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### **2020-21 Slate of Leaders Named for the Association of Consulting Foresters *Board of Directors Members Take the Helm July 1, 2020***

Williamsburg, VA – To lead the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](http://www.acf-foresters.org), (ACF) into the future, the organization has named its new board of directors (Executive Committee) members.

“We are excited to announce our new leaders and welcome back the ones that are returning to leadership positions on our Executive Committee,” said Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Principle, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, South Carolina; and Immediate Past President of ACF. “This is the group of ACF members who will lead the organization through challenges and toward a successful future.”

ACF’s leadership slate includes:

- President: Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc., Pelkie, MI
- President-Elect: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- Past President: Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- Western Regional Director: Thomas D. Amesbury, ACF, Forester’s Co-Op, Grass Valley, CA
- Southern Regional Director: Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Rock Springs Forestry, Inc., Courtland, VA
- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, Mason, Bruce, Girard, Inc., Portland, OR
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI

“This year, we are excited to welcome the first ACF woman to join our Executive Committee, Lee A. Steigerwaldt,” said Justin M. Miller, ACF. “We look forward to continuing to diversify our board as it reflects our membership. Different voices and opinions makes us stronger as an organization.”

ACF members help landowners enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, enhance wildlife habitat, and establish and protect your

family's forest legacy. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members have been deemed essential workers during COVID-19.

As a condition of membership, every consulting forester must have minimum education and experience levels, complete the Practice of Consulting Forestry course, and most importantly, agree to adhere to the organization's stringent Code of Ethics.

"We are delighted to welcome ACF new and returning leaders," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. "We look forward to moving past the current challenges of COVID-19 and into a future where we can meet in person again."

For more information about ACF, log onto [www.acf-foresters.org](http://www.acf-foresters.org).

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#### **About ACF**

Founded in 1948, the Association of Consulting Foresters represents independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners. ACF members help landowners enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, enhance wildlife habitat, and establish and protect your family's forest legacy. As the gold standard of consulting foresters, ACF has 24 chapters across the U.S. offers its members professional development, publications, insurance, networking opportunities, and advocacy information on state and federal issues. For more information, log onto [www.acf-foresters.org](http://www.acf-foresters.org).