

Capitol Chapter Earns Achievement Award from Oregon Society of American Foresters

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PORTLAND— The Capitol chapter of the Oregon Society of American Foresters received the Chapter Achievement Award at the Oregon Society of American Forester's virtual Annual Meeting on May 13, 2021.

The OSAF Chapter Achievement Award is presented to a chapter that has demonstrated extraordinary achievements in membership, service to members, community service, chapter management and participation in forest policy and legislation in the preceding year.

"The Capitol Chapter had an outstanding year, which is why they deserve this award," said OSAF Awards Co-Chair Tim Keith. "They hosted a successful 2020 OSAF Annual Meeting virtually online in October, having had to cancel the traditional spring meeting date."

Other accomplishments of the Capitol chapter include increasing membership by at least 10 members during 2020 and promoting SAF membership in their program during the Annual Meeting to appeal to non-member participants; and members volunteered for a variety of efforts following the Labor Day Fires including building ash sifting boxes and assisting OSU Extension.

To keep members engaged when in-person meetings were not possible due to the ongoing pandemic, they held regular virtual chapter meetings. Their 'After the Beachie Creek Fire' meeting had over 50 participants. Their chapter members are active at the state and national levels of SAF: Meghan Tuttle served as OSAF Chair, Julie Woodward as OSAF Delegate-at-Large, and Mike Cloughesy on the SAF National Board of Directors. Several chapter members serve in OSAF committee positions and assist on the PNW Leadership Conference. They also encourage chapter members to step into chapter leadership roles.

OSAF and its 15 local chapters represent all segments the forestry profession within the state. The society includes public and private practitioners, researchers, administrators, educators, and forestry students. Its mission is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethics of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

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