



NEWS & UPDATE

October 2023

WINTER MEETING 2024

It's hard to believe but Winter Meeting time will be here before we know it. I understand there is a couple notable dates that you may be thinking about before then, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it is not too early to put the Winter Meeting on your brand new 2024 calendar. JANUARY 9-10, 2024, is the date for the meeting and as always, your attendance is really important.

In today's world, the word politics initiates the onset of nausea for many people, understandably so. MFPA is very fortunate to have a favorable reputation in Missouri's general assembly and we are recognized as a critical agriculture industry on both sides of the political aisle. We have worked very hard to earn that reputation and it is because our members recognize the importance of advocacy and the commitment it takes to remain relevant. PLEASE take the opportunity to join your fellow MFPA members and make the journey to Jefferson City on January 9th to once again tell the important story of our industry to elected officials.

MFPA will be conducting important committee work during the Winter Meeting and all members are invited to attend. Committee participation provides an opportunity to "get in the weeds" of your association and get involved in setting direction for the staff. I hope you take the opportunity to participate and maybe it will generate enough interest to join a committee. Stranger things have happened!! Inside this edition you will find opportunities to sponsor the Winter Meeting and begin the registration process. SEE YOU IN JANUARY!!



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WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBERS

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CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



I have good news...and more good news. First the good news. I wish every month I could tell you some good news, but there are times we just need to get the information out about PTH, keeping your certification, or safety efforts. This is not one of those months. Instead, we get to talk about a new benefit for MFPA membership...discounts offered through MFA Oil. I was lucky enough to be at the Missouri Logging Council's Area Meeting in St. Joseph last month and heard all about it. Our members are going to like it. I mean it... who doesn't like discounts...and in these days maybe even more so. Discounts range from lubricants to diesel fuel, with a lot in between. This is a great benefit. Representatives from MFA Oil explained how the program works. It's simple...even I caught on. The next piece of good news...you can hear all about the program for yourself at an upcoming Area Meeting. Meetings will be held in Kirksville (October 17), Perryville (October 19), Springfield (October 26) and Van Buren (November 2). Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions. Here's some bonus good news. If you need it, you can get Continuing Education Credit to maintain PTH Certification just for showing up. There will also be a meal served. The meetings will start at 5:30 pm. Continuing Education Credit, a meal, great information AND no cost. Call our office for more information, or to register (573) 634-3252, or mark@moforest.org.

It's a great way to join MFPA and the Missouri Logging Council. Already a member? Bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you.

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2024 MFPA Winter Meeting & Legislative Breakfast

January 9 & 10



Please join us January 9-10 for our 2024 Annual Winter Meeting at the Jefferson City Courtyard Marriott! Several committees plan to meet on Tuesday including Forest Health, Governmental & Public Affairs, PAC, Education and Technical Services, and MLC.

Tuesday evening MFPA will host a reception and dinner at Courtyard Marriott Jefferson City. Wednesday morning Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee will host the Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Capital Building. Missouri State Legislators are invited to meet the leadership and members of the Missouri Forest Products Association over breakfast. This is an opportunity for MFPA members to talk with our elected officials and reinforce the importance of the forest products industry to the state of Missouri. Please plan to attend the MFPA Winter Meeting and Legislative Breakfast and help us promote the importance of our legislative agenda for 2024.

MFPA Hosts FFA Forestry Contest at 2024 Winter Meeting

Missouri Forest Products Association is collaborating with MO FFA to sponsor the Fall Public Speaking Competition. This is the first time for our association to be a part of the competition. It is a great opportunity for MFPA to reach out to young leaders across the state and allow them to present a speech on a topic that pertains to our industry. The students will be competing at the Area and District Level with one student from each of the six FFA Districts advancing to the State Competition. The State Competition will be part of the MFPA Winter Meeting. The students will present their speeches on January 9th to a group of judges. The students and their advisors will be joining us for lunch where they will be introduced and the winners announced. The 1st place winner will present their speech at the evening dinner. We are looking for sponsors to cover meals for the students, advisors, and parents. We will also be reaching out to people for judges at the District and State level. Thanks in advance for supporting this event and encouraging young learners that are advocating for agriculture.

LODGING

Lodging is **not included** in the meeting registration fee. Hotel reservations are made directly with the Courtyard Jefferson City by calling Marriott reservations at (800) 321-2211 or (573) 761-1400 and ask for the special rate of \$ 136+tax for MFPA.

Please reserve your room by December 9th to receive MFPA rate.

THE HOTEL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CAPITOL.

2024 WINTER MEETING REGISTRATION

DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

NAME _____

COMPANY NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

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TOTAL ATTENDING:

#____ RECEPTION & DINNER

#____ LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST (STATE CAPITOL)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$120.00 PER PERSON

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On September 13, 1960, the United States Congress issued a joint proclamation designating the week beginning on the third Sunday in October as National Forest Products Week. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the proclamation on September 15, 1960. Since then, each sitting president has proclaimed the week. America's forests are a source of pride, and they provide crucial products and materials for our citizens and communities. As we celebrate Forest Products Week, we recognize the importance of our forests to our economy and way of life, and we reaffirm our commitment to protecting them through wise stewardship and sensible land management.

We believe active forest management, utilizing sound forestry principles, is the key to addressing forest health now and ensuring a healthy and sustainable forest for the future. That is why we take the time each year to celebrate and recognize the contribution of Missouri forests and forest products.

MFPA/MLC attend American Loggers Council Annual Membership Meeting in Maine



Shawnee Jarvis (Jarvis Timber Company), Shannon Jarvis (Jarvis Timber Company), Brian Brookshire (MFPA), Laura Brookshire (MFPA), Melissa Gray (MFPA), John Evans (John Evans Logging), Tami Evans (John Evans Logging), LeAnn McCarthy (MFPA), Mark McCarthy (MFPA), look on as crews demonstrate Maine mechanized logging in Western Maine and collaborate with fellow loggers from across the US.



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