

**NC SFI SIC MEETING**  
**NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE**  
**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

NC Farm Bureau - Raleigh, NC – January 16, 2018

**CONVENE NC SFI SIC MEETING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Chair Bernard Rose, called the NC SFI SIC meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Members present for all or part of the meeting were:

Mike Adams  
Jadie Andrews  
Joey Briggs  
Andrew Brown  
Jimmy Clay  
Alan Coats  
Brian Council  
Chuck Daniels  
Tony Doster  
Jim Durham

Ted Garner  
Tom Gerow  
Brett Goulding  
Kiley Hinson  
Gail Johnson  
Leslie McCormick  
Kevin McCormack  
Russ Newton  
Amy Phillips  
Bob Pippen

Will Reese  
Bernard Rose  
Glenn Sheehan  
Scott Smearman  
Jack Swanner  
Jaime Teel  
Marshall Thompson

Others present for all or part of the meeting were:

Chris Brown  
Frank Rackley  
Amy Juliana

**ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Bernard Rose reminded members that the meeting would be in full compliance with the NCFA's policy on antitrust compliance contained in the meeting materials.

**RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION OF QUORUM**

Bernard Rose declared that a quorum was present at the meeting and that the meeting would proceed as planned. At this point in the meeting, the official transfer of new officers took place for the committee. Rose handed the leadership gavel to incoming Chair Amy Phillips. The new officers include: Phillips as Chair, Glenn Sheehan as Vice Chair, and Jadie Andrews as Treasurer. The subcommittee chairs remained the same with the lone exception of Scott Smearman stepping in to chair the Landowner subcommittee, replacing Bryan Hulka.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Amy Phillips asked members to review the minutes from the last meeting. On a motion by Jim Durham to approve and seconded by Marshall Thompson, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S AUDIT**

A subcommittee comprised of Jaime Teel, Bernard Rose, Jadie Andrews and Glenn Sheehan reviewed the NC SFI account and found everything was in order. This committee self-audit ensures the books are in good shape when transferring from one treasurer to another.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Glenn Sheehan and Jadie Andrews gave a joint report on the NC SFI account. There were some adjustments to the original budget submitted in the meeting materials, but the budgets listed now are up-to-date. The dues projected for 2018 is less than 2017, which is a reflection of some companies choosing not to stay in the SFI program. It is expected that a few companies will be joining in 2018 and the dues will should surpass that budget projection. Either way, the budget is set up for lower dues income in 2018.



## NC SIC 2017 Budget

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual 12/31/2017
SIC Dues	\$125,000.00	\$146,463.21
Interest	\$450.00	\$879.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,450.00</b>	<b>\$147,342.46</b>

### NOTES

<b>Administrative</b>		
NCFA	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
Misc Exp	\$250.00	\$60.77
Travel	\$2,000.00	\$1,561.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,250.00</b>	<b>\$22,622.52</b>

<b>Landowner Outreach</b>		
Landowner Guide	\$0.00	\$5,907.33
Misc. Landowner Outreach	\$2,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,907.33</b>

<b>Training and Education</b>		
Sustainable Teachers Academy	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Forestry & Environmental Camps	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Goods from the Woods boxes	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

<b>Information Resources</b>		
Promote SFI at NC Legislation	\$0.00	
Certification Workshops	\$0.00	
Purchase 1 Display/Materials	\$0.00	
NC SIC Website	\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Market Outreach</b>		
Full Page Ad in The State Mag (Oct 2017)		
NC SIC Booths	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Purchase Displays/Materials	\$1,500.00	\$165.00
Customer Communication	\$1,250.00	\$500.00
Recruitment	\$0.00	
NC AG Mag		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,165.00</b>

Sponsor for National Forest Products Week

<b>Grants Approved</b>		
Wake Soil & Water Conservation - Forest & Wildlife Enhancement	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
FECF - Pro-Logger Video	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
FECF - Ask Roy	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
FECF - T-Shirts for Forestry & Environmental Camps	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
FECF, CLS, SLTC - NC OSH Training	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
NC Tree Farm - Landowner Workshops/Annual Mtg	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
NC Tree Farm - Re-Inspection of Tree Farms	\$13,750.00	\$13,750.00
NC Tree Farm - Forest Summit	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
NCSU Project Learning Tree Facilitator Training	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Roanoke Economic Dev - African American Land Retention	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Henderson County SWCD - Landowner Outreach/Training	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,850.00</b>	<b>\$57,850.00</b>

<b>Inconsistent Practices</b>		
Monitor / Phone Lines / Reporting	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Reporting	\$0.00	
Consultants	\$3,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

inc. chk. Written for 4th Qtr. Monitor

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$154,350.00</b>	<b>\$151,044.85</b>
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Current NC SIC Checking Account Balance

\$96,896.23

As of 12-31-17

***Non-Budget Expenses(2017)included in Checking Account Balance:***

Our State Ad

\$ 9,815.00

Voted by Full Committee but Non-budget exp.

NCSIC Checking Account 2017

						Check	
						Number	
12/30/2016	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$48.21	113,328.50	Bal. Dec. 31, 2016	
1/19/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$946.00	114,274.50		
1/23/2017	Journal Communications	SFI Ad NC Ag Magazine	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$3,305.00	110,969.50		1581
1/23/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Jan. 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.37	110,950.13		
1/26/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$6,233.00	117,183.13		
1/30/2017	NC State University	NCPLT Facilitator Training	2017 Grant	\$3,000.00	114,183.13		1582
1/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$48.84	114,231.97	Bal. Jan. 2017	
2/3/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$6,981.51	121,213.48		
2/9/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$28,019.23	149,232.71		
2/21/2017	Wake Soil & Water Conservation District	2017 Forest & Wildlife Grant	2017 Grant	\$2,400.00	146,832.71		1583
2/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Feb. 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.72	146,812.99		
2/23/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$6,946.55	153,759.54		
2/28/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$54.76	153,814.30	Bal. Feb. 2017	
3/2/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$17,732.09	171,546.39		
3/16/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$30,885.00	201,931.39		
3/23/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$28,047.00	229,978.39		
3/23/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill March 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$18.68	229,959.71		
3/30/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$2015.78	231,975.49		
3/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$82.79	232,058.28	Bal. March 2017	
4/5/2017	Roanoke Economic Development Inc.	2017 Sustaining Fly. & African American LR Plan	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00	227,058.28		1584
4/5/2017	NCTree Farm Program	2017 Re-inspection of Tree Farms	2017 Grant	\$13,750.00	213,308.28		1585
4/5/2017	NCTree Farm Program	Landowner Ed. Workshops	2017 Grant	\$10,000.00	203,308.28		1585
4/5/2017	NCTree Farm Program	Forest Landowner Outreach Summit	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00	198,308.28		1585
4/5/2017	Steve Cox	IPM Monitor 1st Quarter 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$625.00	197,683.28		1586
4/12/2017	Forest Education and Conservation Foundation (NCF)	Ask Roy Video Production	2017 Grant	\$5,000.00	192,683.28		1587
4/20/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$2,777.89	195,461.17		
4/21/2017	Henderson County SWCD	Keep it in the Family-Your Forest & Farm Workshop	2017 Grant	\$500.00	194,961.17		1588
4/24/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill April 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.41	194,941.76		
4/28/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$87.91	195,029.67	Bal. April 2017	
5/5/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 2,495.00	197,524.67		
5/18/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 3,941.00	201,465.67		
5/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill May 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$20.62	201,445.05		
5/31/2017	Deposit	Interest Earned	Interest	\$ 84.51	201,529.56	Bal. May 2017	
6/8/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 3,993.00	205,522.56		
6/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill June 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.54	205,503.02		
6/22/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 3,235.71	208,738.73		
6/29/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 604.19	209,342.92		
6/30/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$ 84.51	209,427.43	Bal. June 2017	
7/10/2017	Steve Cox	IPM Monitor 2nd Quarter 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 625.00	208,802.43		1589
7/13/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	\$ 1,164.26	209,966.69		
7/17/2017	Our State (Partial Pmt.)	Full Page Ad in Oct. 2017 Issue	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$ 4,907.50	205,059.19		1590
7/17/2017	WoodWorks - Wood Products Council	NCSIC-Exhibit Space Nov. 2 Wood Solutions Fair	Market Outreach	\$ 1,500.00	203,559.19		1591
7/25/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill July 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.73	203,539.46		
7/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	\$ 88.67	203,628.13	Bal. July 2017	Chk. #1591 outstanding
8/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill August 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.65	203,608.48		
8/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	86.84	203,695.32	Bal. August 2017	
9/7/2017	Forest Education and Conservation Foundation (NCF)	NC OSHA Training	2017 Grant	\$ 3,200.00	200,495.32		1592
9/12/2017	Amy Phillips	Grant Review Lunch	VOID	VOID		VOIDED CHK: Invoice Confusion	1593
9/15/2017	Amy Phillips	Partial SFI Travel to National Meeting and Grant Review Lunch	Admin - Travel	\$797.42	199,697.90		1594
			Admin - Misc. Exp.	\$80.77	199,617.13		Combined w/1594
9/26/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Sept. 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.80	199,597.33		
9/26/2017	SFI, Inc.	150 SFI Calendars for Booth	Market Outreach	\$185.00	199,412.33		1595
9/29/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	82.57	199,329.76	Bal. Sept. 2017	#1595 outstanding
10/9/2017	Steve Cox	IPM Monitor 3rd Quarter 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$625.00	198,909.9		1596
10/13/2017	NC Forestry Association	Landowner Guides	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$5,907.33	193,002.57		1597
10/23/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill October 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$19.20	192,983.37		
10/25/2017	Amy Phillips	Final SFI Travel to National Meeting	Admin - Travel	\$764.33	192,219.04		1598
10/31/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	84.68	192,303.72	Bal. Oct. 2017	#1597 & #1598 Outstanding
11/2/2017	Deposit	2017 Dues	Dues	946.00	193,249.72		
11/8/2017	NCF	Administrative Fee 2017	Admin - NCF FEE	\$21,000.00	172,249.72		1599
11/8/2017	NCF	Sustainable Teachers Academy	Training and Education	\$ 40,000.00	132,249.72		1599
11/8/2017	NCF	Forestry & Environmental Camps	Training and Education	\$ 10,000.00	122,249.72		1599
11/8/2017	NCF	Goods From The Woods Boxes	Training and Education	\$ 10,000.00	112,249.72		1599
11/8/2017	NCF	FECF-Pro Logger Videc	2017 Grant	\$ 8,000.00	104,249.72		1599
11/8/2017	NCF	FECF-T-Shirts for Environmental Camp	2017 Grant	\$ 2,000.00	102,249.72		1599
11/17/2017	Our State (Balance)	Balance of Oct. 2017 Full Pg. Ad	Landowner/Market Outreach	\$ 4,907.50	97,342.22		1600
11/22/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill November 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.48	97,322.74		
11/29/2017	NC Forestry Association, Inc.	Sponsor-National Forest Products Week	Market Outreach	\$ 500.00	96,822.74		1601
11/30/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	51.98	96,874.72	Bal. Nov. 2017	#1601 Outstanding
12/26/2017	Century Link	IPM Phone Bill Dec. 2017	Inconsistent Practices	\$ 19.68	96,855.04		
12/29/2017	Deposit	Interest earned	Interest	41.19	<b>96,896.23</b>	Balance Dec. 31, 2017	All checks cleared

## NC SIC 2018 Budget

	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2018 <u>ACTUAL</u></b>
SIC Dues	\$130,000.00	
Interest	\$450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,450.00</b>	
<b>Administrative</b>		
NCFA	\$21,000.00	
Misc Exp	\$250.00	
Travel	\$2,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,250.00</b>	<b>14.60%</b>
<b>Landowner Outreach</b>		
Landowner Guide	\$0.00	
Misc. Landowner Outreach	\$2,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>1.26%</b>
<b>Training and Education</b>		
Sustainable Teachers Academy	\$40,000.00	
Forestry & Environmental Camps	\$10,000.00	
Goods from the Woods boxes	\$10,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>37.68%</b>
<b>Information Resources</b>		
Promote SFI at NC Legislation	\$0.00	
Certification Workshops	\$0.00	
Purchase 1 Display/Materials	\$0.00	
NC SIC Website	\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>0.63%</b>
<b>Market Outreach</b>		
NC SIC Booths	\$1,500.00	
Purchase Displays/Materials	\$1,500.00	
Customer Communication	\$1,250.00	
Recruitment	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>	<b>2.67%</b>
<b>Grants Approved</b>		
Sustaining Forestry & African American Land Retention Program - Youth STEAM Summit	\$10,000.00	
SFI Certification & Carbon Markets: Opportunities for NC Forests	\$5,000.00	
Community Forestry Education	\$15,000.00	
Wildlife Station	\$4,000.00	
ProLogger Training Module 18 - Soil Productivity & Reforestation	\$7,500.00	
Re-Inspection of Tree Farms	\$13,750.00	
Forest Landowner Outreach Summit Part 2	\$7,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,750.00</b>	<b>39.40%</b>
<b>Inconsistent Practices</b>		
Monitor / Phone Lines / Reporting	\$3,000.00	
Reporting	\$0.00	
Consultants	\$3,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>3.77%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$159,250.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **6. SFI UPDATE**

Amy Phillips reported that all 27 member companies paid their dues in 2017. The 2018 survey will go out from the NCFA office in February and the committee requests the survey information to be returned to the Ann Harper, the NCFA's Business Manager, by April. The MOU between the association and the NC SFI was signed in December and is in effect. Phillips reported that partnerships were the focus of the most recent national SFI meeting. Project Learning Tree (PLT) is now under the SFI umbrella and the committee has invited Renee Strnad, the North Carolina Director of PLT, to make a presentation at the committee's next meeting.

## **7. INFORMATION RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **8. MARKET OUTREACH/RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

There is a copy of the brand story that appears in this year's North Carolina Agriculture magazine. The brand story is a new concept where an entity can showcase an element of its business or services in a story format. The NCFA and the NC SFI Implementation shared the cost of a brand story advertisement highlighting the ProLogger program.

## **9. LANDOWNER OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The Landowners Guide to Forestry was reprinted last year. There are copies at the NCFA office for those companies needing them for landowner outreach.

Leslie McCormick provided an update on the North Carolina Tree Farm Program. McCormick reported the program has over 1,100 Tree Farms. As part of the program's self-auditing program, it re-inspected 257 Tree Farms that had not been inspected in the past five years or more. Roughly 40 percent of the Tree Farms were decertified. The majority were decertified because the land had changed ownership. The program issued a letter in December to its participants about the new fee for certification program. The program has already certified five new Tree Farms under this program. McCormick expects the push back to come from participants who are already in the program. The program hopes to recertify an additional 250 participants in addition to the required re-inspections from the national audit and any new requests with the new fee process in place. The North Carolina Tree Farm Program is also working with the North Carolina Fish & Wildlife Commission to gain certification for the North Carolina's Game lands. This would raise the awareness of the Tree Farm Program while earning a certification standard that could be used by the state to qualify for other opportunities such as carbon credit markets.

## 10. INCONSISTENT PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Durham reported that Steve Cox will continue to serve as the program's IPM for 2018. Steve completed the following report for the final quarter.

### INCONSISTENT PRACTICES MONITORING PROGRAM - LOG

Year: 2017

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total YTD
Total Number of Phone Calls	2	6	4	5	17
Total Number of Invalid Phone Calls	0	3	2	1	6
Total Number of Valid Phone Calls	2	4	2	4	12
Open Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0
Closed Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0
Open FPG Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0
Closed FPG Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0
Total Open Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0
Total Closed Inconsistent Practices	0	0	0	0	0

Notes The four valid calls were all from citizens who had concerns regarding logging activities nearby. One was about logging within a city limit, one about logging near a stream, one logging near a wetland, and one logging a swamp. I explained the SFI Inconsistent Practices program to each caller and recommended they contact the NC Forest Service. (None had at the time I spoke with them). It could not be determined if there were any violations so each was asked to call me back if the Forest Service found violations. None called back. Therefore at this time no further investigations are required.

FPG Report. There were 2 SFI companies on the latest FPG Report dated 11-3-17. One company was in temporary compliance and one in permanent compliance. These are not considered inconsistent practices and do not require further investigation at this time.

Submitted by Steve Cox , IPM 10- 1/3/2018

## 11. UPDATE ON NCFA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Amy Juliana provided an update on the planning underway for the NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camps as well as the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience. Juliana announced that she was distributing individual coolers to all camp volunteers as a Thank You and please see her if a committee member had volunteered during the year. The final dates were not finalized but the NCFA planned to have camps again in Greensboro, Raleigh, Lake Norman, and Wilmington. In terms of the SFTE, the registration is now open. Members are encouraged to once again offer vouchers to teachers in their area as a way of promoting the three sessions in New Bern, Southern Pines, and Asheville.

## 12. FORESTRY ISSUES UPDATE

The committees heard from Alan Coats, a Forest Water Quality Specialist with the North Carolina Forest Service, who provided a summary of the most recent study conducted by the North Carolina Forest Service on the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) across the state. The new study included over 210 survey points in North Carolina, including 94 of North Carolina's 100 counties. The sites examined included both active and closed harvest operations. Overall, the statewide average implementation rate was 84%. The most telling statistics in the study was the threat to water quality was just 0.15% when BMP's were properly employed. When BMP's were not used, the threat jumped to 30%. The instances where no BMP's were employed was less than 5% in the total survey. Overall, the results demonstrated that harvest operations are a minor threat to water quality when Best Management Practices are employed and BMP's are widely used across the state. The one area that seemed to need the most improvement was site rehabilitation after a harvest operation has been completed in terms of reinforcing skid trails and stream crossings with adequate amounts of slash.

### 13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The NCFA's Chris Brown provided a legislative update for the committees.

**CONGRESSIONAL MAPS:** A three judge federal panel ruled earlier in the week that the congressional districts drawn for North Carolina in 2016 by the North Carolina General Assembly are unconstitutional because they are gerrymandered to provide an unfair political advantage to the Republican party. As the maps stands now, 10 of the 13 districts appear to favor a Republican candidate. The panel gave the North Carolina General Assembly until January 29, 2018 to present new maps that would eliminate any purposeful gerrymandering. Time is of the essence since candidates wishing to participate in the next election are required to file their candidacy by February 12, 2018. There is a strong possibility lawmakers could choose to appeal this ruling to the Supreme Court.

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BACK IN TOWN:** he official starting date for this year's legislative session is scheduled for May 16, but the General Assembly reconvened earlier in the week to address some odds and ends from last session such as confirming appointments to commissions and boards. One of those individuals confirmed onto a standing board this week was our own Ray Allen of Uwharrie Lumber Company. Allen served as the NCFA's President in 2014. He was appointed by Governor Cooper to the North Carolina Board of Agriculture as the forestry representative on Wednesday. Allen's term will expire on September 1, 2019. The North Carolina Board of Agriculture is a statutory agency with members appointed by the governor. The board is a policy- and rule-making body that adopts regulations for many of the programs administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. While some of the tasks at hand were procedural, the General Assembly being back in Raleigh provides elected officials on hand to address the recent call by a federal judicial panel to redraw North Carolina's Congressional maps. In addition, the lawmakers are still discussing how judges are elected and/or appointed in the future and what those judicial maps will look like by election time.

### 14. PROLOGGER TRAINING AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jadie Andrews provided an update on the ProLogger program.

There are 1,589 ProLoggers in good standing heading into 2018. There are 25 loggers pre-registered for the base class this year. The NCFA added 150 ProLoggers to its ranks last year in what was our highest enrollment years dating back to the days when the program first started. The NCFA appreciates everyone's assistance with the program, especially our training partners. The NCFA continuously updates the base course content during the year with new updates from our partners. The class continues to pack a lot of information into two days. The field day is of course still the highlight. Special thanks to Bryan Wagner and Greg Helton for their efforts on these field days.

ProLogger Module 18 classes have started in 2017-18. Module 18 topics include Minimizing Impact of an Oil Spill, Boundary Lines, OSHNC Overview, Power Line Right of Way, and an SFI Overview. It is worth noting that two of the topics that are covered in Module 18 have dual purposes. The OSHNC review puts the spotlight on one of our training partners and the programs that are available to our ProLoggers other than the inspection process. The Boundary Lines piece demonstrates to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly of our commitment to doing things the right way in light of last year's House Bill 80 debate. If you are going to host a Module 18 class, please send the information and a flyer (if available) to [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org) so we can update our schedule in a timely fashion. Thanks again to all of our member companies that host these continuing education sessions. Just a reminder for those looking to earn forester CFE credits - we have to submit a request to Ed Pomeroy at [ibforester@gmail.com](mailto:ibforester@gmail.com) so he can put it on the schedule and send us a sign-in sheet. The class earns 1 CAT 1 credit and 2 CAT 2 credits.

The NCFA will be hosting three offerings of the ProLogger Base Course in 2018.

March 21-22, 2018	Wayne CC	Goldsboro, NC
May 30-31, 2018	Montgomery CC	Troy, NC
September 11-12, 2018	McDowell Tech CC	Marion, NC

The NCFA continues to maintain our training arrangement with participating southeastern states – right now this includes South Carolina and Florida. Module 18 includes a segment on the SFI program hosted by Barry Graden.

**Module 19 Topics:** The NCFA has an approved grant from the NC SFI Implementation Committee to proceed on a soil productivity / reforestation segment. We also are looking to include a segment on dash cameras, which was a topic we tried to squeeze into last



year's module. The committees submitted the following to be considered for next year's module: Soil Productivity/Reforestation; Site Rehabilitation; Proper Body Position/Spacing; BMP's Survey Review.

The other action item in the ProLogger segment is the review of the ProLogger Training Guidelines. These are to be updated every two years. The last edit introduced the option for a ProLogger who missed the module to gain access by 1) watching the module, 2) paying dues, and 3) paying a fine. In terms of renewals, the biggest segment of ProLoggers who fail to miss the deadline are in the dues deadline. We have very few who have actually missed the module and want to recertify. In most cases, if they did not take the class, they are leaving the program. A copy of the guidelines are in the back of these meeting materials.

**Education Subcommittee:** Chair Jadie Andrews, Scott Askew, Scott Brewer, Chris Brown, Billy Cipriani, Brian Council, Jean-Paul Dame, Chuck Daniels, Tom Gerow, Brett Goulding, Lauren Killian, J.J. Lemire, Mark Megalos, Amy Phillips, Bernard Rose, Eric Smith, Jack Swanner, Jaime Teel.

The committees also reviewed the ProLogger Training Guidelines. Jaime Teel made a motion to approve the guidelines as written for an additional two years. Scott Smearman seconded the motion and the committees unanimously voted to keep the guidelines as written for two more years (2018-2019).

## 15. CAROLINA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Jack Swanner reminded the committees that the Carolina Loggers Association's Annual Meeting was taking place on February 23-25, 2018 in Wilmington at the Hilton Riverside. Swanner also noted that the new interstate designations pose a real problem for a the trucking of forest products. The trucking issue is already a significant problem in terms of trucking insurance and finding quality drivers. This is something that the CLA will be looking to address with partnerships with Team Truck Safety, the NCFCA and the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

## 16. OTHER BUSINESS

The North Carolina Forestry Association and its partners will once again be delivering **the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE)** to three different locations in 2018. The SFTE is a multi-day residential program designed to educate participants about the field of forestry and the wood products industry across the state through a series of presentations, facility and forestry tours, and hands-on lesson plans.

### **The dates and locations are:**

June 18-21, 2018 - Piedmont Experience, Southern Pines, NC

June 25-28, 2018 - Coastal Plains Experience, New Bern, NC

July 23-26, 2018 - Mountain Experience, Asheville, NC

Space is limited to 40 participants per workshop and preference will be given to science educators and individuals who have not participated in an experience in previous years. In addition, NCFCA members have the opportunity to sponsor an educator in their community by paying their modest registration fee of \$50. For more details on our voucher program, please contact the NCFCA's Education Programs Manager Amy Juliana at (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or [ajuliana@ncforestry.org](mailto:ajuliana@ncforestry.org).

**Forestry Day in the Legislature – June 5, 2018:** The NCFCA's Forestry Day in the Legislature will take place on June 5, 2018 at 9:30 – 1:30 p.m. on the Halifax Mall in Raleigh. Forestry Day is a great opportunity for NCFCA members to reach out to their elected officials about the important role forests and the forest products industry.

**Reverse Raffle – June 5, 2018:** The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee will once again be conducting a reverse raffle this year. Tickets will be distributed to FFPAC members and NCFCA Board Members at the NCFCA's Board Meeting later this month. The raffle, which is the FFPAC's top fundraising event, will take place on the evening of Forestry Day at the Hilton Garden Inn in Raleigh, NC.

**NCFA Annual Meeting – October 10-12, 2018**

The NCFA's Annual Meeting will take place in Raleigh, NC on October 10-12, 2018. The program will focus on new initiatives underway in the natural resources field and be supported by speakers from North Carolina State University.

**NC SFI SIC MEETING DATES:**

4/18/18 NCFA Office at 9:30 a.m., Raleigh, NC

7/18/18 NCFA Office at 9:30 a.m., Raleigh, NC (*Grant Committee Only*)

8/15/18 NCFA Office at 9:30 a.m., Raleigh, NC

11/7/18 NCFA Office at 9:30 a.m., Raleigh, NC

**SLTC MEETING DATES:**

5/4/18 Cabela's at 9:30 a.m., Garner, NC

**17. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Chris Brown, NCFA Senior Director of Communications