



Virtual FHS



We have made arrangements for FHS staff to work primarily from home until the COVID-19 threat ends. Individual staff will be in the office on select days to accept calls, mail delivery, ship packages, and use other facilities not accessible from home. During this time we have had the building deep-cleaned and we are following all recommended protocols.

Many of our members and supporters have asked how they can help. For now, the best way to do so is for all members to [renew their annual membership contributions](#).

All of the FHS staff remain accessible by email.

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So long and farewell!



Jason Howard, the FHS librarian and tech guru, has accepted a position with the Durham County (NC) Public Library as an Adult Reference and Program

Please email appropriate staff if you have specific questions:

[Andrea Anderson](#) - Awards program, book orders, general non-research questions

[Steven Anderson](#) - FHS business operations and other issues

[Janet Askew](#) - Accounting & Human Resources

[Laura Hayden](#) - Development and Annual Fund

[Eben Lehman](#) - Library & Archives, research

[Lauren Bissonette](#) - Digitization & Library

[Jamie Lewis](#) - Publications, research

Futuring Panel Meets



The Society has initiated a strategic initiative planning process. The previous strategic plan in 2010 identified space as the Society's highest strategic priority. Due to persistence and effective board-level leadership, we claimed victory on this priority when we moved into a new library, archives, and headquarters in January 2019. We now face many new opportunities and challenges.

As part of the information collection process to inform the new strategic plan, a Futuring Panel was convened. Twelve Durham-area library, archives, and digital humanities experts graciously donated a day of their time. The goal was to surface opportunities and upcoming threats to the Forest History Society as a specialty library and archives. The group reviewed information about the Society and on February 4th visited the headquarters for a tour, presentations by staff, and an afternoon of focus group type discussion facilitated by Bill Pawlucy of Association Options, Inc. Matthew Booker, FHS Board member, is working with FHS president Steven Anderson to finalize a white paper

Coordinator. We will miss him but wish him all the best in his new position. Thank you, Jason, for being a part of the FHS team!

ASEH Business Meeting to be Held Online

ASEH will hold its annual business meeting via Zoom at its originally scheduled time Sat., March 28, 2020, 5:30-6:00 pm EDT. Members should use this link:

<https://cmu.zoom.us/j/192641491>

Use meeting ID: 192 641 491

ASEH leadership will discuss the state of the society and take questions by Zoom chat. They will answer questions that we are unable to address during the meeting after the meeting.

President Edmund Russell will announce this year's prize winners, with a public celebration of the winners to take place at ASEH 2021 in Boston.

Please Renew!

Thank you to members for asking how you can help in this challenging time. We ask only that you remain well and maintain your membership with FHS!

If you *have* already renewed for this year but you can make another gift, that'd be great!

If you can increase your membership level, we thank you!

But please maintain your annual membership and commitment to keep the documents of forest and conservation history a free resource for all. *Every* membership at every level helps! With our best wishes for your health!

Thank you!

[Renew Your Membership Here!](#)

ATTENTION AUTHORS!

Did you recently publish a book?

of what was discussed. The results will be made available to FHS membership.

A comment from Brooke Andrade, Director of the Library at the National Humanities Center, was especially appreciated:

I truly enjoyed spending the day with you, your staff, and my fellow panel participants at the Forest History Society.... It was inspiring. Your building is gorgeous, and your staff is beyond impressive. I am blown away by how much work can get done by a handful of smart, hard working people.... Also, you became a hero to all of us in the nonprofit world by getting a generator donated by a board member! I look forward to coming out to an FHS event in the future.

Do you have one coming out soon? If so, please tell your publisher to send us **TWO** review copies: one for our magazine *Forest History Today* and the other for the journal *Environmental History*. Have them sent to: Eben Lehman
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Academy Road Durham, NC
27705

All books are entered into our [bibliographic database](#), which is used by scholars around the world to find the latest publications in environmental history.

Anderson Renews CAE Credentials



Congratulations to FHS CEO and President Steve Anderson! Steve recently renewed his credentials with the Certified Association Executive (CAE) Commission of the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry; the CAE itself is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Candidates must complete a minimum of 100 hours of specialized professional development, and then pass a four-hour, 200-question exam to become a CAE. The credential must be renewed every 3 years. Steven initially earned his in 2005.

About 4,200 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential, representing less than 5% of association executives. According to CAE



President Susan Robertson, it is "an honor neither easily earned nor maintained."

Got Time On Your Hands? Here Are Some Forest History Recommendations



We know that being confined during the pandemic can be challenging. But it does present an opportunity to explore some areas of forest history you might not otherwise have time for. Below are some suggestions. Most reading materials are downloadable in PDF format.

On our website, in the [U.S. Forest Service history section](#), you'll find a link in the drop-down menu on the left side for Publications. There you'll find [general histories](#) of the agency, including William W. Bergoffen's *100 Years of Federal Forestry*, a pictorial history of the agency published in 1976; John Fedkiw's *Managing Multiple Uses on National Forests, 1905-1995*, which offers a more in-depth look; and Gerald Williams' *The USDA Forest Service: The First Century*, which covers some topics the other two do not. In that same menu, you'll see links to publications about each of the different regions and for different topics. Some are historical documents and others are books. We've also recently completed scanning and uploading more than [5,000 biographical files](#) in this reference collection.

Elsewhere on our website, you can download and read Douglas MacCleery's [American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery](#) from our Issues

Series. All back issues of our magazine [Forest History Today](#) are available too. Tired of reading? Many of our 900 pages within our website are devoted to [photo galleries](#)! Don't forget you can watch more than a dozen lectures and see film clips on all sorts of topics on our [YouTube channel](#).

When doing research, our library staff often accesses materials in the public domain for free at the [Internet Archive website](#). There you'll find links to thousands of books and magazines, not to mention to films, podcasts, music, and old radio programs like [Ranger Bill](#), about a forest ranger in the Rocky Mountains. There are also classic arcade games. Did you know there's one with a forest theme? It's [Timber](#)! The ALT button on your keyboard is your axe button. Remember to practice safety or you might get hurt! (And please do not contact us for help with any pages not at www.foresthistory.org.)

ICEHO Looking for Next World Conference Host



The International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations ([ICEHO](#)) is now accepting proposals from parties interested in hosting the fourth World Congress for Environmental History in 2024, preferably in July or August. The deadline for proposals is 15 January 2021. The first three congresses were held in Copenhagen, Denmark; Guimarães, Portugal; and Florianopolis, Brazil.

ICEHO encourages proposals from any part of the globe. Proposals should come from individuals or organizations affiliated with universities or scholarly societies.

If you are interested or if you would like to submit a notice of intent, please email ICEHO President [Graeme Wynn](#) or ICEHO Secretary [Alexandra](#)

[Vlachos](#) for further details and a copy of the conference guidelines, before August 2020 if possible. ICEHO aims to finalize the site selection by July 2021.

Please visit the [ICEHO website](#) for full details.

New From the Blog!



Hermann Kulenkampff (at lower left) with his family and Carl Schenck, at center.

Guest blogger Jameson Karns recently had the privilege of interviewing Christoph von Rhöneck and Hermann Kulenkampff, the last two remaining post-WWII pupils of Carl Alwin Schenck, founder of the Biltmore Forest School. We offer this article in honor of Dr. Schenck, who was born on March 25, 1868.

Today, astute visitors to the town of Lindenfels, in the German state of Hesse, recognize that something is amiss. The town's skyline is disrupted by a towering Californian--a Sequoia tree--and to a lesser degree, several Douglas firs. A prominent building holds the distinction of being the only structure in the region constructed entirely from American lumber. These and other forest "heirlooms" are a part of the legacy of one of America's greatest foresters: Carl Alwin Schenck. His legacy lives on in such ways, and in the memory of those who knew him.

Click [here](#) to keep reading.

