

1 New England Society of American Foresters

2 Executive Committee Meeting

3 September 20, 2006

4 At the Rhode Island DEM Office, Chepachet, Rhode Island

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6 **Members present:**

7 Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Rep.

8 George Frame Vice-Chair

9 J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Rep. - Policy Committee

10 Mariann Johnson Website Editor

11 Anne Marie Kittredge Secretary, Massachusetts State Rep., Awards Chair

12 Ken Laustsen Chair

13 Ed O'Leary Vermont State Rep.

14 Larry Rousseau Treasurer

15 Brad Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor

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17 **Guests:** None

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19 **Members not present:**

20 Tom Degan Connecticut State Rep.

21 Laura Kenefic Forest Science Coordinator

22 Leo Laferriere Council Representative

23 Ron Lemin Jr. Maine State Rep.

24 Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair

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26 **Meeting opened by Chair Ken L. at 0940**

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28 **1. Standard items:**

29 **Sign in sheet (Kittredge) - verify contact information:** The sign-in sheet, a modified agenda and a  
30 get-well card for Laura Kenefic were circulated.

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

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

33 **Add/Adjust agenda:** No additions were suggested to the modified agenda

34 **Corrections/Additions for the June 7, 2006 meeting minutes (Kittredge):** No new corrections  
35 were suggested. [Motion to accept the meeting minutes from Larry;](#) [Second from Pete H.](#) [Motion passed](#)  
36 [unanimously.](#)

37 **Treasurer's report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed the NESAF accounts' balance as of 9/20/06 and  
38 itemized a few updates. The next TD North CD matured and future rates seem good. NESAF grants funds  
39 that are available = \$440.06. [Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from Ed O.](#) [Second from Peter H.](#)  
40 [Motion passed unanimously.](#)

41 i. Reimbursement of \$320.39 to MESAF for completion of Forestry Awareness Project  
42 funded by SAF Foresters Fund was discussed. However, Larry reported that no check has  
43 been received for this from the National Office.

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45 **2. Standing Committee reports**

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47 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):**

48 i. Vice Chair: Ron Lemin

- 49           ii.    Eastern Canada Representative: n/a  
50           iii.   MA State Representative: Randy Stone  
51           iv.    Me State Representative: Spencer Meyer, Mike Saunders  
52           v.    VT State Representative: Ed O'Leary, Ray Toolan

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54           [Pdolan@ridem.necoxmail.com](mailto:Pdolan@ridem.necoxmail.com) Paul's (home) computer died recently so Ken L. and Anne Marie  
55 K. (and possibly others) will resend bio information for the upcoming elections to Paul at the address above.  
56 Chris Modisette and Paul Dolan will prepare all of the election material and NH-TOA can collate the mailing,  
57 copying, etc. Candidate bios may be available on website.

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59           **Policy (Howland):** Policy statement status: Pete brings recommendations to the EC relative to the  
60 need to review, revise, renew or terminate the 3 NESAF Policy Positions that will expire 12/2006: (1)  
61 Wilderness Designation in New England -the following changes were suggested: strike white mountain  
62 references, make references to plan singular, and replace upper case "F" with lower case "f"orest in  
63 paragraph 2, the section named "Issue". Change the dates for the first two literature cited to include both  
64 the 1986 and the 2005(?) versions. (2) Local Regulation of Forest Practices - should be renewed, no changes  
65 suggested. (3)Total minimum Daily Loads (TMDL) no changes suggested. EC will vote on all 3 Policy  
66 statements at the Dec. EC meeting.

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68           **Membership (Lemin):** Ron L.'s notes delivered by Ken L. Ron L. reports no activity over summer on  
69 membership. E-mail from the National Office - 3 conference calls are available to all Chairs and  
70 Membership Chairs to discuss trend analysis, other society strategies to increase membership. NESAF  
71 decreased 63 members this year.

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73           **Forest Science Coordinator (Kenefic):** Ken L. distributed Laura K.'s report for the EC to review.  
74 Laura's report is summarized below. Ken L. recently accepted Laura's resignation effective 12/30/06 as  
75 Forest Science Coordinator. Ken is actively soliciting nominations for Laura's replacement.

76           Working Groups: The following groups are active and have recently submitted reports to Laura K.  
77 (A) Resources Measurements (Chair: Spencer Meyer) has been in touch with the National Office for a list of  
78 the NESAF WG members and is working to establish communication within the group. This WG proposed a  
79 session for the March 2007 meeting and has been in contact with Mark Twery. (D) Management and  
80 Utilization including Silviculture (Chair: Mark Ducey) planned a summer 2006 field tour at their business  
81 meeting last April 2006, but that tour did not occur. They report a field tour design to be held in conjunction  
82 with the March NESAF Winter Meeting 2007 and are planning a summer 2007 field tour. It is not clear if  
83 they have been in contact with Mark Twery. Laura does not know the status of the two sessions they talked  
84 about last April for the March meeting. This is a large group and has historically been active and well  
85 organized. They hold regular elections; Mark took over from John Brissette earlier this year and the chair-  
86 elect is Brian Holt Hawthorne. (E) Decision Sciences including Economics (Chair: Don Dennis) is planning a  
87 session for the March 2007 meeting and has been in touch with Mark Twery. This is "the little working group  
88 that could;" they just keep on going. Great! (F) Social and Related Sciences including Recreation (Chair: Jim  
89 Harding) is planning a session for the March 2007 meeting and has been in contact with Mark Twery.

90           The following groups did not submit reports and are apparently inactive: (B) Forestry Systems (Chair:  
91 Merv Stevens); (C) Ecology and Biology (Chair vacant). It has been suggested that we roll this group into (D)  
92 with a single Chair. Nothing formal has occurred in that regard. This working group was previously large and  
93 active but has been inactive since Mark Ashton stepped down as Chair last year.

94           It is important to schedule times during the March 2007 program for WG business meetings (not to  
95 be confused with WG-sponsored technical sessions). It is also important that this WG time does not conflict  
96 with something really fun like the social hour (then nobody will come!). Early mornings worked last year.

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98 Laura K. E-mailed all working groups and Mark Twery about the WG-sponsored sessions and business  
99 meetings for March 2007.

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101 Website: Laura K. recently provided updated information to Mariann J. and asked the WGs to submit  
102 summaries and photographs to her if they want more than the basic description and contact information that  
103 was provided by Laura K.

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105 Theme: The "*Climate Change*" Theme was postponed due to an insufficient number of articles earlier this  
106 summer. This theme will appear in the next (October) issue of the Quarterly and will be extra long (more  
107 from Brad later in these minutes). The next (January) issue theme will be "*Urban Forestry*". Laura K.  
108 compiled the following list of potential contributors (or directors who may refer the request to staff), and  
109 invites EC member comments and suggestions:

- 110 ▪ *David Nowak*, USDA Forest Service Urban Forestry Research, Syracuse NY
- 111 ▪ *David Bloniarz*, Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry, Amherst MA
- 112 ▪ *J.B. Cullen*, New Hampshire Community Forestry and Stewardship Bureau
- 113 ▪ *Danielle Fitzko*, Urban and Community Forestry, Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation
- 114 ▪ Paul Dolan suggested contacting *John Parry* with the USFS for additional information.

115 Laura tries to get submissions from different organizations throughout the region in an effort to maintain  
116 balance and present articles of wide interest. Laura K. would appreciate a call or E-mail after the EC meeting  
117 to let her know if she should proceed with this list, or substitute/add other names.

118 Ken L. suggested the next theme to follow Urban Forestry for the April issue of the NQ and  
119 elaborated on the idea of finding a way to request affiliate organizations to submit articles including the  
120 International Society of Arboriculture, TWS, wetland scientists, plant & weed, wildlife, insect & pests, etc.  
121 Along this same line, NESAF should develop a list of these affiliate organizations and post them on our  
122 Website. This idea was also identified at the June Retreat! It was suggested that we poll members at the  
123 winter meeting to see what other organizations NESAF members belong to. Individual **EC members will**  
124 **bring a list of organizations to which they belong to the December EC meeting.**

125 Brad expressed his gratitude for the role that Laura K. played in the development of the theme for  
126 each issue and Brad hopes to develop the same successful relationship with the next Forest Science  
127 Coordinator.

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129 Poster Session and Proceedings for March 2007 Meeting: In the past, the FSC served as the Winter  
130 Meeting Poster Session Chair. In recent years, however, a local Chair has been appointed. Laura believes  
131 there is a local Chair for the March 2007 winter meeting. Laura K. will leave announcement and solicitation of  
132 abstracts in the local committee's hands. Similarly, Laura K. believes that the oral/poster session  
133 proceedings (if desired) will be handled at the local level. Laura K. is available to help with any or all of this,  
134 and has corresponded with Mark Twery. The Green Mountain Div. announced that the 2007 winter meeting  
135 has organized the poster session in the same room as the coffee break opportunities and this should work  
136 well.

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138 "All Good Things Must Come to an End": It was with mixed feelings that Laura K. asked Ken to accept her  
139 resignation from the position of FSC, effective at the end of this year (one year before completion of  
140 Laura's second term). Though Laura K. greatly values NESAF and feels committed to serving our  
141 organization, it has recently become (painfully) obvious that Laura K. is overextended. Laura K. came to the  
142 difficult decision to step down from this position at this time, in order to focus energy on her research and  
143 her young children. Laura K. had originally planned to be with the EC for the September meeting, and is  
144 especially sorry under the circumstances to be absent. Laura K. expects to meet with the EC in December  
145 2006. Laura K. thanks all for kindness and support and looks forward to serving out the remainder of her  
146 term, and returning to service in a few years when better established in her scientific career (that's code

147 for having a bunch more publications out) and when her children are a little older (perhaps by running for  
148 Maine representative?). The NESAF EC has not seen the last of Laura K.

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- 150 i. Potential Appointees to this position were discussed (Brian Hawthorne, Roger Monthey,  
151 David Kittredge). Other names are being solicited. **EC members will e-mail ideas to**  
152 **IDEAS TO KEN L.**

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154 **NESAF Website (Johnston):** The new website was up and running by mid-June. Website use (number  
155 of visitor hits) has not changed recently. Are there ways to expand the use of the website? Registrations  
156 for the winter meeting may increase the use. Mariann J. needs winter meeting information for the Website.  
157 **Ed O'Leary will ask Russ Reay, the General Chair, to send information to Mariann J.** Several ideas were  
158 suggested to increase activity of the website. There are 2 formats available for chapters and divisions.  
159 Once Working Groups have info, there will be links for their activities. **Mariann J. needs NQ theme update**  
160 **information from Brad.** A few technical issues have come up relative to the Website, but are being worked  
161 out. **Some one (George F.?) will write a letter to the NQ editor praising the new website.** **Motion from Ed O.;**  
162 **Brad W. will bury a random SAF member number from last year's attendees list into the website and this**  
163 **person might get a free registration or something else.** **Second from Pete H.** The motion was unanimously  
164 approved.

- 165 i. Within a recent E-mail, Mariann J. offered generous assistance to the Chapters and  
166 Divisions. CT and the Granite State responded to Mariann's offer.

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168 **Grants (Degnan):** Currently limited funds exist for grants (\$440.0). Tom has not received any grant  
169 applications or inquiries recently. **Brad W. will put this information in the next NQ.** NESAF received a  
170 statement from Jeff Ward summarizing progress on his grant.

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172 **Awards (Kittredge):** It is once again time to solicit nominations for all awards. As in the past, Anne  
173 Marie K. prepared an Award Notice for the NQ and draft letters to conservation groups (for the integrity  
174 award). The letters are not mailed yet.

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176 **3. Budget (Rousseau):**

177 **Approve early payment of Webmaster stipend:** **Motion from Brad W. to pay Jim Oehler's stipend**  
178 **ASAP instead of at year end. Paul D. seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

179 **NESAF donation to SAF Convention Forester's Fund Auction or Science Fund:** a reminder and  
180 discussion of the Science Fund.

181 **Alter future allocation of NESAF support for SAF Leadership Academy:** there was some  
182 discussion last May that NESAF could change some of the methods used to finance attendance. NESAF could  
183 suggest that National move the meeting from one coast to another instead of always in the west as it has  
184 been in the past. A great deal of discussion occurred about possibilities. No new resolution of the question.

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186 **4. Review and approve FINAL DRAFT Retreat report - Future Challenges for Foresters** for distribution  
187 to divisions/chapters/members for discussion and enhancement. Merv received five edited responses. When  
188 the EC "accepts" this draft or work in progress it can be sent to the individual state meetings for further  
189 comment and revision. A final document could become the outcome of the March 2007 business meeting.  
190 Larry suggested that state associations of each attendee be added to the list that identifies each attendee.  
191 Ed O. suggested that NESAF should **mark the document "DRAFT" and Ken L. will do this.** George F. and  
192 others itemized some editorial changes that should be incorporated into the draft document in order to  
193 more accurately reflect the ideas of the attendees. **Ken will merge George's rewritten draft with Merv's**  
194 **bullets for a new DRAFT document this weekend and E-mail the new Draft to all on Monday morning**

195 9/25/06. Ken will expect a yes or no vote on this DRAFT ASAP from the EC and other attendees of the June  
196 retreat.  
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198 **5. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)** George F. continues to work on the Manual. *George needs to send*  
199 *another reminder to those contributing to the manual.* George plans to complete this project at the "end of  
200 this calendar year". *George F. will make a draft available at the December EC meeting.*  
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202 **6. 2007 Winter Meeting (O'Leary):** Committee leaders are making progress. Russ Reay - General Chair; Ed  
203 O'Leary - Facility Chair; Mark Twery - Program Chair; Bob Burt - Finance Chair; Leo Laferriere - Public  
204 Information Chair; Barb Burns - Entertainment Chair. Theme: is still unknown to NESAF EC. The 2007  
205 Winter Meeting is scheduled for March 21-23, 2007 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT. October 13<sup>th</sup> all  
206 chairs will meet. The Program committee will meet on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at the site.  
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208 **2006 Summary Accounting (Frame):** about \$17,000 profit!!!  
209 **2008 Joint NE/NY Meeting - status:** this project is still moving forward. No location yet.  
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211 **7. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** Brad W. anticipates an extra page or two in this next NQ issue. The  
212 EC loves the new format for the NQ which "matches" the website.  
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214 **8. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**  
215 MA - 150 SAF Massachusetts Chapter Members; The MA Chapter of SAF has turned their USDA FS FIG  
216 Grant over to DCR/Bureau of Forest Fire Control & Forestry due to legal & procedural difficulties. The  
217 essence of the grant remains intact and the funding will still be used to promote the use of professional  
218 foresters in Massachusetts. DCR will implement this project with the MA Chapter SAF and other partners.  
219 EOEA Secretary, Robert W. Gollidge, Jr. announced the establishment of 9 Forest Reserves and the  
220 creation of the Sustainable Forest Management Initiative on Massachusetts' state-owned land, Sept 21,  
221 2006 at Jug End Reservation and Wildlife Management Area - Egremont, MA.  
222 MA DCR contracted Smartwood to audit and ultimately Green Certify private forest lands (current  
223 use/Chapter 61 forests). In conjunction with NESAF, MA SAF Website plans are now underway. \*A MA  
224 Forest Forum met during May 2006. The Forum's goal, to find common ground and address issues of forest  
225 viability in MA was met and about a dozen groups signed onto the agreement. \*The "Forestry Innovation  
226 Grant" co-authored and co-sponsored by DCR, MAPF, MFSG and MASAF, is still in the development stage  
227 with a goal of improving forest management through increasing use of professional foresters - a marketing  
228 approach.  
229 Two revisions to M.G.L. Chapter 132 will be presented at public meetings and include (1) removal of a  
230 clause that recognizes documented completion of the SAF CFE or the SAF CF program as sufficient evidence  
231 for the MA Forester License CFE requirement and renewal and (2) addition of a section that will preclude  
232 those foresters who fail to renew or who fail to meet the continuing education requirements of the MA  
233 Foresters License from applying for a new license for a period of 24 months.  
234 Dr. Brett Butler recently relocated to the University of MA at Amherst, Department of Natural  
235 Resources Conservation from the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station in Newtown Square, PA  
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237 RI - Paul D: Talking about a program for each state to get a Liberty Tree. RI is still working on this project.  
238 The Champion Trees Project (partially funded by a NESAF grant) developed a computer program protocol as  
239 well as a publication and general project upgrade. Tree council co-sponsored this project. Walk in the forest  
240 - 14 annual and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of state land. RI SAF partnered with ISA who will meet in RI. Storm  
241 response relative to the urban forest workshop will take place (next Tuesday).  
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243 NH - Peter H: NH newsletter will go into mail soon and website. A soils workshop will take place 3,5&6  
244 October. NH is planning a November logging workshop for foresters. Feb 9 = Annual Granite State Meeting.  
245 NH has finalized a job description for the policy position. NH Will continue to sponsor students.  
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247 CT - Larry R: Sept 12 workshop on how the forest practices is working in the state. Over 100 attended this  
248 round table panel format. Consensus: The registration aspect of practices act is working; the on-the-ground  
249 regulations with individual towns are troublesome. Perhaps the state's role could be to guide the regulations  
250 at town level. Sept 28 Yankee SAF sponsored "forest research forum."  
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252 VT - Ed O: Green Mountain summer meeting took place Sept 15 at Woodstock, VT and was a joint meeting  
253 with the Consulting Foresters Assoc of VT. Federal land mgt agencies discussed their management  
254 strategies. A potential summer 2007 joint meeting is being planned in coordination with The Wildlife Society.  
255 The Vice- Chair and Secretary positions are still vacant but may be filled soon.  
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257 ME - The Division spring meeting was held June 8 in Jackman, Maine and partial harvesting on public and  
258 private land was the theme due to increased concern about the condition of partial harvest acres. A method  
259 was developed to use a non-silvicultural set of terms to categorize harvests. 100 foresters visited sites and  
260 tried this 1-page matrix system with some degree of consensus. The committee will refine the system a bit  
261 to try to get better agreement (reduce tension zones). Maine's Winter Meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> and will  
262 focus on conservation easements, wood supply agreements as well as a technology session (GPS in machines to  
263 make harvests more efficient).  
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#### 265 **9. SAF Council Report: (Laferrriere):**

266 **Presidential Field Forester Award for District VI:** George Ritz name has been submitted.

267 **Pending SAF Fellow Nomination:** A Nomination in support of Brad Wyman as Fellow has been  
268 submitted.

269 Leo encourages all to attend the National Convention.  
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#### 271 **10. Chair Potpourri (Laustsen):**

272 **NESAF History Project:** brief update by Ken L. Charlie Thompson is working on this project and will  
273 finish this document. A discussion of the 3 History documents that still need to be scanned for the Website  
274 followed.

275 **Leadership Academy in New England:** Instead of occurring west of the Mississippi, Ken L. asked  
276 why the Leadership Academy couldn't occur closer to the northeast. Should NESAF pursue a New England  
277 leadership academy or should NESAF host the National leadership academy. The EC thought that New  
278 England should consider hosting the National academy next year; our members could then commute at lower  
279 costs to a spot in NE. Maybe we could also incorporate a leadership academy into our winter meeting (last  
280 day). **Ken will begin a discussion with the National Office.**

281 **2005 SAF Annual Report:** available on the national website.

282 **HSD Meeting:** George F. and Ken L. will attend the HSD before this year's convention and the  
283 following items will be discussed.

- 284       ▪ Final listing of 50 suggestions: this discussion of the revised list will be discussed and  
285       then go to Council
- 286       ▪ NESAF submitted Success Story (theme portion of the NQ):
- 287       ▪ Issue & Action - Revise HSD Charter: currently elect Chair and Chair-Elect (from Chairs  
288       present); will discuss a new process.

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291 **Chair Report:** Ken L. was looking for feedback and received support on his letter for the NQ.

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293 Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on December 6, 2006 at 9:30am at the SPNHF Office in Concord  
294 NH.  
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296 *Motion to adjourn from George F.; Second from Larry R.; Called and passed unanimously at 3:05 hrs.*  
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