

## **Forest Futures Certification Roundtable Biographies**

**Marco Lowenstein, USA West Region Manager  
SmartWood Program, Rainforest Alliance**

As SmartWood's Regional Manager for the Western United States, Marco Lowenstein is responsible for providing technical guidance for SmartWood's forest management, chain-of-custody, and resource management services. Mr. Lowenstein also works with SmartWood customers and green building initiatives to identify market linkages for certified wood products. Mr. Lowenstein has a Masters degree in Forest Science from Yale University and has worked in forestry and forest products for the past 25 years including over 20 forest assessments and audits. Prior experience includes: Manager of lumber and flooring dealers in Santa Fe, New Mexico; SmartWood Program Coordinator for the Lake States USA; Program Director for Forest-Based Economic Development in Costa Rica; and Reforestation Crew Leader in Douglas and Coos counties in Oregon.

**Richard J. Pine, President, O'Neill Pine Company**

Richard Pine is President of O'Neill Pine Company, a family owned timber company founded in 1996, with holdings in Oregon and Washington. OPC timberlands are certified as a SmartWood operation in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council, and also certified through the American Forest Foundation's American Tree Farm System, which is recognized by the American Forest and Paper Association's Sustainable Forestry Initiative. According to the Company's vision and mission statements, O'Neill Pine practices stewardship of "the earth, the trees, and all other corporate assets," and is dedicated to responsible management of its timberlands for perpetual sustainable yields. In 1999 O'Neill Pine received Associated Oregon Industries' Quality of Life Award for family owned businesses, and in 2001 OPC was recognized by Oregon Business Magazine as the best small business to work for in Oregon. Mr. Pine holds bachelors degrees in Economics, Public Policy, and Political Science, and also an MBA—all from Willamette University. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Washington Forest Protection Association, and Washington Farm Forestry Association, and is former president of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Ralph Saperstein, Public Policy Manager for Boise Cascade Corporation**

Trained as a professional forester at the University of Washington, Ralph Saperstein has spent the last 20 years in public policy and government relations, and for the last seven years has represented Boise Cascade in both Oregon and Washington, D.C. Boise Cascade is a charter member of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and helped develop the SFI through the American Forest and Paper Association in 1994. Mr. Saperstein lives in Beaverton with his wife, two children, and the family dog.