## MPC Update January 2020 Written by Shane Hetzler, MPC Chair

We are looking forward to another productive year on the MPC despite saying goodbye to Nancy Patch and Robert Turner, two of our longstanding anchors on the Council. Fortunately for everyone, Robert and Nancy will continue to work on several topics that they care deeply about in an "ad-hoc" capacity. Thank you both for your continued engagement with the MPC!

We are also fortunate to welcome Justin Hart, Laura Schweitzer, and Mark Vander Meer to the MPC who bring much talent and enthusiasm, as well as more representation for the intermountain west and southeast regions.

With our first call, we have begun laying out our initial work for 2020. This includes further expanding the Student Chapters within the Guild by identifying and engaging with willing professional members to serve as advisors, the development of a "Plantations Management" webinar and subsequent policy statement as it relates to Guild-style forestry, and greater involvement in the growth and retention of diverse new members to the organization.

As always, we welcome input from any member of the organization- we are here to serve on your behalf! Please be in touch with any questions or comments and thank you for helping to make the Guild the organization that it is.