

MPC Update
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At its core, the MPC works on membership and policy. In the last 18 months, we've developed a student chapter toolkit to facilitate the forming of new chapters and support existing chapters. This initiative is now being piloted at a small number of schools and has received a positive response.

After developing three Policy Statements over the last three years, the MPC has begun to explore the merits of a policy statement on plantations and plantation management. Input from several members suggests this important topic is overdue! Over the course of the summer, a committee of the MPC, Board, and membership has been busy revising the Membership and Policy Guidelines. Most of the changes bring a dated document into conformance with our current practices, but some are more substantive. In the next couple of weeks, you can expect an email soliciting your feedback on this document. Yes, it matters! Stay tuned.

This issue of ATL holds the first of a planned series of essays from Guild Founders. This initiative by the MPC is both a celebration of our 25th anniversary and a tribute to the vision and dedication of the Founders (33 of the original 76 are still active members)! It is also an opportunity to reflect on what this organization has accomplished and what may lie ahead.

One of the vacant seats in this year's MPC election is my own. I can enthusiastically report that my term on the MPC has been one of the most personally rewarding experiences of my career. This is a group of very thoughtful, creative, and committed folks. I ran expecting I would bring some of my own concerns to the MPC, and I feel I've done that. I leave with a greatly deepened respect for all the folks that serve this organization—MPC, staff, board, and members. Thank you all! The important voice of the Guild has not diminished one bit since its founding. Rather, its mission is more important now than ever. Get involved!