

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
May 17, 2018 (Approved June 14, 2019)
Special Conference Call on Leadership Academy**

On Call: Tony Filauro, Kirby Ellis, Nicole Rogers, Bill Livingston, Carol Redelsheimer, Ken Laustsen, Ron Lemin, Bob Cousins, Laura Audibert.

Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2019 Regional Leadership Academy

Ken explained the upcoming Leadership Academy on November 20-22, 2019 in PA. This regional Academy includes NE, NY and Allegheny (NJ, PA, WV, MD) Chapters. In the November 2018 Academy, there were 25 attendees for the 2.5 days. It is usually held every 2 years, but Allegheny wanted one in 2019. NESAF had many attendees in 2018—ME had 5 attendees (Mallory Bussell, Margaret Mansfield, Maren Grantham, Elizabeth Farrell and Kyle Burdick). This year NE has 7 slots. NE typically does its own Academy when Maine hosts the NESAF Winter Meeting. The Academy contracts with a presenter/facilitator.

For the 2019 Academy, MESAF is asked to nominate 1 candidate and 1 alternate (in case another division can't find someone). We do not have funds in our current budget to help with costs (~\$1100 per person). Bill noted that it is not unprecedented for us to spend money on a non-budget item as long as we have the funds available. In 2018 MESAF spent \$480 on five attendees and the School of Forest Resources (SFR) paid the rest. Our budgeted ending balance is \$3800, but we are forecast to have \$5600. A Foresters Fund Grant underwrites the Academy. The \$1100 cost includes transportation, travel and lodging for 3 nights.

Ron motioned for MESAF to allocate \$600 to send one representative (maybe two) to the Academy. Nicole 2nd. Ken noted that we can only send more than one person if another division doesn't have someone. Unanimous approval.

After some discussion of inviting a student vs. a professional, it was decided that **Ron** will call John McNulty of Seven Islands to see if he can recommend an employee to attend. If not, **Carol** will call Rich Carbonetti of LandVest to see if he has someone. These two employers are big supporters of SAF. We will have a name(s) available at our June 14, 2019 EC meeting. Nicole will consider attending if the employers do not have anyone. Ken needs the name(s) by June 30. If slots are still open after June 30, we can add another person.

Bill will contact the SFR Director to see if they would financially support student attendance if we went that route. He will report back on June 14. **Carol** will talk with Tom Coleman also, since he had expressed interest in getting involved.

Adjourn

The call adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert