Forest History Society is moving headquarters to North Carolina

SANTA CRUZ — The Forest History Society, which has made its national headquarters in Santa Cruz since 1969, is moving. The society has ended its 15-year

affiliation with UCSC and established new ties with Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Harold Steen, Forest History Society

executive director, said the society's board had decided to move the organization's headquarters to Durham following a re-evaluation of the society's affiliation with UCSC. He said Duke offered the society numerous advantages, including a forestry school, a "major library" and graduate programs in history.

Duke University's eminence in history, forestry and library sciences; its proximity to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University in Releigh, and the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park are some of the features that made the private university attractive to the society's board.

In turn, Duke's Trustees were impressed by the enthusiastic support the proposed affiliation received from both faculty and administrators who saw the society's programs in research, publication and library as valuable adjuncts at undergraduate and graduate levels.

The society supports research on the history of the American conservation movement. Founded in 1946, the organization made its headquarters at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut before moving to Santa Cruz.

Steen, who has been a lecturer in environmental studies at UCSC, has received appointments to both the history and forestry faculties at Duke.