

1 New England Society of American Foresters
2 Executive Committee Meeting
3 June 7, 2006
4 At the New England Forestry Foundation's Wilderness House in Littleton MA
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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 Anne Marie Kittredge Secretary, Massachusetts State Rep., Awards Chair
12 Ken Laustsen Chair
13 Ron C. Lemin Jr. Maine State Rep.
14 Ed O'Leary Vermont State Rep.
15 Larry Rousseau Treasurer
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17 **Guests:**

18 Bill Bentley Chair, CTSAF
19 Craig Vollmer Chair, NYSAF
20 Jamie Savage Chair-elect NYSAF
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23 **Members not present:**

24 Laura Kenefic Forest Science Coordinator
25 Leo Laferriere Council Representative
26 Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair
27 Brad Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor
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29 **Meeting opened by Chair Ken L. at 0805**
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31 **1. Standard items:**

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

33 **Welcome:** Ken L. welcomed all.

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

35 **Add/Adjust agenda:** Additions to the agenda noted by Ken L. and included suggestions to move the
36 NE/NY meeting item forward in time on the agenda and add the review of finances of the NESAF 2006
37 Winter Meeting.

38 **Corrections/Additions for the April 3, 2006 meeting minutes (Kittredge):** No corrections were
39 suggested. **Motion to accept the meeting minutes from George. Second from Larry R. Motion passed**
40 **unanimously.**

41 **Treasurer's report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed "Net Worth Report" and "Budget Report". Net
42 Worth of Accounts as of 6/4/06. The next CD will mature in September. Updated line items within the
43 Budget Report were described for both the income and expenses. NESAF grants have been paid. A discussion
44 of the \$25,000 that remains in savings followed and included a description of the reasons for NESAF's
45 desire to remain flexible. CD's don't accrue significantly more interest than savings accounts. NESAF's
46 autumn expenses for elections and travel to HSD require flexibility. Reimbursements for travel to Retreat
47 can be submitted today to Larry. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from George F.; Second from**
48 **Peter H. Motion passed unanimously.**

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(Ron Lemin joined the meeting during the discussion above.)

2. Standing Committee reports

NESAF Website

- i. **Progress and status (Johnston, Website Editor):** Ken L. reviewed (Mariann could not join us for this meeting) the past and current status of the Website. The Website will "go live" on June 15th (the approximate arrival date of the NQ). A new draft version of the Website is available for EC review. Ken reviewed it. Tremendous progress was achieved recently. Only 2 sections are currently under construction (calendar and job listings). Most links are functioning. Mariann thanks those who sent prompt information. **Motion to pay Mariann a stipend of \$599 for her 2yr. appointment as Website Editor from Anne Marie K. Second from Tom D. Brief discussion. Ken will notify Mariann and Larry will insert a new line item. Motion passed unanimously. Ken will e-mail the hotlink to the new draft Website to the EC for review.**

Grants (Degnan): Currently limited funds exist for grants (\$221). By the end of October we may have another 300 available.

Awards (Kittredge): Anne Marie K. has nothing new to report. Ken submitted Brad Wyman's name and bio-package as a NESAF Fellow nomination. A discussion followed relative to the new Fellow nomination process.

Policy (Howland)

Policy statement status: The Healthy Forest Initiative in May was successful. Pete will bring a recommendation to the EC relative to the need to review, revise, renew or terminate the 4 NESAF Policy Positions that will expire 12/2006.

Membership (Lemin): No meeting of state membership representatives occurred during the April NESAF Winter Meeting, Ron L. will contact all by e-mail. 18 student members transferred out of NESAF. Ron will contact these students to see if he can encourage them to stay. Ron also notes that there are 7 resigning members. Nation-wide SAF membership has declined by 200 members this year. A discussion followed relative to the timing of the national dues payment system (there was interest in trying to initiate a billing option that occurred at another time or year or payments that take place over time).

Forest Science Coordinator (Kenefic): Laura K. could not join us for this EC meeting. Ken L. presented Laura's summary. Laura was pleased with the working group meetings at the winter meeting. A poster presentation issue with the abstracts was resolved. Ken L. is waiting to receive power point copies of all winter meeting presentations to load onto the NESAF Website. The June NQ theme (global change) did not receive enough articles. No theme will be published in this June 2006 NQ issue.

Nominations (Paul Dolan): Available EC offices include: **Eastern Canada, ME, MA, VT and Vice Chair.** Potential candidates were discussed and include: Carol Redelshiemer - Vice- chair; Ron Lemin - Vice-chair; David Kittredge - MA representative. **EC members will find candidates and E-mail the candidate's names and a short bio for each candidate to Paul D. ASAP.**

3. Budget (Rousseau):

Leadership Academy Reimbursement: Larry reimbursed Leadership Academy candidates. Ken L received a request from VT relative to the possibility of acquiring an actual costs reimbursement vs.

98 reimbursement for registration only. This request was denied based upon discussions by EC on the
99 reimbursement policy. NESAF's only commitment to this is to reimburse the registration costs. Local SAF
100 chapters then need to come up with the remaining funds. If the national leadership academy moved around
101 the country (as the National meeting does) then New England could send more candidates to the Academy
102 when the Academy is closer to home (and travel becomes less expensive). A good discussion of how NY
103 facilitates their leadership training with good ideas for NESAF to use in the future.

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105 **4. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)** George F. continues to work on the Manual. *Laura K. will review*
106 *Forest Science position. Larry will provide some information on the budget and audit process. George will*
107 *rewrite the Fellow section. George will complete this project at the end of this calendar year.*

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109 **5. 2006 Winter Meeting Summary (George F.):** This was a successful Winter Meeting with 231
110 registrations. For the first time NESAF accepted credit cards from the USFS and a Maine member. Almost
111 10% of registration fees were received as credit cards charges which involved a 3% processing fees. There
112 were 20 exhibitors and 20 sponsors who produced nearly twice as much profit from exhibitors and fees as
113 previous years in NH. The hotel costs were low for NESAF. The speaker expense was also lower than
114 traditional winter meeting expenses. The AV supplies were donated. 350 Award Banquet meals (20 of which
115 were guests of the Awardees) added to a successful banquet. The silent auction yielded \$1670. The copying,
116 supplies and printing expenses were also low. The hotel did not require event insurance or security
117 requirements. The net profit of \$16,823 (minus NESAF advance) will be split between NESAF and NH. This
118 was a great location (Nashua) and a great winter meeting. The later than normal meeting seemed to work for
119 attendees.

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121 **6. 2007 Winter Meeting (O'Leary):** The Green Mountain Division NESAF Winter Meeting Committees met
122 recently. Most of the committee leader appointments have been made. Russ Reay - General Chair; Ed
123 O'Leary - Facility Chair; Mark Twery - Program Chair; Bob Burt - Finance Chair; Leo Laferriere - Public
124 Information Chair; Barb Burns - Entertainment Chair. No theme available at this time. The 2007 Winter
125 Meeting is scheduled for March 21-23, 2007 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT. *Ed O. asked for information*
126 *about the number of room nights traditionally generated by NESAF registrations. George will get back to Ed.*

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128 **7. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** Brad could not join us for this EC meeting. Ken L. presented this
129 summary for Brad. The June Issue will be distributed around the 15th.

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

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133 MA - EOEa continues to coordinate a committee that is working to establish a forest reserve system
134 including the identification of potential locations for forest reserves on state land. The MA DCR has
135 contracted with Smartwood to Green Certify private forest lands (current use/Chapter 61 forests). In
136 conjunction with NESAF, MA SAF Website plans are now underway. A MA Forest Forum will meet during May
137 2006. The Forum's goal, to find common ground and address issues of forest viability in MA was met and
138 about a dozen groups signed onto the agreement. The "Forestry Innovation Grant" co-authored and co-
139 sponsored by DCR, MAPF, MFSG and MASAF, is still in the development stage with a goal of improving forest
140 management through increasing use of professional foresters - a marketing approach.

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142 RI - Paul D: State held the Envirothon on the 3rd Thursday in May. RI purchased seedlings to distribute
143 (funded by a NESAF Publicity Grant) for the seedling project. Seedlings were placed in coffee mugs for
144 distribution. The Champion Trees Project (partially funded by a NESAF grant) will develop a computer
145 program protocol as well as a publication and general project upgrade soon.

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147 NH - Peter H: Policy position shared with NHTOA and 2 other groups. The 2007 Winter Meeting has been
148 scheduled for February at Waterville. A PLT teacher workshop will occur this year. The White Mountain Plan
149 is in place with no resistance.

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151 CT - Two CT summer meetings are scheduled for June 22 (a tour of Yale/Myers Forest) and August
152 (reconsideration of CT's Forest Cutting Practices Act - an effort to discuss current stalemate on the Act).
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154 VT - Ed O: VT's summer meeting is scheduled for Sept 15 at Woodstock, VT. It will be a joint meeting with
155 the Consulting Foresters Assoc of VT. They will invite other federal land mgt agencies to discuss their
156 management strategies. A potential summer 2007 joint meeting is being planned in coordination with The
157 Wildlife Society. The Vice- Chair position is currently vacant. Potential candidates were discussed.
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159 ME - The Division spring meeting will be June 8 in Jackman, Maine and partial harvesting on public and
160 private land is the theme. The 2nd day will include a discussion and preparation of a White Paper. The Maine
161 Chapter will sponsor 2 individuals from Maine who will go to the Leadership Academy. The next EC meeting is
162 scheduled for June 14.

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164 **9. SAF Council Report: (Laferriere):** Leo could not join us for this meeting. Ken L. presented Leo's
165 summary.

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167 **2006 District VI council election:** Ken's name has been submitted for this position.

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169 **Field Forester Applications:** One Nomination form was received by May 31, 2006.

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171 **10. Chair Potpourri (Laustsen):**

172 **2008 Joint State Society Meeting (NE and NY) - Yankee Division (Bill Bentley):** (This agenda
173 item was moved forward and discussed earlier as noted above.) The Yankee Division will Co-host the 2008
174 winter meeting with NY. Saratoga has been suggested as site of this NY/NE SAF winter meeting 2008. The
175 White Paper (developed at the 6/6/06 Retreat) review may lead to an agenda item and template for the joint
176 meeting. **NY will do a quick informal poll of its members and put committees together to develop this joint**
177 **meeting.** There are NY issues like licensure that NY has not been able to get a handle on. This joint meeting
178 could help the NY leaders to address these issues. NY expressed some hesitancy to develop joint meetings
179 based on driving distance limitations. Joint meetings, however provide additional opportunities to bring in
180 high quality keynote speakers and attract students. Make opportunities for NY/NE attendees to integrate
181 and not segregate the 2 groups. NESAF traditionally offers the host state a \$1000 advance and this advance
182 could be available to NY as well as the Yankee Division. Ron contacted 3 Sheraton's as a preliminary step in
183 the arrangements of this joint meeting.

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185 **NESAF History Project:** brief update by Ken L. Several state representatives have volunteered to
186 assist. Ken L. is trying to scan the 2-3 existing documents for the Website as smaller documents.

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188 **Prioritizing the HSD Suggesting List:** Ken L. is looking for **more feedback on this list from the EC.**
189 National SAF is looking for feedback from NESAF relative to who should be responsible for each task.

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191 **OTHER:**

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193 **Maine is offering a 1-day Exposition "All Things Wood"** and is looking for exhibitors for this
194 October 14th event in Portland, ME. Audience = general public and this even will consist of mostly vendor
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Ken L. and others received a request from Pennsylvania representatives who are looking for silent auction items for the National Convention in Pittsburgh. George F. or Ken L. could deliver items.

The NESAF EC traditionally planned an annual Retreat for EC. Should we try to re-establish this event? Ed O. suggested a great spot in VT for next year's gathering.

Larry R. may need to update his Quicken software. He should not need to purchase a new copy. NESAF will not purchase a laptop for the (next!) treasurer. The use of a USB drive is a simpler option. The future need for a NESAF credit or debit card was discussed. TD North may offer a free credit card associated with our account.

Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on **September 20, 2006** at the 9:30am in RI. Ken L. will send directions. Paul will provide a tour of the area.

The NESAF Executive Committee expressed appreciation to Craig and Jamie for their time, support, ideas and advice.

The NESAF Executive Committee expressed appreciation to NEFF for the fine facility (the Wilderness House) that was the 2-day site of both the Retreat and this EC meeting.

Motion to adjourn from Ed O.: Second from George F.: Called and passed unanimously at 1130 hrs.