

1 New England Society of American Foresters

2 Executive Committee Meeting

3 April 3, 2006

4 At the Sheraton Tara Hotel: Nashua, New Hampshire

5

6 **Members present:**

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

19

20 **Guests:**

21 Mariann Johnston Website Editor/Administrator
22 Jerry Milne Yankee Division Chair
23 Jim Oehler Webmaster
24 Mervin Stevens Granite State
25 Janice Mulherin General Chair, NESAF Winter Meeting 2006
26 William Bentley CT Chair
27 William King New England Forestry Foundation

28

29 **Members not present:**

30 Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair

31

32 **Meeting opened by Chair Ken L. at 1300**

33

34 **1. Standard items:**

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

36 **Welcome:** Ken L. welcomed all and circulated new corrected agenda. Members present introduced
37 themselves to guests.

38 **Antitrust statement:** The routine antitrust statement was presented.

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

40 **Corrections/Additions for the December 7, 2005 meeting minutes (Kittredge):** No further
41 corrections were suggested. *Motion to accept the meeting minutes from Brad W. Second from George F.*
42 *Motion passed unanimously.*

43 **Treasurer's report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed "Net Worth Report". Accounts are in the black
44 with nearly \$60,000 of net worth. There are still some outstanding debts; NESAF is currently in excellent
45 shape. Some of the previous budget line items that used to be assigned to the Executive Director are now
46 assigned to the Administrative Assistant contract. *Motion to approve the budget from Tom D.; Second from*
47 *George F. Motion passed unanimously.*

48

49 **NESAF Chair Appointments**

- 50 i. Mariann Johnston - Website Editor/Administrator for 2/1/06 to 1/31/08. [Motion to](#)
51 [approve the appointment from Peter Howland; Second from Paul Dolan. Motion passed](#)
52 [unanimously.](#)

53
54 **2. Standing Committee reports**

55 **NESAF Website**

56 i. **Progress (Johnston, Website Editor) and (Jim Oehler, Webmaster):**

57 Jim O. and Mariann J. reviewed the past and current status of the Website. A bobcat photo now
58 replaces the timber wolf on home page. Jim reviewed the navigation of the current design, links, and
59 homepage. Items including but not limited to Grants, Awards, Policy, Forest Science/Working Groups,
60 Officers' job descriptions, News Quarterly issues (2 years worth), Meeting Minutes, Calendar, Budget, SAF
61 History file, Employment opportunities, Bylaws, SAF Membership Application, Membership Trends,
62 Interactive membership bulletin/message board or forum. Ken L. will continue to act as the contact with
63 Jim O. and Mariann J.

64 Mariann suggested several changes to the organization of the site. "About NESAF" includes, Executive
65 Committee [w/link that contains officers & other members and meeting minutes] National SAF,
66 Divisions/Chapter Links, Bylaws, NESAF History. Division and Chapter links will be a link under "About
67 NESAF". The EC decided to let the Website Editor do her job. Each state will send information to Mariann
68 that should go on the state links. These items can be sent to Mariann from one representative from each
69 Division or Chapter [mariannq@uidaho.edu]. Mariann will add a link to other co-sponsors and their calendar
70 events. Maine and Green Mountain request a hot link. Bylaws have been added. NESAF history document is
71 huge and Ken will re-scan this information so that it becomes a smaller document that will more easily fit on
72 the Website. A calendar of pending NESAF meetings will be posted. Deadlines [NQ, awards, nominations,
73 etc] will appear within a real calendar as well as within the individual item category. Meeting registration
74 information will be available on the calendar item; PDF on-line registration forms are a possibility [except
75 paying by credit card - at this point]. Third party services [PAYPAL =3%] is one way to facilitate the credit
76 card payment services and may be discussed again in the future.

77 Grants: this information is missing to date but is being revised and will be submitted soon.

78 Membership: a direct link to National Office [with a downloadable PDF application] will be added.

79 Nominations & Elections; this section is currently empty. We will post pending vacancies and position
80 description as they occur.

81 The Policy Position Statements section is current. A link will be added to National or Chapters or
82 Divisions or NESAF.

83 Forest Science and Technology: Lists of working groups and a contact will be added. One or more of
84 the groups may want an individual page. List NQ themes with a link to the NQ issue that contained the
85 theme. It may be possible to accept NQ theme suggestions from members for Brad W. and Laura K.

86 NQ section is in good shape. [E.g. submitting content, deadlines, view NQs].

87 Member services w/name change to "Job Opportunities": job postings in a timely fashion within
88 NESAF can now occur at no charge. There may be some redundancy with the SAF National Website.

89 Should the EC establish a link to Cooperative Extension? This is remains a topic for discussion.

90 Question: When do we go live? Should we move forward with some tasks that are still yet to be
91 completed? The June issue of the NQ will cover the Website in an article by Brad. There was general
92 agreement among the EC to [go live with the Website on June 1, 2006 as a target](#). The Executive Committee
93 thanks Jim O. and Mariann J. for the presentation, assistance, progress and support.

94
95 ii. **Delegating the completion of the remaining Website tasks:** Most of this information
96 can be found in the Operations Manual and in other cases the assignments have been made.
97

98 [The EC skipped ahead in the agenda to item #5 - the 2006 Winter Meeting and a brief presentation by
99 Janice Mulherin. See notes below under Winter Meeting.]

100 **Grants (Degnan)**

101
102 **i. CT and RI Chapter Annual Progress Reports from 2005 NESAF Grant Funding:**

103 The status report from CT has been submitted. Project completed. RI grant status has been submitted.
104

105 **ii. June 6, 2006 NESAF Retreat - SAF Forester Fund Request (Laustsen):** A grant

106 application was submitted on time with assistance from Mervin Stevens. The National SAF Office approved
107 the request for funds. The total budget will be \$3,000. Approximately forty NESAF members will be
108 invited to attend this Retreat which will be professionally facilitated. There are 4 Objectives: (1) Develop
109 a white paper that outlines what professional foresters must do to meet the "Race for the Resources" and
110 other challenges of managing lands in the northeast into the future of 2020; (2) Establish a foundation for
111 a programmed process of professional development in this Northeast region that is undergoing rapid
112 urbanization; (3) Provide a unified definition of what a professional forester is and what a forester should
113 be; (4) Create a strong sense for foresters to want to belong to SAF, along with other professional
114 foresters and within their professional Association. The EC will try to invite some one young member per
115 state to join us at the Retreat; they will be the leaders in 2020. State representatives will work with
116 Division Chairs to name a few young individuals. **A (reading) package will be mailed to all invited attendees by**
117 **Ken L.** Continuing Education Units may be available. Attendees include the current EC, young members,
118 Chapter Chairs and Division Chairs. Discussion of a facilitator followed: some members preferred non-
119 forester facilitators; some EC members accept the idea of a facilitator with forestry/natural resource
120 background. Ken and Mervin will proceed and choose a facilitator.
121

122 [Ron Lemin joined the group during this discussion.]
123

124 **Awards (Kittredge)**

125 **i. Status of Status for tomorrow's Award Luncheon:** Anne Marie K. and Ken L. ordered,
126 received and carried the various award plaques to this EC meeting for the Award Banquet. Tim Hawley
127 received the nominee biographies from Anne Marie K. Tim processed that information and produced the
128 text for the Award Brochure. That text was e-mailed to Brad W. during March. Brad arranged to have the
129 Awards Brochures printed and Brad brought the Brochures to this NH meeting. Several of the award
130 recipients accepted extra banquet tickets that were offered to them. Anne Marie K forwarded those
131 requests to Ken L. and NESAF will pay for these extra banquet tickets. For the record, the outcome of the
132 Award nominations follows:

- 133 ✓ Integrity in Conservation: Northern Woodlands Magazine
- 134 ✓ Distinguished Service: Dave Field
- 135 ✓ James Toomey: no nominations
- 136 ✓ Austin Carey Practicing Professional Award: Geoffrey T. Jones
- 137 ✓ Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award: Michael C. Snyder
- 138 ✓ Mollie Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award: Laura Kenefic

139
140 **Policy (Howland)**

141 **i. Policy statement status:** Because 3 of the 4 NESAF Policy Positions expire in 12/2006, it is
142 time to review, revise, renew or terminate them. The individual EC members will review these policy
143 statements and we will discuss these in an upcoming meeting.

144 **ii. Update:** Pete L. participated in a conference call on 3/22/06 with Policy Chairs from all over
145 the country to discuss how each Policy Chair connects with area Legislators. Most have a reception
146 (breakfast, lunch, etc). One held "Forestry 101". The next conference call will occur in July. Conference

147 calls will occur quarterly. Suggestion: try to have Policy Chair meetings at each of the Winter Meetings and
148 National Meetings.

149
150 **Membership (Lemin):** During this NESAF Winter Meeting, Ron will meet with individuals from each
151 state to discuss membership issues. Ron will report on this membership meeting at our June 2006 EC
152 meeting.

153
154 **Forest Science Coordinator (Kenefic):** The NQ theme (bio-energy and biomass) has been submitted
155 to Brad W. Global change will be the next theme for the NQ.

156 The Working Groups have been inactive. They will meet at this 2006 Winter Meeting. There will be
157 more to report at the next EC meeting in June. Laura K. will add the Forest Science Position Description to
158 the Winter Meeting "Bible" to enhance co-ordination of during the planning and implementation of each
159 Winter Meeting.

160 The Winter Meeting 2006 poster abstracts (250 words) were scheduled to be collated and published
161 for all attendees. The poster committee is not planning to collate and publish the copies. Does NESAF want
162 to pay for this printing? Motion: Ron Lemin made a motion that: "NESAF will temporarily pay for the copying
163 the abstracts for the Posters. The Winter Meeting will reimburse NESAF for this task." Laura seconded the
164 motion. Ron or Larry will take these to Staples tonight and pick up in the morning.

165
166 **3. Budget (Rousseau):** Audit statement has been completed. Auditors noted a few minor items that did not
167 occur in check register (e.g. 1 interest payment etc). Clarification followed of a discussion that occurred at
168 the last EC meeting relative to Leadership Training funding. If all available NESAF funds are not requested
169 or granted in a given year, will the remaining funds become available to those additional leaders who plan to
170 attend the Leadership Academy? At the end of a year, NESAF could consider reimbursing the state divisions
171 who sent a leader to the Leadership Academy. Motion from Tom D: "NESAF tries to support 6 leaders (one
172 from each state) and to pay registration fees for National Leadership Training Academy; if 6 applications
173 for reimbursement of registration fees do not arrive in the form of 1 application from each state, then
174 NESAF could pay the registration fee for more than one person/state in an effort to ultimately send 6
175 leaders from NESAF to the National SAF Leadership Training Academy. "(Discussion about deadlines to
176 apply for Leadership Training Registration will be decided later.) Question called. Brad W. seconded the
177 motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ken L. will notify Division and State Chairs about this motion and remind
178 each to apply for these funds ASAP.

179
180 **Final review - 2006 Proposed Revision and 2007 Proposed Budget:** Larry R. distributed the Draft
181 Budget Report for Years 2004 through 2007 (inclusive). Larry R. provided explanation of small revisions.
182 "Based on discussion today, we move to present a revised 2006 budget and proposed 2007 budget to the
183 membership at the NESAF Annual Business Meeting" Motion made by Ed O. and second from Brad W. Motion
184 unanimously passed.

185
186 **i. Administrative assistant contract:** This vacancy was filled by New Hampshire Timberland Owners
187 Association (NHTOA) staff. Ken signed this contract in January 2006.

188
189 **4. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)** George F. continues to work on the Manual. Laura needs to review
190 Forest Science position. Larry will provide some information on the budget and audit process.

191
192 **5. 2006 Winter Meeting status (Janice Mulherin and Howland)**

193
194 **Program Committee:** The sponsors and exhibitors are well represented. The program is diverse and
195 interesting and includes a wide variety of speakers and topics.

196 Arrangements Committee: The Committees are currently setting up and working in the hotel! The
197 Winter Meeting registration exceeds 300 to date. The list of things to do differently next year is growing.
198 It was noted that it is cheaper to burn CDs than to produce paper copies of the Poster Abstracts. There will
199 be a "Registration Folder Stuffing Party" in Room 662 from 7ish PM tonight 'till it is done.
200

201 **6. 2007 Winter Meeting (Dates and Theme) (O'Leary/Russ Reay):** Both the Green Mountain Meeting and
202 the NESAF Winter Meeting Committees met recently. Most of the committee leader appointments have
203 been made. No theme available at this time. The 2007 Winter Meeting is scheduled for March 20-22, 2007
204 at Lake Morley Inn, Fairlee, VT.
205

206 **7. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** The April Issue will be distributed later than usual in order to
207 accommodate and include photos and information from this later than normal Winter Meeting. Brad W. will
208 keep on the current schedule for the June issue. Some format changes have been made to the NQ which
209 were inspired by the Website design.
210

211 **8. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

212 i. **2006 Division/Chapter Officer Lists:** Lists were distributed at the January EC meeting and as new
213 elections occurred in the various states, state representatives updated the officer list and distributed
214 the results to Ken L. - **except for the very busy Granite State Division**
215

216 MA - EOEa continues to coordinate a committee that is working to establish a forest reserve system
217 including the identification of potential locations for forest reserves on state land. The MA DCR is seeking a
218 contract with a FSC in an attempt to Green Certify private forest lands (current use/Chapter 61 forests).
219 In conjunction with NESAF, MA SAFWebsite plans are now underway. The MA State Forestry Committee
220 participated in public discussion relative to possible revisions to the MA Forest Cutting Practices Act's
221 regulations and forms. A MA Forest Forum will meet again during May 2006. The Forum's goal is to find
222 common ground and address issues of forest viability in MA. The "Forestry Innovation Grant" co-authored
223 and co-sponsored by DCR, MAPF, MFSG and MASAF, is still in the development stage with a goal of improving
224 forest management through increasing use of professional foresters - a marketing approach.
225

226 RI - Paul D: State is gearing up for the envirothon which will occur on the 3rd Thursday in May. RI Chapter is
227 pulling out all the stops to celebrate the 100th year of forestry (state forest) in RI. April 7 activities will
228 kick off the celebration. April 8&9: Forest Expo is scheduled in RI. Will purchase seedlings to distribute;
229 Champion trees will go into a computer program soon.
230

231 NH - Peter H: Feb meeting with new officers. Policy position not filled at this point. The "Buy a Board for
232 Humanity" program produced \$1500 materials and \$1200 cash. The Student Sponsorship Program is running
233 well. A Mud Season Breakfast was held today. 140 foresters attended the Granite State Meeting.
234

235 CT - Suggestion that 2008 meeting held jointly with NE Association of Watershed Forest Managers. CT
236 grappled with forest practices regulations and failed in fear of local regulations. Towns are now imposing
237 local (169 total potential towns) regulations. DEP recently filled some positions.
238

239 VT - Ed O: Dry run at Lake Morey Inn occurred recently! The Northern Forest Alliance is developing a town
240 forest project designed to inspire more towns to consider forest management. Green Mountain National
241 Forest recently released its new Plan.
242

243 ME - The Division spring meeting will be June 8 in Jackman, Maine and partial harvesting on public and
244 private land is the theme. 2nd day will involve discussion and preparation of a white paper. The Maine Chapter

245 will sponsor 2 individuals from Maine will go to the leadership academy. \$1740 was sent to Mississippi from
246 the Maine Chapter for hurricane relief. Bylaws revisions are in process. Five silviculture experts plus two
247 others will join in a task force designed to classify/rename harvests with terms that are not value laden,
248 outcome laden or previously existing silvicultural terms.

249
250 **9. SAF Council Report: (Laferriere):**

251 **2006 District VI council election:** NESAF is still seeking nominations for the next council member
252 to serve NE/NY during 2007-9..

253 **New District Fellow Committee composition and nomination timeline & process:** The SAF National
254 Office revised the bylaws for this process. Nominations are due June 1. Each district will create a "district
255 fellows committee" that will consist of existing fellows; one from each state and district; 5 will be named. NY
256 is already processing a nomination.

257
258 **2006-2010 Strategic Plan:** Existing document 2006-2010 Plan. Each state society is expected to
259 pick and focus on an "outcome" from a list of what everyone around the country would like to see. This
260 document may have limited usefulness locally. It is believed that the local units are already successful in the
261 absence of a strategic plan. Strategic Plan implementation requires a great deal of local volunteer time. NY
262 developed its own plan recently and has been successful with its own design.

263
264 **Field Forester Applications:** Nomination forms e-mailed to state representatives by Ken L. are due
265 by May 31, 2006.

266
267 **10. Chair Potpourri (Laustsen):**

268 **2008 Joint State Society Meeting (NE and NY) - Yankee Division:** The Yankee Division will Co-
269 host the 2008 winter meeting with NY. The location is still open to discussion. Montreal was suggested.

270
271 **NESAF History Project:** brief update. Several states have volunteered to assist. Charlie T. will
272 update the membership at the Business Meeting.

273
274 **New Horizons Project (Charles H. Foster, William A. King, Tanya Carpia and Rob?):** NEFF is
275 working with a small foundation in Siberia in an effort to study and develop solutions to global challenges. A
276 Russian representative (from 1 of 89 regions) in western Siberia will be working with the New Horizons
277 Project. 70 million acres of forestland will soon be privatized. The New Horizons Project representatives
278 suggest that there may be an opportunity for a Russian "sister" region to the New England region? A proposal
279 for a cooperative program between the Council of NE Governors and NE foresters and the Russian region
280 representatives may facilitate the exchange of information between practicing foresters from the two
281 regions. Who will participate in this project and who will pay? If all expenses were paid, some foresters
282 would like to travel to Siberia to see how Siberian companies operate and how Siberian and U.S. companies
283 could cooperate. The USFS has a decade old model of cooperative agreement with Russian regions.
284 Researchers and managers currently travel and cooperate with Russian counterparts as part of this USFS
285 model. The local contact= John Brissette. The New England region also has a long history of experience with
286 the private land ownership model.

287 The EC found it difficult to understand the role that NESAF could play. Maybe the NQ could present
288 some information within the next issue and we can continue this dialogue. The NESAF EC believes this
289 represents an opportunity and the EC would like to be kept in the loop.

290
291 Brad W. is looking for MS publisher on a laptop for use during this NESAF Winter Meeting. Larry R. has one.

292

293 Ed O. suggests providing an incentive to applicants to the leadership academy that the applicants
294 simultaneously seek a position as officer in SAF.

295
296 Calendar: The NESAF EC will meet on **June 6 & 7, 2006** at the NEFF Office in Littleton, MA.

297 1) On **June 6th** the EC will meet from 1-5 PM and 7-8 PM for The Retreat (Littleton, MA).

298 2) On **June 7th**, the next meeting of the NESAF EC will begin at 9:30AM at the New England
299 Forestry Foundation Office in Littleton MA.

300
301 [Motion to adjourn from Brad W.: Second from Laura K.: Called and passed unanimously at 17220 hrs.](#)

302

303