

Steering Team Mtg.
Statewide Forest Plan Implementation
January 10th, 706 Williamson St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Strigel, Executive Director, Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters
Ken Genskow, Director, Wisconsin Basin Education Initiative
Fred Souba, Chair, WI Council on Forestry
Paul DeLong, WI Chief State Forester
Sarah Attwood, DNR Associate Forest Planner

SUMMARY OF MEETING OUTCOMES

Function/Role of the Coordination Committee

- Creatively and actively identifying advancement opportunities to support action on issues coming out of the Governor's Conference on Forestry as well as the Statewide Forest Plan.
- Identify potential barriers and road-blocks in moving issues forward and take action to mitigate.
- Identify tools and resources for those working on taking action
- Team works under auspices of the Council on Forestry
- Supported by planning staff at the Department of Natural Resources

Thoughts that came out of initial meeting

- Post Conference Work will be an agenda item at the Council on Forestry's meetings at least through June
- The Statewide Forest Plan including the Assessment work and the Governor's Conference on Forestry need to work in alignment with one another.
- Focus attention on issues that have momentum already. It is O.K. that there is different progress on different issues.
- Focus on highlighting partnerships that came out of the conference.
 - Work in leadership teams needs to be done in partnerships.
 - Connect issues that need attention with organizations who's mission encompasses the issue(s)
 - Partnerships critical in face of limited resources
- Framework for the next 6months and year.
- Communication System needed
- Group felt strongly that it was necessary to have a couple of meetings soon to confirm the directions of action and give the leadership teams a clear framework for moving forward.

Next Meeting

Feb 4th, GEF II, Meet on 5th floor 11-12:30 p.m.