

## **Michael T. Goergen, Jr.**

Michael Goergen joined the External Review Panel in 2003. He is the Executive Vice President of the Society of American Foresters in Bethesda, MD. In that capacity, he is responsible for administration of all organizational programs, services, fund development and financial management for the 16,000-member professional organization.

He also serves as a spokesperson for the Society in conjunction with the SAF President and other elected leaders and serves as publisher of the *Journal of Forestry*, *Forest Science*, the *Forestry Source* and other publications.

He has been with SAF since 1976 in a variety of increasingly responsible roles dealing with Congressional Relations and Forest Policy. In that role, he conducted extensive advocacy work before Congress and the White House, and was instrumental in securing increased emergency appropriations for forest restoration and fuel reduction, EPA's commitment to withdraw its TMDL regulation, passage of stewardship contracting authority, changes to the Forest Inventory and Analysis program, and drafts of the 2001 Farm Bill.

In addition to being active in the Society of American Foresters, he has served as Vice-President for the Communities Committee of the Seventh American Forest Congress, Chair of the National Council on Private Forests, a member of the Forest Economics Policy and Program Advisory Committee of Resources for the Future, a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests, and a member of the American Society of Association Executives.

Included in his awards are the Young Forester Leadership Award, Society of American Foresters, 2002; Outstanding Service in Forest Public Policy, National Association of State Foresters, 2001; and Outstanding Graduate Assistant, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, 1996. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, Policy and Management, and a Master of Science in Forestry, Policy and Administration from the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

