At the urging of two Board members the Endowment joined the Council on Foundations to: 1) seek connections with other foundations with interest in rural forest communities; and, 2) as part of a desire to give back to the greater foundation community.

After attending several Council conferences we determined that, while the organization is an important entity in the greater foundation community, for an organization with the Endowment’s lean staff model and targeted rural, forest-based orientation, it was not the best place for such a significant investment of senior management time and financial resources.