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New England Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting

January 26, 2006

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

Approved 4-3-06

Members present:

- Tom Degnan Connecticut State Rep.
- Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Rep.
- George Frame Vice-Chair
- J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Rep. - Policy Committee
- Laura Kenefic Forest Science Coordinator
- Anne Marie Kittredge Secretary, Massachusetts State Rep., Awards Chair
- Ken Laustsen Chair
- Ed O'Leary Vermont State Rep.
- Larry Rousseau Treasurer
- Brad Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor
- Jim Oehler Webmaster

Members not present:

- Ron C. Lemin Jr. Maine State Rep.
- Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair
- Leo Laferriere Council Representative

Meeting opened by Chair Ken L at 0936

1. Standard items:

Sign in sheet (Kittredge) - verify contact information: The sign-in sheet was circulated.

Welcome: Ken L welcomed all and circulated new corrected agenda.

Antitrust statement: The routine antitrust statement was presented.

Add/Adjust agenda: Additions to the agenda noted by Ken L.

Corrections/Additions for the December 7, 2005 meeting minutes (Kittredge):

Motion to accept the meeting minutes made by Larry R.; Second from Paul D. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Rousseau): Larry R. distributed "Net Worth Report". Larry will move accounts after the NESAF Winter Meeting; at that time NESAF will move right into the "winter meeting account".

Motion to approve the budget made by Paul D.; Second from Peter H. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Standing Committee reports

NESAF Website

47 i. **Design (Laustsen and Jim Oehler, Webmaster):** Jim reviewed the current design
48 including photos on top of the main page. We agreed to change the wolf photo (found only in Maine) to a
49 bobcat photo. Anne Marie K. will try to find and send a bobcat photo to Jim O. Ken L. will send current
50 officer contact list to Jim O. Links were reviewed in great detail; discussion continued with respect to other
51 changes and additions to many of the subjects including but not limited to Grants, Awards, Policy, Forest
52 Science/Working Groups, Officers' job descriptions, News Quarterly, Meeting Minutes, Calendar of
53 Meetings, Budget, SAF History file, Employment opportunities and Bylaws, SAF Membership Application and
54 Membership Trends, Interactive membership bulletin/message board or forum. Ken L. will continue to act as
55 the contact with Jim O. for the time being. NESAF received no response yet to the NQ advertisement for a
56 Website Editor but the NQ just came out. The Executive Committee thanks Jim O. for the presentation,
57 assistance and support.

58 59 **Grants (Degnan)**

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61 i. **Review, Discussion, Action:** \$1500 available in this year's budget to fund various grants. This
62 year's three (3) grant applications were received from Yankee Div., Maine and RI. The 3 applications
63 combined represent \$9650 in funding requests.

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65 ✓ Maine, via Ron L., to help fund members to go to the Leadership Academy. Brad W. proposed a
66 motion to reject the Maine grant application. Second by Pete H, (Discussion: NESAF already
67 maintains an established budget line item that was designed to assist with Leadership
68 Academy; this proposal does not directly meet the grant objective (target = public audience
69 but no dissemination to general public obvious). Motion was unanimously approved.
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71 ✓ Yankee Div. Jeff Ward, "A Forum on Forest Management and Challenges". Discussion: This is
72 a very well-written proposal. Question from EC as to how the dollars will be spent or
73 allocated? Will a media product be created like a brochure? If so, as a condition of the
74 funding, NESAF must be explicitly acknowledged within any publication? Laura K. made a
75 motion that NESAF alter the guidance within the application form that asks the applicant to
76 describe how NESAF will be acknowledged. Seconded by Ed O. Motion was unanimously
77 approved. See next paragraph for motion to fund this grant.
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79 ✓ RI, via Paul Dolan "Celebrating the first 100 years of Forestry in RI. Following discussion of
80 the RI grant application, Brad W. moved that NESAF EC partially fund both projects by
81 budgeting \$750 to RI and \$750 to Yankee Division. If one or the other applicants reject the
82 funding (can't operate with reduced funding) the rejected amount goes to the other grant
83 applicant. If both reject the offer of partial funding, the full \$1500 rolls over to next year's
84 budget. Motion seconded by Anne Marie K. and unanimously passed.
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86 Ed O. will draft changes to the Grant Application Form and forward draft to Ken L.

87 \$40,000 National SAF grant funding available Feb/June/Sept. Ken L. has details and can forward those to
88 interested parties.

89 90 **Awards: (Kittredge)**

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92 i. **Status of 2006 Awards process:** Nomination packages were received in all categories
93 except no nominations were received for the Toumey Award. Nomination packages were complete as
94 received, and were copied and distributed by US Mail on January 16, 2006 to each state representative for
95 review and ranking. Ranking process is complete. A discussion followed to accept the nominees as received

96 and that the EC will not try to develop a (post-deadline) Toomey Award nomination package. The outcome of
97 the ranking follows:

- 98 ✓ Integrity in Conservation: Northern Woodlands Magazine
- 99 ✓ Distinguished Service: Dave Field
- 100 ✓ James Toomey: no nominations
- 101 ✓ Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award: Geoffrey T. Jones
- 102 ✓ Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award: Michael C. Snyder
- 103 ✓ Mollie Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award: Laura Kenefic

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105 Anne Marie K. will contact the nominators, so that they can notify the award recipients. Anne Marie K. will
106 arrange to have the plaques made and triple check the spelling of each recipient's name. Anne Marie K. will
107 forward award information to Tim and remind Tim that 1) we planned to enlarge the brochure to 11x17 and
108 that 2) we need to be timelier this year about forwarding the award names/text to Brad W. who needs to
109 get the Award Brochure to the printer and immediately to the NESAF winter meeting.

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111 Ken L. will contact the Integrity award recipient and the Young Forester recipient. Ken L. will get the print
112 framed with a name plate for the Integrity award recipient.

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115 **Policy: (Howland):** Granite State wrestles with the process of naming of a policy chair. Otherwise no new
116 issues exist.

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118 **Membership (Ken L. for Ron L.):** 1047 total members; membership still declines but perhaps that rate of
119 decline has leveled off. Ron L. will continue to try to meet with state and division membership chairs including
120 a meeting at the NESAF winter meeting.

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122 **Forest Science Coordinator (Kenefic):** Theme for the next NQ will be Biomass and Laura K. has a list of
123 contacts for articles. Next theme ideas include global warming and urban forestry.

124 Some of the working groups still struggle. Chairs of working groups will meet at the NESAF winter
125 meeting and will be confirmed and perhaps reinvigorated at that time.

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127 *Break for lunch at 1155*
128 *Meeting resumes at 1235*

129 130 **3. Budget (Rousseau)**

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132 **Revisions to 2006 Budget:** Larry R. distributed the Draft Budget Report for Years 2004 through 2007
133 (inclusive). Brad suggested changing the 2006 budget line item for the News Quarterly from \$3400 to
134 \$4000 based on increased printing and postage costs. National Meeting Travel was reduced in 2006 from
135 \$4,000 to \$3,500 to reflect the location in Pittsburgh, PA. *Motion: "Based on discussion today, we move to*
136 *present a revised 2006 budget and proposed 2007 budget to the membership at the NESAF annual meeting*
137 *in Nashua, NH in April 2006." Motion made by Brad W. and second from Pete H. Motion unanimously passed.*

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139 i. **Administrative Assistant Contract:** This position is currently empty. This vacancy may be filled
140 by New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) staff. Ken will sign this contract today.

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142 **Proposed 2007 Budget:** Committee reviewed and revised this proposed budget. "Motion to approve and
143 present" is described in full above under "Revisions to the 2006 Budget".

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145 **4. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)** George F. continues to work on the Manual. George F. distributed
146 current draft of the Manual. Discussion continues on many sections. The Executive Committee discussed
147 additional authors that may be needed for incomplete sections. Many EC members will contribute to the
148 next Draft. The next Draft will be available for EC review before the April Meeting. George can make
149 electronic copies of the Manual available as requested.
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151 **5. 2006 Winter Meeting Update (Howland)**
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153 Program Committee: Revised poster abstracts are due by Feb 14 deadline. Poster abstracts will be
154 available with registration package. Sponsors and exhibitors are well represented.

155 Arrangements Committee: The registration form and program appeared in the recent News
156 Quarterly. Registrations will be sent to George Frame (this information did not appear in the NQ). A post
157 card (that contains the correct address that members will use to submit registration information) will be
158 sent to members soon. Room rates at the Sheraton Tara will be \$90/night.
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161 **6. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):**
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163 Several errors occurred in the recent NQ and Brad offers his apologies. The April Issue will be
164 distributed late in order to accommodate a later than normal annual meeting. Brad will keep on the current
165 schedule for the June issue.
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167 **7. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives)**
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169 **Current Division/Chapter Officer Lists:** lists were distributed and as new elections occur in the various
170 states, state representatives will update and distribute to Ken L.
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172 MA - Anne Marie: MA SAF met on January 19, 2006. Approximately 35 foresters attended this business
173 meeting and Continuing Education Program on biomass with presentations from Bill Hull (Russell Biomass) and
174 Gordon Boyce (DCR). While MASAF has been inactive recently, new leadership and programs are now
175 proceeding including progress on a \$75,000 USFS Grant to promote the image of forestry in Massachusetts.
176 Note: Yankee Division Chair, Jerry Milne attended the MA SAF meeting to try to recruit officers for
177 Yankee Division. Jerry announced that the Yankee Division SAF Meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
178 February 23, 2006 in Enfield, Connecticut and will include a 1-day continuing education opportunity. The
179 theme will be biomass.
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181 RI - Paul D: State is gearing up for the envirothon which will occur on the 3rd Thursday in May. RI Chapter
182 is pulling out all the stops to celebrate the 100th year of forestry (state forest) in RI. April 7 activities will
183 kick off the celebration. April 8&9: Forest Expo is scheduled in RI.
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185 NH - Peter H: The GSD winter meeting is scheduled for 2/10/06 @ Waterville Valley, NH. Forests for
186 Humanity program sponsored by the Division resulted in a new booth, 'Buy a Board for Humanity,' to be
187 designed and staffed at the New Hampshire Farm and Forest Expo during the first weekend in February.
188 The program allows supporters to buy a board that will go into a house for humanity. Habitat for humanity
189 buy a board program will occur in several locations. The Divisions recent Industry Forum on Biomass was a
190 success with speaker: Eric Kingsley. The Granite State Winter meeting theme will be: liquidation harvesting.
191 The Division continues to sponsor forestry students with a mentor and SAF membership.
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193 CT - Tom D: CT winter meeting was Jan 10th. Upcoming Yankee Division Meeting (Feb 23, 2006) was
194 announced. CT's Annual Land Trust meeting in Feb 2006 will discuss forest management.

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196 VT - Ed O: Spatial Analysis is the theme of tomorrow's state meeting. Russell Ray is general chair of the
197 NESAF 2007 meeting. 2009 is the 100th Anniversary of the Vermont Forest Service. Paul Brewster, the
198 current Supervisor of the Green Mountain National Forest was recently promoted and will be moving to
199 Alaska. Town Forest Initiative to elevate role of town forests (establish, manage, etc) is a new project.

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201 ME - Member-at-large has been replaced (due to transfer of past member). The Division spring meeting
202 will be June 8 and partial harvesting on public and private land is the theme. 2nd day will involve discussion and
203 preparation of a white paper. Maine state meeting discussed the potential of a joint NE/NY meeting in 2009.

204 205 206 **8. SAF Council Report: (Laferriere)**

207 **2006 District VI Council Election:** NESAF is seeking nominations for the next council member to
208 serve NE/NY during 2007-9. The EC discussed the possibility of finding sources of combined funding from
209 NY/NE to help this individual attend various meetings.

210 **2006 SAF Vice President Election:** seeking nominations for this 3-yr term.

211 **New District Fellow Nomination Process:** The SAF National Office has revised the bylaws for this
212 process. Each district will create a "district fellows committee" that will consist of existing fellows; one
213 from each state and district; this equals 7 fellows for NY + NE. Committee representation still needs
214 clarification. No fellow may serve more than 1 five-year consecutive term. Committee will meet by phone
215 conference call, etc.

216 **Strategic Plan:** Existing document 2006-2010 Plan. Each state society is expected to pick and focus
217 on an "outcome".

218 219 **9. Chair Potpourri (Laustsen)**

220 **Field Forester Applications:** Nomination forms e-mailed to state representatives by Ken L. Leo L.
221 welcomes nominations from this committee. NH and ME will most likely submit nominations.

222 **Colorado/Wyoming SAF Operations Handbook:** this manual is available for reference.

223 **VOS-TF Close-out:** discussed in the past in full and there seems to be no further need for
224 discussion.

225 **2005 HSD Recommendations to Council:** Ken L. makes available the copy of the 2005
226 recommendations - EC could review this and identify outstanding issues that could be submitted as an action
227 item for HSD. For example, the "fellow process" could be brought back to the table.

228 **Proposal from Merv Stevens: (copied from correspondence to Ken L.)**

229 "The October / November JOF and December Forestry Source had several letters about combining
230 the USFS, Park Service and BLM and changing the Society's name. The Oct/ Nov JOF also had a perspective
231 by Scott Wallinger questioning the future of US forest industry and American forestry."

232 "As I was reading these articles what stood out were the terms professionalism and the need to
233 examine future challenges for foresters. Not much new -- these have been discussed and re-discussed
234 almost yearly for the last 50 years that I have been a forester. The change that is taking place is the
235 frequency and intensity of calling for change. For example: The Volunteer Organizational Structure Task
236 Force Report. Daniel Robison, Dec. JOF, examines the splitting of forestry school departments. In the same
237 issue Marvin Brown said "Rather than waiting and reacting, I strongly believe we should be leading." And also
238 in the Dec. JOF is the lead article about the increasing influence of urban environments reporting on the
239 rapid urban expansion in the Northeast and the need for dialogue on forest management."

240 "In brief, I propose that NESAF initiate a serious dialogue/discussion on the future challenges for
241 FORESTERS in the NESAF region. Note I did not say forestry; though it would be difficult to keep

242 forestry/forest management out of any discussion. The emphasis would be on what the professional
243 forester has to do to meet the challenge of meeting the needs of people (includes industry) in the year
244 2020. The six New England states plus Canada have great diversity - most forested states, one of the
245 smallest states, part of the east coast megapolis, etc. The 2006 meeting: "Race for the Resource" will touch
246 on some aspects of forester professionalism; it may raise more questions than answers."

247 "I suggest that such a discussion begin with a limited number of people to expose, develop and
248 establish a white paper that would set the stage for dialogue at a next level(s) (to be determined). The
249 eventual goal is to have all members of NESAF take part in the discussion that might become professional
250 policy for foresters to meet the needs of the region."

251 "I suggest the process start with a retreat of the Executive Committee Officers and chairs of
252 Divisions/Chapters who would prepare the white paper. This group makes up a cross section of forestry
253 leadership."

254 "I would be happy to flesh out a proposal. Would it be something that could be a recommendation out
255 of the 2006 meeting?" **[End of correspondence from Merv to Ken L.]**

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257 The EC thought that this idea from Merv Stevens could be developed into a NESAF grant proposal to
258 National SAF. Discussion on this will continue in the near future.

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260 Calendar: The next meeting of the NESAF EC will be April 3, 2006 at 1 PM at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in
261 Nashua, NH.

262 *Motion to adjourn from Tom D.: Second from Laura K.: Called and passed unanimously at 1524hrs.*

263 **14 February 2006 Addendum [5:50pm]:**

264 *Kenneth M. Laustsen made the following E-mail motion on February 13, 2006 to all NESAF EC members:*
265 *"The NESAF EC approve the Rhode Island Chapter's 2006 Foresters' Fund grant proposal and encourage its*
266 *submission by the February 15, 2006 deadline." The grant proposal was supplied in an attachment as part of*
267 *the motion. George Frame seconded the motion.*

268 *The following NESAF EC members voted by E-mail in favor of the motion: Kenneth M. Laustsen, George*
269 *Frame, Ed O'Leary, Tom Degnan, Ron Lemin, Mariann Johnston, Brad Wyman and Larry Rousseau. Voting to*
270 *deny the motion - No votes received to deny the motion. Abstaining from the motion - No abstentions*
271 *received.*

272 *I declare the motion to have passed and the grant was submitted by e-mail to Louise Murgia on*
273 *February 14, 2006 at approx. 3:15 p.m. s/s Kenneth M. Laustsen, Chair*

274 *Kenneth M. Laustsen made the following E-mail motion on February 13, 2006 to all NESAF EC members that*
275 *"The NESAF EC accept, support, and approve the 2006 Foresters' Fund Grant Proposal as prepared and*
276 *managed by Mervin Stevens." The grant proposal was supplied in an attachment as part of the motion. Ed*
277 *O'Leary seconded the motion.*

278 *The following NESAF EC members voted by E-mail in favor of the motion: Kenneth M. Laustsen, Ed O'Leary,*
279 *George Frame, Anne Marie Kittredge, Mariann Johnston, Peter Howland, Brad Wyman and Larry Rousseau.*
280 *Voting to deny the motion - No votes received to deny the motion. Abstaining from the motion -No*
281 *abstentions received.*

282 *I declare the motion to have passed and the grant was submitted by e-mail to Louise Murgia on*
283 *February 14, 2006 at approx. 3:20 p.m. s/s Kenneth M. Laustsen, Chair*