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New England Society of American Foresters
January 21, 2005 [as approved at the EC Meeting of March 15, 2005]
Executive Committee Meeting
Offices of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests
Concord, New Hampshire

7 **Members and Guests in attendance:**

9 Tom Degnan - CT State Rep
10 Paul Dolan - RI State Rep
11 George Frame - Vice Chair
12 J Peter Howland - NH State Rep & Nominations-Tellers Committee Chair
13 Laura Kenefic - Forest Science Coordinator
14 Kenneth M Laustsen - Chair
15 Edward D Leary - VT State Rep
16 Ronald C Lemin Jr - ME State Rep
17 Larry Rousseau - Treasurer
18 Lindsey Santaniello - Administrative Assistant
19 Raymond J Toolan - Secretary
20 Brad Wyman - Editor, NESAF News Quarterly

22 **Members not in attendance:**

24 Joakim S Hermalin - Canada Rep
25 Anne-Marie Kittredge - MA State Rep
26 Leo Laferriere - Council Rep
27 Tom O'Shea - Immediate Past Chair

29 0931: The meeting is opened by Chair Ken L

32 **1. Standard Items**

34 >**Sign in sheet:** [Toolan] The sign-in sheet is passed around.

35 >**Welcome and introductions:** Members all introduce themselves as we have new officers.

36 >**Anti-trust statement:** The anti-trust statement is covered.

37 >**Add/adjust agenda:** Any additions to the agenda? None are noted.

38 >**Corrections/Additions and Motion for the September 16, 2004 EC meeting minutes:** [Toolan]
39 The corrections from Leo L are presented to the EC. [Tom D motions to accept as corrected \(which](#)
40 [includes corrections made at December 8, 2004 EC meeting\)](#); Larry R provides a second. Motion is
41 [called and passes unanimously.](#)

42 >**Corrections/Additions and Motion for the December 8, 2004 EC meeting minutes:** [Toolan]
43 One correction is made and noted. [Motion to accept the minutes as corrected is made by George F. A](#)
44 [second comes from Paul D. The motion is called and passes unanimously.](#)

45 >**Treasurer's Report:** [Larry Rousseau]

46 Larry R hands out the "Net Worth Statement". He then goes over the items contained there in. Some
47 specific items are discussed such as the reimbursement for Lindsey. It is noted that the current rate
48 of interest on the CD is about 1%. [Brad W motions to accept the Treasurers report as given. Laura K](#)
49 [seconds. The motion is called and passes unanimously.](#)

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Chair Comments: [added item]

Ken L presents new members with their "New Member Books". Ken then goes over what is contained in the book.

2. Standing Committees Reports:

Policy: [Laustsen] The Land Use policy statement went through National okay. It is now in effect and will stay in effect for five (5) years. Three other policy statements are in the hopper: Wilderness Designation, TMDL Regulations and Local Regulation of Forest Practices. **Ken L will send everyone on the EC copies of these three statements.** It is noted that the statements are not available on the NESAF web site but that Tom O is working on it.

Ken L notes that Green Mountain Division has a "bunch" of policy statements on the Green Mountain Division (GMD) web site including three that have expired. **Ed L will check on it and report back.**

There is a question on NESAF writing position statements when there are different issues in each state. It is pointed out that any statements proposed by NESAF must be sent to National for their review. State chapters should send their position statements through NESAF as a courtesy.

Science/Technology: [Kenefic]

Working groups - three working groups are sponsoring events at the upcoming NEAF Winter Meeting in March. These are the Social and Related Sciences, Decision Sciences and Management and Utilization. Laura K goes over various issues with most of the working groups. Ecology does not have a new elected chair and is in the doldrums. What to do? Mark Ashton is currently shown as the Chair but is much too busy to do it. All of the working groups will have the opportunity to have a business meeting at the Winter Meeting. The working groups want their piece of the web site. There is some discussion about the mechanics of getting items on the web site. The theme-based portion of the News Quarterly is going well. We still do not have a committee to deal with theme topics. We really do need a committee to deal with this task. There is some discussion around this issue. One idea is to use the state reps. There is a question asked about just what the committee is supposed to do. [Some see them (theme based items) as an enclave of academia with no discernable benefit to the field foresters.] Laura indicates they need ideas, suggestions and contributions. Opinion seems to be leaning toward using the state reps as the committee. Laura asks for a formal set up. **Ed L volunteers to cover VT. It looks like the consensus is that the state reps will be the official committee.** No vote is called, only consensus. Laura is on the program committee for the Winter Meeting. There is an issue on the poster session. There are fifty-five (55) posters this year. Some of the speakers are also bringing posters. Laura K is working with Mark Twery (USDA-FS in Burlington) to get the proceedings published by the USDA-FS Research Station at no cost to NESAF this time around. In the future there will most likely be a cost. The abstracts and proceedings will be ready for the Winter Meeting. There are 30 oral abstracts plus the 55 poster abstracts. The working groups were scheduled this year so as to not conflict with the social hour. It was mentioned that it is time to start planning for the 2006 meeting and that Laura K needs to be involved from the start.

Awards: [Rizzo]

To be covered later. [*near the end of the meeting*]

99 **Grants:** [Condaxis]

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101 We have three grant proposals from the December meeting. Ken L provides copies to whoever needs them.
102 George F suggests we table this item until after lunch to allow members to re-visit each of the requests. The
103 recommendation is accepted by acclamation. [more on this later in the meeting]

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105 **Membership:** [Lemin]

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107 A meeting will be held for the state membership chairs on Wednesday of the Winter Meeting at 4pm. Ron L
108 has a session at the Winter Meeting around the topic of membership. He is and continues to be looking for
109 ways we may have and continue to "miss the boat".

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111 **Elections:** [Dolan]

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113 Paul D: offers congratulations to the new EC members. He goes over the list of upcoming potential position
114 vacancies in 2006. He makes a pitch to have members find viable candidates as early as possible. It would be
115 best to have more than one candidate per position. We really do need more people involved as candidates.
116 Laura K suggests advertising any upcoming positions, in the News Quarterly perhaps. Ed L feels that there are
117 those who would run for offices if asked. It is suggested that a phone call follow-up be made by the person
118 making the nomination to make sure that all the needed information was received by the Tellers/Election
119 committee. Printing the bios in the News Quarterly may not work due to the amount of page space it would
120 require. There is more discussion about how to interest more qualified candidates. Larry R has received some,
121 but not all, of the invoices from the most recent election.

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123 **NESAF Website:** [O'Shea]

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125 Tom O is working on it. He plans to work on it through February. He intends to set up a list-serve or
126 discussion board. The Winter Meeting is not on the web site as of this meeting. It is on the Maine chapter
127 site. The address for our web site is <http://www.nesaf.org>. There is still not very much there. There is some
128 discussion about what there is on the site. It is noted that the link from the National site to the NESAF site
129 may not work. The question is asked about when we can submit material to the site. It is mentioned that there
130 is less that we know then don't know. **Ken L indicates that he will have a "long discussion" with Tom O to
131 facilitate getting the site on track.** There is some discussion on how to submit material as well as what to
132 submit. **Brad W will get the address and e-mail of current web master.** It may be necessary to have someone in
133 addition to or other than Tom O to get web items done and up. There is more discussion on this issue. Laura K
134 feels that the web site issue really needs to be a high priority item.

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136 **Adjusting Standing Committee Chairs and Committee Charter Changes** [Laustsen]

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138 Ken L wants volunteers to chair the Grants and Awards committees. Ron L is willing to continue with
139 membership and Paul D will do Elections/Tellers. Tom D volunteers to take on the Grants Committee. It is
140 suggested that Anne-Marie K might do the Awards committee but someone wisely suggests we should ask her
141 first. **Brad W will do the Awards brochure for the Winter Meeting.**

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143 **3. NESAF News Quarterly** - [Wyman]

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145 There is a question around why different people get their News Quarterly at different times. It is a
146 mailing issue. Brad W shows a cost chart for the News Quarterly. He suggests that the stipend need not be a
147 separate line item in the budget. It is better to submit photos in digital format rather than "hard copy" as it is

148 less expensive. George F mentions a professional publication for consulting foresters which he feels has a very
149 good, readable format. He feels it is worth emulating. His idea is to use their format possibly for the theme
150 portion of the Quarterly. He is referring to the publication of the Association of Consulting Foresters. Brad
151 W mentions that we have not had an opinion piece in several issues. Maybe we need to promote that idea.
152 There is some discussion on this idea. Tom D speaks highly of the ACF publication. There is some discussion on
153 the idea of getting all four SAF journals on line. There is some more discussion on the format/layout of the
154 Journal of Forestry. George F feels it does not have much of use to the average forester. There is a tie in
155 between the Journal and the membership issue. Ideally it should be science based while still be applicable to
156 the average member and/or potential member. It is felt that the Journal may be trying to move back more
157 toward the applied side of forestry. There is more discussion on the ills of the Journal. Brad W mentions,
158 almost seriously, that it is unlikely he can cure the ills of the Journal in the News Quarterly. He does
159 appreciate the feedback on the theme based issue portion.
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161 Tom D makes a motion: "to offer as an agenda item to the House of Society Delegates that the membership
162 should be able to select whichever National or regional publication, as part of their membership, that best
163 suits their needs". Pete H provides a second. No discussion, the motion is called and passes unanimously.
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165 1104 - break
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167 1116 - resume
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169 **5. Council Rep** - [Laferriere] 170

171 Leo L is not present. Ken L reports form information provided to him by Leo L. There are some ideas on
172 membership. The issue of the Presidential Field Forester Award is raised. There was no nomination last year.
173 The award recognizes someone in the field doing active management. It is mentioned that there needs to be a
174 consistent process. Deadline for nominations is the end of May. If someone is selected they will be awarded at
175 the National Convention. Any nominations should go to Leo L.
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177 **4. Operations Manual** [Frame] 178

179 How certain things get done. **George F has been charged.** George has received all available information
180 from Lindsey S. That is as far as he has gotten thus far. There is some discussion on the history, purpose and
181 structure of the Operations Manual. It is a work in progress.
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183 George F, on the Organizational Structure issue, indicates that the Chair wants feedback from the local
184 societies on the synopsis that has been passed around. The entire report is 35 pages long and is available.
185 February 11 is when there is a conference call scheduled on this issue. Any comments should be e-mailed to
186 George F. Brad asks to be kept in the loop as this issue evolves. It will be brought up at the membership
187 session at the Winter Meeting.
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189 Brad W indicates that he checked on line during the break and discovered no links on the web site. The
190 News Quarterly is up. The Grants and Award materials are also on line. Brad W feels that Lindsey S is the
191 logical collection point for web items. The Winter Meeting was not on line.
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193 **7. 2005 Winter Meeting Status** [Lemin] 194

195 Ron L hands out the latest agenda. He goes over it. There is some discussion on some of the particulars. Ken
196 L needs a list of members who have passed away in the last year so they may be recognized at the Business

197 Meeting. Ron L goes over the remainder of the agenda. Laura K asks if there will be room enough for the
198 expected 55 posters in the assigned room. The chapter chairs generally give the reports from their respective
199 states. It looks like a good agenda. There is some discussion on tours and fees for the bus. **Material will go**
200 **onto the web site via Lindsey S.**
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202 **8. State Reports (NESAF State Reps):**

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204 RI - Paul D: not much new since last month. They are continuing to work on the Evirothon.
205 VT - Ed L: The Winter Meeting is next week. A new Secretary for the Agency of Natural Resources will
206 begin next Monday.

207 NH - Peter H: Heavy cut is an issue under discussion.

208 CT - Tom D: Winter meeting was last week. They had two speakers. There was a good turnout at the
209 meeting. Not much else to report since last meeting.

210 ME - Ron L: the last meeting was at the beginning of January. Mostly involved an introduction of new
211 members and setting up future meetings. Bob Wagner is the new chair. They are continuing to the Forestry
212 Awareness Program for 6th graders. Students can now use "Power Point". There is some controversy on this
213 topic as not all the student have access to this technology.

214 MA - no one available to report

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216 1157 - break for lunch

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218 1237 - reconvene

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220 **6. 2005 Budget Revisions and Proposed 2006 Budget [Rousseau]:**

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222 Larry R passes around handouts. There is some issues around when SAF disburses funds to NESAF. Larry R
223 continues to go over the "income" portion. There is a discussion around the Forester Fund issue. The question
224 is asked as to how many dues paying members we actually have. Larry R next goes over the "expenses" side of
225 the report. There is some discussion around member travel expenses, which had been established to allow
226 more participation by members who lack employer support. There is some clarification of what is covered and
227 the rates. It is decided to increase the Executive Committee General Operations item to cover the expenses
228 for members to attend meetings. It will be increased from \$2500 to \$3500. Discussion continues. There are
229 some math anomalies noted and fixed. Adjustments are made. The item for the News Quarterly is reduced
230 from \$4000 to \$3400 at the request of Brad W. An amount of \$300/ea is allotted to each state for one
231 person each as well as one from NESAF to attend the Leadership Academy. There is some more discussion. A
232 few more additions and deletions as well as some corrections in some math are noted. The billing issue for
233 Lindsey S services is discussed again. **A motion to accept the revised 2005 budget as well as the proposed**
234 **2006 budget to include the \$600 reduction in the News Quarterly budget and the \$1000 increase in the**
235 **Executive Committee General Operations budget is made by Brad W. A second is received from Tom D. The**
236 **motion is called and passes unanimously.**

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238 There is some discussion about the leadership Academy. Laura K may be interested. Anyone else?

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240 *Grants: [reviewing the three requests for grants that have been received. This portion was delayed to allow*
241 *members to review the grants before voting]:*

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243 Three grant requests have been received. They were all approved to be brought forward to todays meeting
244 from the December meeting. There is \$4098.20 available for grants at this point. Ken L asks Paul D if partial
245 funding would be acceptable. Paul D allows that it would. It is noted that we have never approved a request of

246 grater than \$2500 in one year. [*RI is requesting \$5000*]. *George F makes a motion that we approve as follows:*
247 *\$1000 for RI, \$1000 for CT and \$870 for ME. Tom D makes a second.* There is some discussion around RI
248 getting \$1000 rather than the \$5000 requested. It is noted they may return in the next cycle and make
249 another grant request if they wish. *The motion is called and passes unanimously.*

250 Larry R advises the state reps that he will need a written request from the state chairs to allow him to
251 release the grant monies.

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253 **Awards:** Award packets are handed to each of the state reps present. There is some discussion. All the state
254 reps have their packets except MA. [*There is no mention of how the MA state rep will get her packet.*]

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256 **Odds and Ends:** [*for lack of a better category description*]: Ken L:

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258 Ken L goes over the SAF Strategic Plan. He passes out copies of the SP. Ken L is uncomfortable with the
259 plan and there is no explanation for how the state and regional chapters will implement the plan. If there is a
260 particular outcome that we should focus on we need to get out input to Ken L.

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262 There is a sympathy card for Jonathan Wood on the loss of his wife to cancer.

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264 There is some more general discussion.

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266 *Brad W makes a motion to adjourn. Laura K seconds. Motion is called and passes unanimously.*

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268 *Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted: Raymond J Toolan, Secretary.*

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