2010 Annual Report

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*2011 President's Message * Dick Myers*

Dick Myers

The year is young but already there are hopeful signs of economic recovery for our industry. Most of us are ready to put 2010 behind us.

As the new president of the Louisiana Forestry Association, I want to emphasize the strengths that we have, both within the committees of our organization and with the partnerships that have been forged over the years. The LFA works closely with the state Office of Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, LSU Extension, NRCS, the Dept. of Environmental Quality and every small and large landowner organization.

The time-worn adage of the three-legged stool of forestry is still true. Landowners, loggers and manufacturing facilities are all critical for forestry to remain strong. The Louisiana Forestry Association recognizes this and works to keep all three areas viable.

To protect our resource – the 14 million acres of forestland-– so critical to our economy, we have put the stabilization of our state fire crews at a high priority. Every other issue from cost-share to reforestation pales if our forestland can be decimated by wildfire. We are also embarking on a Tree Farm national assessment as part of the plan to have a venue for small landowners to offer certified wood to meet key sustainability standards.

To enhance our manufacturing segment we have recently formed the Forest Products Manufacturing Council. As one of our first projects we are looking into optional branding of our lumber and paper products as "Made in Louisiana." To some clients that may not be attractive but to others it would be.

For our loggers, we continue to offer meaningful training classes that will help both safety and the bottom line. We also monitor any new regulatory requirements around the state that could hinder harvesting operations to the detriment of manufacturing, loggers, and landowners. We should all work toward keeping and growing our current wood-using businesses while attracting new ones. To assure sustainability of our forest resources, we will need expertise at the Office of Forestry to monitor and interpret the state's forest inventory and the application of forestry's Best Management Practices.

Educating our citizens about forestry is needed even though it is already an important economic driver in the state. Our population numbers below Interstate 10 show a majority of citizens (voters) are unfamiliar with forestry and its importance to Louisiana. We will continue to spread the message that trees are the number one crop in the state but also that our forests provide clean water and air and good paying jobs to our citizens.

Your help is needed in our mission. We do much of our work through committees and we hope you volunteer for one today. See the listing on page 2 and email your contact information to Debbie Dodd and we will sign you up.

The Comparative LFA Budget

Income		2010	2011
Dues		$395,000	$380,000
Special Assessments			
Education and Information	Sustainable Forestry Initiative		
Executive Committee	Forest Awareness		
Forest Crime Reward	Public Information	129,200	$127,000
Other Revenue & Contributions			
Annual Meeting	Project Learning Tree		
Tree Farm	Logging Programs		
Advertising & Subscriptions	Interest		
Special Projects	Meetings/ Teacher Tour	338,500	$315,600
Withdrawal of Operating Reserve Funds		72,550	$ 77,050
TOTAL INCOME		$ 935,250	$899,650
Expenses			
Programs - Services			
Tree Farm	Project Learning Tree		
Special Projects	Printing-Art / Logging Program		
Annual Meeting	Membership / Forest Crime Rewards		
Awards, Memorials	Education - Information		
Publicity, Promotion	Forests & People / Forest Awareness Week		
Dues, subscriptions	Sustainable Forestry Initiative	$350,400	$318,850
Office Expenses			
Insurance	Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance / Computer Service		
Utilities	Building		
Telephone	Office Equipment		
Postage, Supplies	Miscellaneous	96,800	$ 95,800
Administrative			
Executive Committee Meetings	Training & Professional Improvements		
Legal & Professional Service	Business Entertainment		
Salaries/Benefits	Travel	479,550	$476,500
Addition to Operating Reserve Funds		0	0
Addition to Capital Reserve Funds		8,500	$ 8,500
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$935,250***	**$899,650***

* Also a $150,000 Wildfire Urban Interface Grant for the state will be administered through LFA

Sign up for a committee of the LFA in 2010

- ❑ **Annual Meeting**
- ❑ **Climate Change/Renewable Fuels**
- ❑ **Editorial Advisory**
- ❑ **Endangered Species/ Wildlife & Recreation**
- ❑ **Forest Protection**
- ❑ **Forest Resources & Research**
- ❑ **Forest Water and Wetlands**
- ❑ **Legislative**
- ❑ **Project Learning Tree**
- ❑ **Public Information/Media Relations**
- ❑ **Sustainable Forestry Program**
- ❑ **Tree Farm Re-Inspections**
- ❑ **La. Forest Products Manufacturing Council**

E-mail ddodd@laforestry.com to put your name on a committee list. Those serving in 2010 will remain on the list unless they e-mail otherwise.

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Accomplishments for 2010

- The Louisiana Forestry Association worked for and secured a reduction in the state sales tax on parts and labor for loggers and for forest product manufacturers. This year it decreased by 25% and will continue to lessen until it is eliminated in fiscal year 2013-2014.
- The association is working to maintain adequate fire protection support from the Louisiana Office of Forestry even as budget reductions have hit. The main mission of the office has been designated as fire protection for forestlands.
- The board of directors has approved a policy statement on renewable energy that supports a broad definition of wood. The policy also states: "Renewable energy policy should be free market driven, supporting existing uses of forest biomass while encouraging new and emerging markets."
- The LFA formed the Forest Products Manufacturing Council under its umbrella. The first project is to look into optional branding of products made in Louisiana.
- A newly designed website is more user-friendly and it drew about 1,400 unique visitors per month. Severance tax, articles from publications, the latest forestry news and links to related companies are found at www.laforestry.com.
- The Louisiana Public Broadcasting show called "Louisiana -The State We're In" included two sustainable forestry messages in each program this year. The sponsor message was also contained in the monthly program "Louisiana Public Square."
- A sustainable forestry message will be contained in unique Louisiana coloring book, suitable for use with young children. that should be out in 2011.
- The Louisiana Forestry Association ended the year with 3,891 members, including 554 new members. Eight out of every 10 members in 2009 renewed their membership in the association. The largest member category is forest landowner.
- Trained Tree Farm inspectors did 117 re-inspections and entered 12 new Tree Farms in the program. We also trained 59 foresters on the new tree farm standards and are one of the states to be a part of the new national Tree Farm assessment.
- Project Learning Tree trained 800 teachers now qualified in the award-winning environmental education program. The annual week-long Teacher's Tour in the summer also trained 24 educators.
- There are now 821 active Master Loggers and Foresters trained under the SFI program. There were 19 continuing education classes held during 2010 attended by 719 people. There were also two rounds of the core curriculum classes needed to become a Master Logger.
- A poster of the state showing the forest products facilities in every parish was produced and distributed to legislators at the Rural Caucus luncheon. Framed posters were also presented to state officials.
- The Louisiana Forestry Foundation awarded 47 scholarships for students in forestry at LSU and Louisiana Tech.
- The Louisiana Forestry Association and Outdoor Underwriters offered members affordable group hunting lease liability and timberland liability insurance. There are currently over 1,100 members in the group program.
- The LFA petitioned the state Supreme Court to reinstate the treble damages provision in timber theft cases even when the victim is a co-owner. The appeal failed but the LFA hopes to address it legislatively.
- Four logging complaints were investigated and three were resolved during the year. One case is still pending. Anyone can make confidential complaints through the SFI program which seeks to mediate them.
- A successful annual meeting was hosted at DiamondJacks in Bossier City with 564 people attending. Kenneth Morgan was named Outstanding Logger, and Richard and Bobbye Meaux are the 2010 Outstanding Tree Farmers.