

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NORTHEASTERN FOREST TREE IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

Pauley I'm going to ask Mr. Cook, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, whether his Committee is ready to report at this time.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

D. B. Cook, Chairman, H. I. Baldwin,
C. E. Farnsworth, H. B. Recknagel,
I. H. Sims

Whereas at the call of the Northeastern Forest Research Advisory Council, the first Northeastern Forest Tree Improvement Conference has assembled at Williamstown, Massachusetts, on August 25-26, 1953; and

Whereas this Conference has been a most interesting and stimulating gathering; and

Whereas the need for a permanent organization to carry on our work is apparent; therefor

BE IT RESOLVED:

That those present hereby constitute themselves the Northeastern Forest Tree Improvement Conference;

That this Conference select an Organization Committee to consist of a Chairman and two other members, to serve until the next Conference;

That this Organization Committee, in consultation with the Northeastern Forest Research Advisory Council, be empowered to appoint such other organizational and technical committees as it may deem necessary;

That this Committee arrange for the publication of suitable minutes of this Conference;

That this Committee arrange for a second Conference, to be held in 1954;

That the Committee report to the Northeastern Forest Research Advisory Council a successful Conference and express to that body our sincere appreciation for their initial organizational effort.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That we extend our thanks and appreciation to the officials of Williams College for making available to this Conference the facilities of a meeting place.

The above Resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote.

The Conference then elected Hans Nienstaedt, Scott S. Pauley, and Ernst J. Schreiner, Chairman, to serve on the Organization Committee until the second Conference in 1954.

DISCUSSION

NEED AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLOSER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Clapper I should like to offer the facilities and cooperation of the Society of American Foresters to the work of this Committee. Perhaps our editorial services and other available services might be helpful. One of the jobs confronting this Committee is to develop professional relations or public relations. There is much information and knowledge possessed by you specialists that many of us in the forestry profession, and perhaps botanists in general, don't have. Your nomenclature, for example, is not always understood by the rank and file of the forestry profession. Carl Ostrom is Associate Editor of the Journal of Forestry for silviculture. We had a brief discussion at noon and suggest the desirability of devoting a whole issue of the Journal of Forestry to a symposium on this subject. We might invite writers representing various fields and geographic distribution throughout the United States to cover the most important aspects of work in progress on tree improvement. Such a symposium would be useful, not only for the information of specialists, but also more particularly for the rank and file of the forestry profession, who, frankly, don't know much about this rapidly advancing field of genetics, and tree breeding in general. If you think well of that idea, Dr. Ostrom and I will pursue it further at the meeting of the Society of American Foresters to be held in Colorado Springs next month. At the meeting of the Division of Silviculture there will be presented a proposal to set up a committee on genetics, tree breeding, and nursery practice, and I think that this group will also propose to the Council of the Society that there be an additional Associate Editor of the Journal of Forestry appointed to cover this field. Carl Ostrom has been our Associate Editor for silviculture for 7 years and handles between 40 and 60 manuscripts a year. May I have an expression of opinion from you as to whether the addition of an associate editor to cover this field would be valuable and stimulate more articles in the Journal of Forestry?

Bramble I would like to say, as a man who isn't a geneticist but a forester, I think the idea of having an issue of the Journal devoted to that subject would be very fine thing because most of us don't know too much about genetics or current breeding work. If we could have in this issue an article on some of the latest fundamentals, then various ones on definite practical information which has come out of both this country and Europe, to bring the forestry profession up to date on this field, it would be a great thing.

Schreiner Perhaps one of the items in such an issue might be a glossary of genetical terms to avoid misunderstandings and repetition of definitions.

Ostrom Russell Clapper who recently retired from the Division of Forest Pathology, Department of Agriculture, did prepare a pretty extensive glossary on forest genetics. His Bureau did not publish it but the University of Florida was considering it.

Bramble I'd like to suggest that a practical glossary be put in that Journal issue so that if someone asks you something about genetics you will be able to say "get the August issue of the Journal, everything is in there that a practicing forester should know."

Sims Mr. Chairman, I move that it is the sense of this meeting that an associate editor for nursery and planting and forest genetics be added to the staff of the Journal of Forestry and, secondly, that during the next year one issue of the Journal of Forestry be devoted to forest genetics and forest tree improvement.

This motion was carried.

Graves Will there be published proceedings of this Conference?

Schreiner As Chairman of your Organizational Committee, say yes; not only the papers and reports but also the valuable discussions. I can't tell you now how we're going to get it out, but I'm sure we'll find a way to do it.

Pauley Does anyone have anything more to say before this Conference is officially closed?

Littlefield I think it would be too bad to wind up this meeting without making the comment that irrespective of the subject matter, this has been a splendid example of how to organize and run a meeting. We kept on schedule and we had a lot more speakers than I thought could possibly get on when I saw the program. I think Ernie and the rest of these fellows have done a remarkable job and set a good example of how to put on one of these shows.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED