

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
June 20, 2019
Amended July 12, 2019
Zoom Conference Call

On Call: Bill Livingston, Kirby Ellis, Carol Redelsheimer, Karl Honkonen, Laura Audibert, Mike Thompson, Pat Sirios, Ron Lemin. Tony Filauro joined the call at ~9:00 AM.

Absent: Nicole Rogers, Bob Cousins, Katie Manende Hall, Kyle Burdick.

Kirby called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

Fall Meeting

Mike Thompson, Pat Sirois, Steve Shaler and others were in the process of planning a meeting on the topic of certification when they learned about our efforts to do the same thing. They would like to work with us to host a joint meeting. The Wells Conference Center on the UMaine campus was already booked for their meeting on October 7 and 8, 2019.

The group discussed having a one-day indoor meeting and another day of possible field trips and/or short courses for certification practitioners. Carol suggested possibly holding off on the field tours until the summer/fall of 2020. We are keeping all the options open at this point.

Mike noted that their group does not have funds to pay for speaker travel. Pat will ask the national SFI person if he can travel without a cost to us. Kirby would like to have a national Tree Farm person speak as well.

A Planning Meeting was set up for **Friday, July 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM** in **106 Nutting Hall**. Those that can make it in person should do so. A Zoom conference will also be set up for those who can't be there.

Bill mentioned that MESAF relies on our Fall Meeting to meet revenue goals. It was decided that MESAF will handle the registrations for the two-day meetings/field tours/classes.

The meeting title will be, "**Forest Certification A 25-Year Retrospective**" and sponsored by Maine SAF and the University of Maine School of Forest Resources (**Bill** will decide which entity is listed first).

Carol suggested inviting Sen. King and Gov. Mills now, since their schedules are very busy. Perhaps Sen. King can do a video for us if he cannot attend in person. It was noted that the history of certification in Maine is important and many of the young professionals are not familiar with how it got started.

Tony Filauro will send a "Save the Date" blurb to JP Barsky for the NESAF News Quarterly. It will include the date, title and a few sentences. JP needs to receive it by June 22.

Laura will send today's minutes to the entire group. Mike will communicate with Ted Wright who will bring the logger perspective.

Kirby also noted that MESAF has another meeting scheduled for August 9, 2019. Our July 12 meeting will determine if we need a full committee meeting again or just a subset of people. The subset people can work on organizing the short courses.

Mike appreciates the opportunity for their group to partner with us to make this meeting happen. We appreciate their help as well.

<Mike and Pat signed off the call at 9:02 AM>

Ron noted that FSC recently listed glyphosate as a restricted chemical. He also noted that aerial herbicide applications were almost banned in the recent legislature. This would have a significant impact on forest management. Ron would like this topic addressed at the Fall Meeting as well. We will discuss it at our July 12 meeting.

Current Treasurer's Report

Bill amended the Report since June 14 to reflect the \$1200 Leadership Academy allocation and the other expenses that were paid. The estimated ending balance is now \$4800, which is above our budgeted balance of \$3700. We are in good shape. Karl noted that at the NESAF EC meeting yesterday, they voted to pay \$400 for each NESAF attendee to the Academy. Ron mentioned that Seven Islands will be paying 75% of the cost for Shawn Bugbee to attend. **Ron** will contact Tom Coleman and ask him to attend. Karl mentioned that none of the other NESAF divisions have put forward any candidates yet, so we will push for three people: 1 = Shawn Bugbee, 2= Tom Coleman, 3=Nicole Rogers. **Kirby** will email Nicole. Ron motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended, Carol 2nd. Motion carried.

Officer Nominations

Carol reported that both she and Nicole reached out to various people and the only one interested is Tom Coleman. **Nicole** still needs to contact Mike Pouch. We need one Chair Elect and Nicole said she would run. We need 3 Members-at-Large and Ron and Bob both indicated that they would run again. **Carol** will try to find others. **Kirby** will put this topic on the July 12 meeting agenda.

Bill mentioned that he enjoys serving as Treasurer on the MESAF EC, but he realizes that he now has less time to spend on MESAF business and is willing to step down if the group feels it would be best. The Treasurer is responsible for taking the annual Business Meeting notes and maintain the MESAF finances. Ron motioned to allocate \$1200 for the Leadership Academy, Karl 2nd. Motion carried.

Carol motioned to send Shawn Bugbee, Tom Coleman and Nicole Rogers to the fall Leadership Academy in that order, as space is available. Bill 2nd. Motion carried.

Other Business

Laura reminded that the group to send her comments on the proposed new website structure by the end of the day on Friday, June 21 (tomorrow). **Laura** will re-send the proposal to the group.

Karl needs 5 pints of Maine maple syrup for the 2019 National Convention in Louisville, KY this fall. Bill suggested that Karl contact Keith Kanoti or Steve Shaler for some UM syrup.

Adjourn

Ron motioned to adjourn at 9:34 AM, Karl 2nd. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert