his retirement in 2017. In his career, he delivered educational programs for woodland owners, loggers, natural resource professionals, youth, and the public. He also provided local management direction for management of the Oberteuffer Research and Education Forest (113 acres) with input from OSU's College of Forestry Research Forests staff. He has an M.S. in Forest Entomology with a minor in Silviculture from Oregon State University and a B.S. in Forest Management from Oregon State University. He has been a member of Society of American Forests since 1977 and is a lifetime member of the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals.

CURRENT REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

September 2024

NORTHWEST OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended Expiration
Mike Barnes (Chair)	09/2022	09/2025	
Tally Patton (p)	09/2022	09/2025	
Candace Bonner	09/2022	09/2025	
Randy Silbernagel (p)	09/2023	09/2026	
Jill Bell	09/2023	09/2026	
Eric Kranzush	09/2023	09/2026	
Aaron Zweber (r)	09/2022	09/2024	09/2027
Craig Richards (n)		09/2024	09/2027
Dave Wells (p, n)		09/2024	09/2027

SOUTHWEST OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended Expiration
Dana Kjos (Chair)	09/2023	09/2026	
Darin McMichael	09/2023	09/2026	
Steve Swanson (n)		09/2026	09/2026
Kale Woosley (n)		09/2024	09/2027
[VACANT]		09/2024	09/2027
[VACANT]		09/2024	09/2027
Chris Arnold	09/2022	09/2025	
Garrett Kleiner	09/2022	09/2025	
Michael Scott	09/2022	09/2025	

EASTERN OREGON REGION

Member Name	Current Term Began	Current Term Expires	Recommended Expiration
Bob Messinger (Chair) (r)	09/2021	09/2024	09/2027
Elwayne Henderson (r)	09/2021	09/2024	09/2027
Paul Oester (p, r)	09/2023	09/2024	09/2027
Paul Jones	09/2022	09/2025	
Bobby Douglas	09/2022	09/2025	
[VACANT]		09/2025	
Chris Johnson	09/2023	09/2026	
Todd Kurtz	09/2023	09/2026	
Jeremy Grose	09/2023	09/2026	

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