

DATE: 1/8/2020

TO: GSD/SAF Membership

FROM: Gabe Roxby, Treasurer

RE: Additional Information about 2019 Budget Report and 2020 Proposed Budget

In preparing this year's year-end budget report and the proposed budget for next year, I thought a written document explaining some aspects of the budget might be helpful.

Item #2 – Student Incentives Fund. Generous donations from GSD/SAF members who sponsored a student for the 2019 winter meeting were able to more than cover the costs of the 11 students who attended. Money in excess of the student registration costs was put toward the student scholarships and forestry internships that were given out. We hope to be able to do the same in 2020. Thank you!

Item #4a – 2018 Forester's Fund project on forest cover mapping and forest loss. We applied for, and received, a grant from SAF National to fund a research project on forest cover mapping that was completed by a UNH graduate student. The project had a total cost of \$6,000, some of which was paid out in 2018 (\$2,400) and some of which was paid out in 2019 (\$3,600). The Forester's Fund grant from SAF National brought in a total of \$4,500, which was split between 2018 (\$3,600) and 2019 (\$900). The remaining project cost was partially raised through 2018 solicitations from The Nature Conservancy (\$500) and SAF membership (one contribution of \$250). The remaining \$750 of the project's expenses came out of the 2018 general budget.

Item #4b – 2019/2020 Forester's Fund project application. The Executive Committee did not end up applying for a Forester's Fund grant in 2019, but has several ideas for possible applications in 2020. The 2020 budget contains \$1000 in both the income and expense line items for this project. The idea is that to make our application more competitive, we offer to contribute \$1000 toward the project. As with the 2018 project, we will solicit membership in an attempt to cover or partially cover this expense. The Executive Committee feels the Forester's Fund grants are a good way to bring in money that's available from SAF National and use it to help accomplish our mission locally here in New Hampshire.

Income Item 8 and Expense Item 8c – Other income and expenses. Through GSD/SAF, Andy Fast of UNH Cooperative Extension applied for and received a \$1500 grant from NESAF to explore the feasibility of substituting historically low value species for white oak in cast production. This money came to GSD/SAF in 2019, and is being disbursed to Andy as he incurs project expenses. Andy incurred only \$100 of expenses in 2019 and expects to request reimbursement for the remaining \$1400 in 2020.

Total Net Income Item #9 – The Executive Committee proposed to spend \$7300 more than we take in during 2020. It has been our practice to have a negative net income in the 3 years where our state does not host the NESAF meeting, and to make up that money during the fourth NESAF-hosting year. It would not be feasible to always spend \$7000 during each of the three years and expect to make \$21000 during the fourth NESAF year. However, GSD/SAF has an ample amount of money in the bank and a history of our year-end balances ending up better than we budgeted. Our 2019 year-end balance was about \$7000 higher than expected, so actually the proposed 2020 year-end balance is about what we budgeted to end up with at the end of 2019. The Executive Committee is comfortable with this year's proposed spending down of our savings. New Hampshire will host NESAF again in 2022. SAF National is being held in New England in 2020, but it is unclear if any money from that event will be given to the

individual chapters, and we are not counting on this to occur. For a longer-term outlook on our finances, please see the chart below, which shows year-end bank balances at the end of each calendar year since 2001.

