

1 New England Society of American Foresters

2 Executive Committee Meeting

3 December 7, 2005

4 At the offices of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in Concord, NH

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6 **Members present:**

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8 Tom Degnan Connecticut State Rep
9 Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Rep
10 George Frame Vice-Chair
11 J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Rep- Policy Committee
12 Laura Kenefic Forest Science Coordinator
13 Anne Marie Kittredge Massachusetts State Rep - Awards
14 Ken Laustsen Chair
15 Ronald C Lemin Jr Maine State Rep
16 Ed O'Leary Vermont State Rep
17 Larry Rousseau Treasurer
18 Raymond J Toolan Secretary
19 Brad Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor

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21 **Members not present:**

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23 Leo Laferriere Council Rep
24 Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair

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26 Meeting opened by Chair Ken L at 0936

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28 **1. Standard items:**

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30 **Sign in sheet (Toolan) - verify contact information:** The sign-in sheet is passed around.

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32 **Welcome:** Ken L makes the welcome and circulates the NESAF officer list along with sign-in sheet
33 for members to review.

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35 **Antitrust statement:** The statement was presented.

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37 **Add/Adjust agenda:** None noted at this time. Brad did ask to be moved up if we are running late.
38 Brad has another meeting to attend this afternoon.

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40 **Corrections/Additions for the September 15, 2005 meeting minutes (Toolan) - motion to**
41 **approve:** *Corrections made. Motion to move made by Brad W. Second from George F. Passed*
42 *unanimously.*

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44 **Treasurer's report (Rousseau) - motion to approve:** hands out "Net Worth Report" and "Draft
45 Budget Report For Years 2004 through 2006 (inclusive)". Some discussion on the movement of the
46 account(s) as a cost saving issue. Larry will change accounts after the first of the year. New accounts
47 are more difficult to open due to Homeland Security issues. George F has been working on this issue
48 while setting up for NESAF Winter Meeting. Questions on "Net Worth"? Question on invoices (not

49 yet received) from SPACE for mailings that were done. Lindsey has left SPACE and there is still no
50 invoice for Lindsey's time for NESAF. Issue is still unresolved. It appears we do not have our
51 administrative assistant function at this time so people incurring copying/ mailing expenses need to
52 invoice Larry R for reimbursements in the mean time. Some discussion of how we will distribute
53 the chores formerly assigned to Lindsey. There is a bit of discussion around this issue.
54 *[Tom Degnan arrived at this point: 0957]*
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56 **i. Revision to 2006 Budget (Replacement Administrative Assistant?)** Larry R reviewed
57 some of the specifics in the Draft Budget report as well as the real items from 2005.
58 Postage was above budget due to referendum as was Awards since we bought several new
59 Integrity Award prints. Larry never got invoiced for the web fee which was on Tom O's credit
60 card and which Tom should then bill to Larry R. No bill from Tom recently so there is a
61 question if he paid it but did not invoice for it. National has not come up with the rest of the
62 Forester Fund money for the Maine grant yet. Ken L is continuing to work with the Maine
63 student chapter which is holding things up a bit.

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65 **ii. Proposed 2007 Budget:** This will be covered at next EC meeting.
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67 **2. Standing Committee reports**

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69 **Nominations and elections: (Dolan):** most recent elections went fine.
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71 **i. Anne Marie** can serve as Secretary and State Rep at the same time. She has offered to do
72 both for 2006.
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74 **Forest Science technology (Kenefic)** Laura coordinated with Diedre Ramos on getting the working
75 groups involved in the Winter Meeting. At least two groups will be involved.
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77 **i. News Quarterly themes** Open to suggestions at this point. Brad would like to have the
78 theme in the January issue even with the annual meeting stuff that will be in that issue. The
79 question is what will be the theme. Suggestions: invasive species, water shed management,
80 bio-energy. It looks like Invasive Species will be the choice. Quite a bit of discussion with
81 plenty of volunteers for material.
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83 **ii. Re-appointment to 2-year term:** Ken L wishes to reappoint Laura to her position. She is
84 re-appointed with thanks from all.
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86 **Membership (Lemin):** No new information. Needs to have a meeting of all state membership chairs at
87 the Winter Meeting. Ron L needs to figure out who membership chairs are. The only ones he knows:
88 himself and Ray T. Nationally we are at a point of sustaining our membership. We may have
89 "bottomed out". NESAF is down 33 members for the year. There is some optimism at this point.
90 Bob Chandlers report is mentioned.
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92 **NESAF Website**

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94 **i. Design (Laustsen) and (Jim Oehler, Webmaster):** Ken L has been e-mailing with Jim O.
95 At this point none of the templates, etc has been received by Ken L. There is a real
96 communication problem here. Brad says Jim O has been very responsive. There
97 is some discussion about where the actual problem(s) may lay. It is suggested we not give up

98 on Jim O just yet. Tom D suggests we have an actual position on the EC, a Web Editor, to
99 take this web page issue over much like the Quarterly is handled. There is some discussion
100 around this and how to approach the issue. Ken L goes over some the history of how Jim O got
101 involved in this issue. There is more discussion. Jim is paid \$500/yr to manage the web site.
102 It seems that the "block" is at Tom O'Shea. The web page design templates are what we are
103 missing. *Anne Marie will check with Tom O.* There is more discussion about what the
104 templates should look like. *Tom D feels we need a pro-active web person. Ken L asks him to*
105 *make up a "want ad" to solicit someone who can do this. Tom D agrees to do this and will send*
106 *the item to the EC before it goes in the Quarterly.*

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108 **ii. Job Posting Update: (Frame):** George F allows that we have a format but we are waiting
109 for the web site to catch up before we can get them out there.

110 **Grants (Degnan)**

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113 **i. Maine Grant - Final Report (Laustsen):** Ken has final report (last requirement) which he
114 hands out copies of. The report is reviewed by all present. Bob Chandler was able to use this
115 project as part of his M.S. degree work. *Move to accept from Paul D with a second from*
116 *Larry R. It is called and passed unanimously.* Laura K did mention that the report did not
117 summarize minority differences. Diversity data was collected but not summarized.
118 *Laura will follow up and report back. Ron would like the information to be distributed at the*
119 *membership meeting.*

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121 **ii. New Submissions:** Tom D presently has one grant in hand from Yankee Div. Jeff Ward, "A
122 Forum on Forest Management and Challenges". May not be quite complete.
123 Two more requests are handed to Tom. One is from Maine, via Ron L, to help fund members
124 to go to the Leadership Academy. One is from RI via Paul Dolan around the 100th anniversary
125 of RI forestry. It is a comprehensive project. Grants will be discussed and voted on in
126 January.

127 **Awards: (Kittredge)**

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130 **i. Nominations for 2006 Awards.** No package received reports Anne Marie, but, upon saying
131 that she is handed a packet from Ken L. There may be more. There was some discussion
132 around the incorrect date that had been posted. There is some discussion around the
133 Integrity Award. Anne Marie has sent letters to various conservation organizations to see if
134 they have anyone that they feel are good candidates. Ken L wants the option of notifying his
135 nominee of the status of the award nomination and suggests that all nominators should notify.
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137 **ii. New Fellows elected (Laustsen):** James B Cullen and Mervin E Stevens of NH were
138 selected to be new fellows.

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140 **Policy: (Howland):** Nothing new has come at him. Our position statements were on the Green
141 Mountain web site. Tom D indicates that CT 10-year plan is up for review/rewrite. Would like some
142 NESAF statement on issues of certification, licensing and similar items toward creating/maintaining
143 the working forest in CT. Needs to be a connection between forest policy and SAF in CT. Touches on
144 issue of why would foresters want to be members of SAF. He would like to see SAF as part of the
145 forest practices in CT. Ken L suggests a check of the position statements on the SAF website to see
146 what may already cover some of the issues raised by Tom D. Tom D may want to work with Pete H to

147 put together an appropriate position statement to address the issues in CT. Anne Marie feels SAF
148 policy statements available online could be good way to add a "voice of reason" to the political debate.
149 We need to remember not to craft policy statements that contradict those at National.

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151 *Break for lunch at 1138*

152 *Meeting resumes at 1225*

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154 Ken L presents a nice card and bottle of Maine Maple syrup to Ray T.

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156 **3. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives)**

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158 MA - Anne Marie: MA SAF has been inactive. The next meeting to be held January 19, 2006 will be
159 telling. New Leadership and programs are needed. The final outcome is yet to be determined but dissolving
160 the state chapter is one of the alternatives. Possibly too many forestry organizations in MA combined with
161 too few leaders.

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163 RI - Paul D: We are doing very well and gearing up for the envirothon. Completed a "walk in the forest"
164 again. Pulling out all the stops to celebrate the 100th year of forestry (state forest) in RI.

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166 NH - Peter H: Student chapter is active. Forests for Humanity where you can buy a board that will go into
167 a house for humanity. Just finished a session on invasive plants and will be having a session on liquidation
168 harvesting.

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170 CT - Tom D: just had a meeting on CT Forest Resource plan. Work is currently underway via many
171 committees. State meeting was in mid-November. Both SAF and non-SAF members are being charged for
172 meetings but at different rates. There is some discussion around the charging issue. Issues: Yankee has
173 been unable to come up with viable candidates for vice-chair. There is some discussion, on this issue about
174 how to get more involvement. Do we need Yankee especially with MA going out of action? The role of SAF in
175 certification and sustainability issues is also one that was raised in CT. Why doesn't the state adopt the
176 same licensing/certification standards as SAF? Some states accept the SAF CF as the requirements for
177 their certification or licensing.

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179 VT - Ed O: did our first walk in the woods with PLT. 1909 was our first state forest so there will be a
180 100th anniversary in 2009. PLT facilitators got a grant to teach teachers on environmental issues/materials.
181 There are plans to do the walk in the woods event again.

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183 ME - Ron L: Recent meeting on silviculture and forest practices. At the end of the meeting there were no
184 real answers. There have been 500,000 acres of harvest per year for the last 15 years. Still in the process of
185 collecting better data as to what is happening in Maine before any new legislation is passed. They are getting
186 more proactive. Partial cutting is an issue. There is a new EC in ME. Ken L brought the "Forests of Maine
187 2003" report to distribute.

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189 Canadian Rep: Ken L e-mailed to previous rep with an invitation for someone to take that position in the
190 fall. Canadian representative is available as a communications link between SAF and Canadian organizations.
191 There is some discussion around the issue of Canadian representative activity.

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193 The possibility of a joint New England-New York meeting was discussed. A joint meeting out of the normal
194 four year cycle was considered as the best option. The first would be in 2009 if the idea is approved. This

195 would spread the Yankee's Winter Meeting budget out over 5 years instead of the current 4 year cycle and
196 might stretch their budget a bit.

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198 **4. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)**

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200 George F has been working on it. George hands around a single sample of what he has been doing. He goes
201 over some of the items covered in this work. George goes over some of the bits and pieces of what will be in
202 the final product. There is some general discussion about Manuals of days gone by as well as this new one.
203 Ken L wants to know if there is anything else that can be worked on before the January meeting. George F
204 would like an editorial policy from Brad W. Brad will come up with something. Record archiving is another
205 issue that needs to be addressed. George F does not feel that there will be anything of major substance to
206 be considered at the January meeting. He may have something new to show to us.

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208 **5. HSD and National Convention (Laustsen) (Frame)**

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210 *[Skip ahead in agenda to News Quarterly [1330] as Brad has another meeting]*

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212 George F steadfastly represented the views of the membership to HSD. They were surprised that
213 everything had passed in the Vermont referendum. VOS was the big issue. George F presented an issue out
214 of CT which suggested substituting a different journal for the Journal of Forestry as a part of membership.
215 You can already do this if you "complain loud enough" to National. You should indicate on your annual
216 membership renewal that you wish a different journal instead of Journal of Forestry. Ken L goes over a few
217 other items from this meeting. Ken is the vice-chair for HSD while George F is covering his seat at the table.

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219 Ken L thought that the convention was "great". Ken L discusses various items from the convention. Ken
220 showed us "Forest on the Edge" [<http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/fote>]

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222 Ken L goes over the Jim Coufal comments that he had e-mailed to everyone.

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224 **6. 2006 Winter Meeting Update (Howland)**

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226 Program committee is meeting today. Logo is done "Race for the Resources". Governor and Mayor have
227 been invited. Posters need to be sent in by Feb 14 deadline. Speakers are all filled. Three tours are planned.
228 The registration form has not been created yet. Room rate is unknown at this point. Sheraton Tara will be
229 the hotel for this year.

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231 **Poster sessions:** Easels are with Dave and Anne Marie K.

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233 **7. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman)**

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235 Brad reviewed submissions deadline. Brad reviewed how and when he will get the various Quarterly
236 issues out to fit his schedule and others schedules. The April Issue will be distributed late in order to
237 accommodate a later than normal annual meeting. Brad will keep on the current schedule for the June issue.
238 There is discussion around this issue. Ken L suggests the use of an information letter from the chair rather
239 than a full blown Quarterly to fill the gap. Brad knows what to do with April so he is content for now. Brad W
240 goes over obituary items. Brad would like any photos in digital format. He prefers jpg. Format

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242 *[A brief break at 1341 before returning to item 5. Brad leaves this meeting for another meeting]*

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8. SAF Council Report: (Laferriere)

Ken L points out that National Office distributed communications guidelines. There are workshops planned. The credit card issue is raised by Ken L: re: accepting credit cards for the Winter Meeting. The idea has not gone forward yet. It may be necessary for Federal employees to use federal credit cards to pay for registration. We are considering only Federal credit cards. This issue really needs to be sorted out. The need for a potential registration rate increase to cover the fees charged for credit card use is discussed.

Results of the VOS ballot (by item):

1. We will stay with 11 districts, there will continue to be an annual convention, the existing HSD structure will remain
2. No longer applicable - dealt with a student representative at the respective Regional HSD
3. There will be a non-voting student representative on the SAF council. Process (appointment/election) to be determined by Council committee.
4. A new National Student Congress will be formed to replace the existing National Student Assembly
5. A national Student Executive Committee will be created to help in the program development of the new NSC
6. Forest Science and Technology will retain working group name and will add three more science coordinators.
7. No longer applicable - recommendation on changes to working group name and charters were rejected.
8. One stop source on SAF website for committees/taskforce info
- 9-13 were all approved.
14. Charter was revoked.
15. Entire recommendation was rejected.

Do we need a name change? Still to be discussed! \$40,000 available for Forester Fund grants in 2006.

9. 2006 Schedule & Location of NESAF Executive Committee Meetings (January, April 3rd at 1:00pm, May/June, September, and December)

Calendar: January 26, 2006 [Thursday] at SPNHF, April 3, 2006 at 1pm [Winter Meeting] in Nashua, June 7, 2006 at New England Forest Foundation in Littleton, MA, September 20, 2006 at RI, December 6, 2006 at SPNHF.

[Motion to adjourn from: Laura K.: Second Ed O.: Called and passed unanimously. 1447hrs](#)