

2026 Annual Meeting – Michigan Chapter, Association of Consulting Foresters Monday, Feb. 2 – Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026

Location: Hamilton Inn Select Beachfront
701 South Huron
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
231-436-5005

Meeting Schedule:

MONDAY, February 2nd

Time Slot	Topic
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration/ Lunch / Professional Networking
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Welcome (Hunter Fodor)
	Antitrust Statement (Hunter Fodor)
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Business Meeting Begins (Hunter Fodor)
	Treasurer's Report (Jenilee Johnson)
	Past Meeting Minutes (Jenilee Johnson)
	Old Business (Hunter Fodor)
	New Business (Hunter Fodor)
	Close Business Meeting (Hunter Fodor)
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<i>Professional Networking</i>
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Josh Shields, Michigan Forestry Assistance Program – Use of Herbicides for Habitat Management in Forests of Michigan
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Vic Lane, Michigan Forest Association - Forest & Water Fund
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Karen Thurlow, Midland Conservation District – DNR Hunting Access Program - Landowner Benefits
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<i>Professional Networking</i>
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	MDARD Staff, Qualified Forest Program – QFP Info and Discussion
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Mike Smalligan, Forest Stewardship Program - FSP & EFRP
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<i>Professional Networking (Social Hour/Dinner/Happy Hour)</i>

Tuesday, February 3rd

Time Slot	Topic
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<i>Professional Networking</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Caitlin Donnelly, Little Traverse Conservancy – Conservation Easements
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Chris Webster, Michigan Technological University - Ground Scarification
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Professional Networking</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Tara Bal, Michigan Technological University – Updates on Recent Oak Wilt Research
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	David Fraker, Treecology LLC & ISA-MI Oak Wilt Qualification Program – Oak wilt Prevention, Identification, & Mitigation
11:45 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Ryan C. Holm, The Nelson Paint Company – Tree Paint Guidance
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	MSU/MTU Student Updates & Final Discussions
1:00 p.m.	<i>Meeting Ends</i>

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