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### **Tomahawk Businesswomen Named Officer of the Association of Consulting Foresters *Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Becomes ACF Secretary, July 1, 2020***

Williamsburg, VA – Tomahawk businesswoman, Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Chief Executive Officer and President of [Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc.](#), has been named Secretary of the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. \(ACF\)](#). Steigerwaldt will be the first woman to serve on ACF's Executive Committee (board of directors). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

"I'm excited about Lee serving as the first woman on ACF's Executive Committee," said Justin Miller, ACF, president of [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](#), and president of ACF. "Lee's leadership qualities and perspective as a businesswoman will be so valuable to ACF."

As a third generation consulting forester, Steigerwaldt oversees and implements strategic direction and performance standards at Steigerwaldt Land Services. In this role, she manages a staff of 48 representing foresters, arborists, appraisers, real estate and right-of-way specialists, GIS specialists and surveyors offering cross-collaboration and technology.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a B.S. in forest management, urban forestry and philosophy, Steigerwaldt was a production arborist in Hailey, Idaho, before relocating to Tomahawk to work with her father and sister in the family's business. She is a certified general appraiser in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota; and an ISA certified arborist.

"My business perspective and experience in growing and transitioning businesses is something I will take into my ACF leadership role," said Steigerwaldt. "The emphasis on cultural expectations and principal values is key to any business or organization thriving through transitions."

Steigerwaldt has been an ACF member since 2006 and worked on the 2006 National ACF Conference held in Wisconsin. She is a past president of the Wisconsin ACF Chapter and served on the 2019 ACF's Education Committee.

Steigerwaldt joins ACF's 2020-21 new Executive Committee members:

- President, Justin 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. Wetzell, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL

- 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

Returning to ACF's 2020-21 Executive Committee are Thomas D. Amesbury, ACF, Forester's Co-Op, Grass Valley, CA, Western Regional Director; and Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Rock Springs Forestry, Inc., Courtland, VA, Southern Regional Director.

"I'm delighted to welcome Lee to ACF's Executive Committee," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. "I look forward to partnering with Lee to further the association's mission."

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 a 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 Forester course, and most importantly, agree to adhere to the organization's stringent Code of Ethics.

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).