

2023 to 2025 Strategic Direction for the Michigan Society of American Foresters

“The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance sustainable management of forest resources through science, education, and technology, promoting professional excellence while ensuring the continued health, integrity, and use of forests to benefit society in perpetuity.”

Building Community	Professional Growth	Advocacy & Outreach	Performance Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meetings - Develop an innovative, valuable, relevant, and enriching convention experience for all attendees adapted to political, environmental, and other circumstances. • Communities of Interest and Practice – Provide a forum to capture and share existing knowledge to help SAF’s members connect to applied forestry research and improve their own research and practice. • Students and Young Professionals – Building relationships between generations. • Communications – Inform members and partners of current events, policies, and SAF efforts to promote natural resource management. • Engagement – Cultivate involvement in SAF to increase member value. • Diversity - Recognize and serve the diversity of forestry and professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Education – Provide most relevant and science-based forest management continuing education in varied formats. • Career Development – Provide opportunities for professional growth through valuable leadership experiences and relevant member trainings. • State Credentialing – Manage the association’s credentialing program in coordination with state boards. • Peer-reviewed Journals - Provide a respected and well-cited outlet for forest and conservation science research. • Certification – Promote and elevate the stature of SAF certifications. • Accreditation - Promote and support specialized accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness – Increase industry, partner, decision-makers and public awareness through newsletters, communications, and tools. • Join the Network of Advocates - Empower and equip state societies to represent their interests among stakeholders and with their local decision-makers. • Coalition Leadership – Engage in strategic and diverse coalitions and collaborations to increase influence. • Positions – Identify the issues, create position papers and public statements, and educate members on where to find them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Fundraising - Position SAF as a recipient of funds supporting the mission of SAF. • Organizational Structure – Offer resources to empower a network of efficient, effective state societies. • Volunteers – Help volunteers provide excellent customer service and efficient processes for members. • Assessment – Assess activities, programs, and operations of SAF for continuous improvement. • Assets Management – Be stewards of SAF assets to best position SAF for maximum value. • Leadership – Ensure efficient leadership and governance structure for the state society.

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