



**New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Tuesday January 23rd, 2007**

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

Members present:

Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative
Roger Dziengeleski	Council Representative
George Frame	Chair
James Harding	Forest Science Coordinator
J Peter Howland	New Hampshire State Representative; Policy Committee Chair
Mariann Johnston	Website Editor
Anne Marie Kittredge	Secretary, Awards Chair
Ken Laustsen	Immediate Past Chair
Ron Lemin Jr.	Vice-Chair
Spencer Meyer	Maine State Representative
Ed O'Leary	Vermont State Representative
Larry Rousseau	Treasurer
Randy Stone	Massachusetts State Representative
Brad Wyman	NESAF News Quarterly Editor

Guests: None

Members not present:

Tom Degnan Connecticut State Representative

Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, George Frame at 0937

1. Standard items:

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

Welcome: George F. welcomed all EC members including new members, James Harding (Forest Science Coordinator) and Roger Dziengeleski (Council Representative).

Antitrust statement: The antitrust statement was presented and distributed.

Add/Adjust agenda: No additions were suggested to the agenda. Brad suggested that the two news quarterly agenda items (3 and 11) could become combined under item 3. Ken L. will provide the update for the EC relative to item 10.

Corrections/Additions for the December 6, 2006 meeting minutes (Kittredge): Previous corrections from Ken L., Laura K., Mariann J, .and George F., have been incorporated into the draft minutes. New corrections were suggested and duly noted. An amendment was added to the Grants section on page 5.

A motion was heard from Brad W. to accept the meeting minutes; a second to the motion was heard from Pete H. The question was called and passed unanimously.

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Treasurer's report (Rousseau): Larry R. distributed the NESAF accounts' balance as of 1/23/07 and itemized updates. Larry closed the last Key account (checking) now that all checks have cleared. **A motion was heard to approve the Treasurer's Report from Paul D.; a second to the motion was heard from Ed O. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

- 2. NESAF Website Management and unit web presence discussion:** (Mariann J., Ken L., Spencer M. and Ron L. arrived at this time; George F. re-introduced Roger and James to the newly arrived EC members.)
- i. **Jim Oehler concerns relative to required time and effort:** Jim O. prefers to be paid an hourly rate (\$45) instead of a stipend for his services as NESAF's Web Master. Mariann estimated that Jim's time has been averaging about 3.5 hours/month. At Jim's regular rate (\$45/hour) the anticipated costs of the Web Master's services would cost ~ \$1900/year. [Secretary's Note: The EC discovered after this meeting that these minutes recorded an error. Jim's time actually averaged about 2.5 hours/month not 3.5 hours/month. Therefore, the more accurate anticipated costs of the Web Master's services would cost ~ \$1350/year.] Jim O. currently earns a stipend of \$500/year. While Jim's proposed hourly rate is a reasonable cost for services rendered, Mariann J. described an alternative situation that was successful for the Inland Empire SAF which operates from a database. The database style web page can be accessed from a word-type screen for editing purposes. Files and pictures can be uploaded and linked to as well. The EC members can check out the Inland Empire web site (www.iesaf.org) to see how their site looks. The advantages: it would be easy for Mariann J. or other (non Web Master-types with a password) to make changes to the NESAF site. It is not necessary for Mariann J. to be the only member with a password or the ability to edit the site. The disadvantages: The NESAF EC has built a good relationship with Jim O., and this proposed process may leave him out of loop. One estimate of costs for conversion from the current NESAF website to this model ~\$1,040 plus a maintenance fee ~\$300/year, plus \$10/month per email list to host list-serves. Spencer M. is familiar with this alternative and recommends this process as the state-of-the-art way for NESAF to proceed. This database style represents a preferred method over the current style of a "static website" that NESAF currently maintains. Various website consulting companies can also host list serves (email lists for the chapters for example). This list-serve option offers the potential for the NQ distribution electronically. Spencer suggested that the NESAF EC may want to shop around because more than one consulting company exists that can complete this conversion for NESAF. Brad W. suggested that as Jim O. is our current webmaster, we ask him whether he can provide this service and offer him the right of first refusal. More specific research and recommendations are needed. **Mariann J. and Spencer M. will come back to the EC with more information (quotes) from several consultants and George will add this item to the March 20th NESAF EC agenda.** In the meantime, the EC agreed to pay Jim the requested hourly rate (January 1, 2007 till the next EC meeting on March 20, 2007) unless the NESAF EC makes a decision about the future conversion (or not) of the NESAF website by E-mail sooner than the March 20, 2007 EC meeting.
 - ii. **VT concerns relative to lack of identity, dollars and management:** According to Green Mountain members their website requires revisions. As one alternative, the Green Mountain (GM) could pay someone to update and maintain its site. Ed volunteered to be the GM contact to either Mariann J., Jim O. or another contact who agreed to help with updates. Possible solutions to this GM concern were discussed (above) as part of the NESAF website conversion option. If NESAF

92 converts its website to the newer database style, then GM will benefit from this conversion and
93 the resulting ease of editing its own GM website.

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95 iii. **Cost estimates Maine vs. NH:** The current web site costs were discussed in order to collect
96 estimates from throughout the region.

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98 iv. **Local unit annual participation fee (Frame):** Currently some of the individual states pay various
99 rates (\$200-250) for their own web sites. One option that could be considered in the future
100 would be for individual state societies to pay NESAF for a share of the NESAF website
101 maintenance costs. This option might be most attractive to individual state societies if the
102 conversion option (described above) is carried out and if it indeed enhances the ease of editing
103 each state's information. Alternatively individual states may prefer to continue to maintain
104 independent websites.

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106 3. **NESAF News Quarterly - future Thoughts (Wyman):** Note: A notebook containing some of Austin
107 Cary's original field notes was circulated for EC to view. Brad W. currently holds these. The notes are
108 valuable, will be an asset that can be used during the reconstruction of NESAF history, and quotes can be
109 used within future issues of the News Quarterly.

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111 Brad W. estimates that the current production of the NESAF NQ requires about a 50-hour
112 contribution/quarter (editing, labeling and mailing). Brad W. enjoys this process; however, Brad is planning to
113 retire soon as NQ editor. Brad will continue as NQ editor for 6 more issues. The EC agrees that it is time to
114 advertise and line up a new editor! Brad will announce the NQ Editor Position (a) in the next NQ, (b) at the
115 Winter Meeting and (c) he will post the position on the NESAF website. Brad W. believes that it is possible
116 that the current NQ editor stipend may be inadequate for the next editor; NESAF may be building a bigger
117 and better NQ that can't be maintained in the future at the current stipend level. However several changes
118 to the production process that are described below may help. Note: NESAF purchased publishing software
119 ~7 year ago for Brad. The new editor will need new modern publishing software.

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121 This (January 2007) issue of the NQ was produced and mailed in a new "flat" format because it contained
122 too many pages (8 pages longer than any prior NQ) to be folded in half. The EC liked the new look. The
123 printer applied the bar code which allows PO automation and reduces postage costs. The flat version of the
124 NQ is more expensive to mail but less tedious for the NQ editor (who folds and sticks each NQ!); the
125 additional costs of this new flat version approaches ~ \$135/issue.

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127 Maybe NESAF EC should ask in the next NQ whether or not individual members would like to consider
128 discontinuing the hard copy/mailed version of the NQ? Note: ~20% of NESAF membership does not list E-
129 mail addresses.

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131 If EC considers increasing the NQ expenses line item to allow for this new "bar coded-flat/unfolded" NQ
132 version, this change does not include or consider an increase in editor's stipend. The new version would save
133 the NQ editor time and may make the stipend a little more reasonable. [Brad W. proposed a motion to
134 increase to NQ budget for publication, printing, postage etc. that will allow for the routine addition of extra
135 pages \(20-24 pages\). The motion proposes increasing the NQ expense budget from \\$4,000 to \\$5000 dollars.
136 A second was heard from Ken L. The question was called and passed unanimously.](#)

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138 Brad will continue to cooperate with the New Horizons project (NQ Volume 68. p5). This group requested
 139 mailing labels and assistance with the production of a meeting notice that advertises an opportunity for
 140 members to visit Russia as part of an April 2007 trip.

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 142 Brad shared the list of recently suggested new themes developed by the EC with James H., NESAF's new
 143 FSC and Theme Editor. **Jim and Brad will continue to work together and choose the next themes and**
 144 **contributors.**

146 4. Standing Committee reports:

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 148 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** Reminder: The terms for the RI, NH and CT state
 149 representative will expire at year-end and need nominations for the fall 2007 election. The NESAF
 150 secretary and treasurer terms will also require nominations for this fall's election. **The EC will begin to solicit**
 151 **new names and submit them to Paul D.**

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 153 **Policy (Howland): Presentation of a draft "Global Climate Change" Policy Position:** Pete
 154 distributed a draft version of this proposed new policy position. Members of the EC suggested various small
 155 editorial comments. **NESAF will send this statement to the National Office for review. A motion to submit**
 156 **the modified statement to National for review was heard from George F. and a second was heard from**
 157 **Spencer M. This motion passed unanimously.** It is hoped that the EC can vote on this policy position by E-
 158 mail before the Winter Meeting so that this new policy position can be presented at the Winter Meeting
 159 (and possibly at town meetings). The state representatives can bring this draft edition of the policy
 160 position to local SAF meetings. Based on state unit comments, Pete will review and edit as needed. **Pete will**
 161 **E-mail a newly revised version to all EC members. Brad offered a motion that the NESAF FSC communicate**
 162 **to the Forest Science & Technology Board (FS&TB) and to the SAF national Committee on Forest Policy**
 163 **(CFP) that it is time for SAF (national) to consider and develop a similar policy position. Second by Ed O.**
 164 **and this motion passed unanimously. George F. and Ron L. may bring to idea to HSD this year.**

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 166 **Membership (Lemin):** Several State societies are still discussing the National Office's proposed
 167 membership categories as strategies to increase and maintain members. Vermont already discussed the
 168 proposal and can live with the changes Maine and Vermont comments have been received by Ron. NH's
 169 meeting and comments will follow next week's meeting. Ron would still appreciate comments from CT, RI and
 170 MA. Massachusetts will not meet until February or March. Ron summarized some of the comments he has
 171 received so far. **George asked about the National surveys and/or focused groups described in an E-mail from**
 172 **Charlene. Roger responded that those e-mail deadlines should be taken in context of the membership issues**
 173 **that transcends the past and future and will not be needed in time for the March Council meeting. These**
 174 **surveys etc are all part of a longer-term study of the dynamic in professional changes. National and council**
 175 **need current demographic data for many projects. Ron L. will forward comments to Roger before mid-March.**

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 177 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** Laura's resignation as Forest Science Coordinator became
 178 effective 12/31/06. This is Jim Harding's first EC meeting. James was introduced to the EC and was
 179 welcomed by all. James thanks Laura K. and Ken L. for their recommendations. James is excited to take over
 180 Laura's fine work. **A motion was heard from Paul D. to ratify this appointment of James. A second was heard**
 181 **from Spencer M. The question was called and passed unanimously.** (Note: The Chair was absent from the
 182 room during this motion.)

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 184 **NESAF Website (Johnston):** The new calendar is working quite well. The hidden membership number
 185 from last year's attendees list (this member will receive a free Winter Meeting registration) is posted and

186 has not been found yet. Jim O. relayed steady increase of visitors and visits to the website. The number of
 187 visits and visitors that occurred during the first half of January has already surpassed December's total.
 188 Mariann received the list of affiliated conservation groups from Anne Marie K. but Mariann would appreciate
 189 more guidance relative to how much of this link service the NESAF EC wants to proceed with. **Mariann will**
 190 **circulate the lists and EC members will choose their top 5, but NESAF will list a compiled top 5, to use as**
 191 **links.** Note: The CT DEP new website recognizes the NESAF site as a link. The NESAF website changes are
 192 very much appreciated by the EC. The Winter Meeting program and registration form have been posted on
 193 the site.

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 195 **Grants (Degnan):** Tom D. is not present. NESAF received a December E-mail from CT requesting
 196 permission to transfer the Yankee division grant funds to the CT chapter. CT would use these funds on
 197 another different project. This request will not be granted by the NESAF EC due to inconsistency with the
 198 NESAF grant process. The original grant was for CT Research Forum. NESAF received a final grant report
 199 for this project. This Forum resulted in a profit and apparently the NESAF grant dollars were not used.
 200 These grant dollars will be returned to NESAF, will go back into the grant budget, and be available next year.
 201 Amendment to minutes: At the (following) 3/20/07 EC meeting, Tom D. correctly noted that the EC meeting
 202 minutes from 1/ 23/07 do not accurately reflect the EC's full discussion of two questions relative to CT's
 203 request for flexibility in the Grant proposal format. The first question was from Bill Bentley. Bill B. asked if
 204 NESAF could consider a request from CT before December 2007 (because one new CT project will require
 205 funding earlier in the fall). Ken L. suggested that CT request funds from the Forester's Fund which has
 206 available funds and a more flexible deadline. **Ken L. made a motion and Spencer M. seconded a motion to**
 207 **amend the January minutes to more accurately reflect this conversation. The motion passed unanimously.**
 208 **Anne Marie K. will amend the January EC meeting minutes.** The March EC meeting minutes now reflect this
 209 motion. **George F. will write a letter to the new CT chapter chair, Joan Nichols, requesting the return of the**
 210 **grant dollars to NESAF.**

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 212 Paul D. submitted 2 final reports for grants. (1) Champion Trees: Paul D. thanks NESAF for support and seed
 213 money for this project. Other organizations have now become sponsors of the Champion Tree Project. **Motion**
 214 **to accept the final project report for this Rhode Island grant from Ed O. with a second by Pete H.**
 215 **Unanimously approved.** (2) 100 years of Forestry in Rhode Island: These funds used for multiple purposes
 216 within this project. Paul distributed mugs and posters for each EC member. The EC thanks RI for the mugs
 217 and posters. **A motion was heard from Brad W. to accept the final project report for this Rhode Island**
 218 **grant. A second was offered by second from Ron L. This motion passed unanimously.**
 219 (Brief break from the NESAF EC meeting for lunch)

220 **Awards (Kittredge):** Nominations for all award categories were solicited through (a) the NQ, (b) the
 221 NESAF website and (c) for the Integrity in Conservation Award by direct mail to conservation organizations.
 222 At least one complete nomination package has been received for each category. Several nomination packages
 223 were carried over from last year's nomination process to this year's process. Anne Marie K. copied all of the
 224 nomination information and distributed a complete package and a ranking sheet to each NESAF State
 225 Representative. **Anne Marie K. will E-mail the ranking sheet to each state representative** so that they may
 226 more easily return their rank electronically. Because Pete Howland (currently the NH State Representative
 227 to NESAF and a member of the Awards Committee) was nominated for one of the categories, George Frame
 228 has been asked to (replace Pete and) rank that specific award category. **The State Representatives will fill in**
 229 **their ranking sheet and return their ranking sheet to Anne Marie K. Anne Marie will process and forward the**
 230 **results to the EC and Tim Hawley. Anne Marie K. will provide biographical information to Tim H. who will**
 231 **develop and deliver the Award Brochure template to Brad W. Brad will make arrangements for printing the**
 232 **Award Brochure and will bring the completed Award Brochures to the Winter Meeting.**

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234 This year NESAF received two Integrity nominations that name (a) 3 individuals or (b) 4 groups. The EC
 235 decided to Award one print (with multiple names printed on the plate) to the successful recipient(s) who will
 236 be responsible for sharing the print or posting it in one public location.

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238 **5. New Committee Chair appointments** - All committee chair appointments were reviewed by the EC.

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240 Pete agreed to continue as policy chair. Tom D. (Grants Chair) missed the recent 2 meetings and the EC does
 241 not know about his willingness to continue as Chair of the Grants Committee. Anne Marie will temporarily
 242 continue as Awards Chair and hearing no new volunteers, she will work with Randy S. as potential future
 243 Awards Chair. Ron L. agreed to temporarily continue as Membership Chair at least until the Winter Meeting.
 244 Paul D. will continue to Chair the Nomination Committee.

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246 **6. Budget (Rousseau):** A 2nd Draft of the Budget was distributed. Income revisions included: a decrease in
 247 dues and corrected year end returns, corrected interest to include interest since the last EC meeting.
 248 Forester fund was modified. The expense modifications include: increased NQ expenses from \$4000 to
 249 \$5000; NQ stipend remained the same. The administrative assistant line item was reduced by half; the
 250 national to HSD was increased. Larry added a new line item for the Forest Science Coordinator stipend.
 251 Larry added the Web Site Administrator stipend (\$500). NESAF EC may need to modify the Web Master
 252 lines as stipend + expenses = "expenses", a combination of the last 2 lines to cover either Jim O. or the new
 253 website database process. The Leadership Academy budget was cancelled due to no academy next year.
 254 No motion is needed for this work in progress. This is a second draft. The third (and final) draft of this
 255 budget will be reviewed at the March EC meeting just before the Business meeting.

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257 **7. New Horizon Meeting Report (Laustsen):** Ken attended a meeting in December in Boston, MA with the
 258 intent of being a part of a discussion group from the Tomsk region of Siberia and the New Horizons Project.
 259 Due to a last minute emergencies, only 2 representatives from Russia arrived. The meeting was heavily
 260 attended by SAF members. Canadian representatives should be included in this circum-polar forestry
 261 community meeting in the future. Russian professional forestry organizations do not exist today. There is an
 262 opportunity for N. American foresters to enhance an interchange between these countries. The New
 263 Horizons project is looking for funding for this kind of travel/exchange. Some of this interchange is already
 264 happening. While here, they looked at NEFF properties as well as a NH mill.

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266 **8. NESAF Operational Manual (Frame)** George F. continues to work on the Manual. George E-mailed the
 267 manual to the EC members. **George will re-send the document to 4 individuals who did not receive it).** The
 268 NESAF EC may need to amend the manual to include the website administrator as a voting member of the EC.
 269 The need to edit and update this manual periodically will continue.

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i. Comments on current form: see above

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ii. Continued efforts to update the Operations Manual: see above

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273 **9. 2007 Winter Meeting (O'Leary):** Committee leaders are in the final stages of producing a fine Winter
 274 Meeting [Russ Reay - General Chair; Ed O'Leary - Facility Chair; Mark Twery - Program Chair; Bob Burt -
 275 Finance Chair; Leo Laferriere - Public Information Chair; Barb Burns - Entertainment Chair.] Theme: "Cycles
 276 of Forestry". The 2007 Winter Meeting is scheduled for March 21-23, 2007 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee,
 277 VT. The final meeting of all committees was December 13, 2006. Everything is proceeding well. The agenda
 278 and registration information was received by all this week within the NQ. Ed suggests that the EC register
 279 early for rooms at the site. A Northern Forest Center exhibit "Ways of the Woods" will leave their exhibit
 280 in the parking lot for NESAF Winter Meeting. Several EC members have seen this fine exhibit elsewhere.

281 The exhibitors and attendees registration form is available on NESAF's website. Laura is working with Jay
282 M. relative to posters. The Inn will provide buffet meals, at cost, throughout the day(s).

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284 **10. 2008 Joint NE/NY Meeting - status (Laustsen):** this project is moving forward. Location has been
285 determined as Saratoga Springs for February 26-28, 2008. Yankee and NY Chairs will travel to the site in
286 the next few weeks to view the facility. Brad will communicate with Jaime and Jerry Milne relative to NQ
287 advertising deadlines for next year's Winter Meeting.

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289 **11. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** item deleted (covered earlier in item 3).

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291 **12. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

292 MA - Anne Marie K. (for Randy Stone): The MA Chapter of SAF plans to meet in February/March 2007.
293 The Yankee Division Winter Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 15 February 2007: Enfield CT.

294 Revisions to M.G.L. Chapter 132, the Massachusetts Forest Cutting Practices Act were discussed at
295 the 1/19/07 Massachusetts State Forestry Committee Meeting at Harvard Forest, Petersham MA. Proposed
296 changes include: (a) the removal of "OT" (which stands for other non-silvicultural options) as one of the
297 allowed standard forms of silviculture; (b) the addition of a requirement that all harvest treatments be
298 marked except for clearcuts. In the case of clearcuts, the perimeter of the area to be CC will be designated.
299 A period of public review will follow soon. Revisions to the Forest Cutting Plan Form will be one of the
300 subjects of the 3/15/07 meeting.

301 Two Public Meetings have been scheduled to review the following; State Draft Forest Resource
302 Management Plans for the (DCR) Southern and Northern Berkshire and Western Connecticut Valley Forest
303 Management Districts and the (DFW) drafts for the Taconic Mountains and Marble Valley Forest
304 Management Zones. The planning documents are available on line.

305 Legislative changes amend the Massachusetts Chapter 61 (current use) program. The new legislation
306 allows (1) landowners to switch from enrollment under one chapter to enrollment under another chapter
307 without penalty; (2) municipalities the option to tax these classified lands at open space rates rather than
308 commercial rates; (3) sets uniform penalties for all three chapters when/if land no longer qualifies for
309 Chapter 61 rates; (4) eliminates the stumpage tax; (5) other detailed changes.

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311 RI - Paul D: Liberty Tree planting ceremonies may become a part of the Arbor Day celebration with American
312 Forests and SAF as sponsors. RI's participation in the Envirothon continues. RI will host a National Network
313 of Forest Practitioners on February 23 & 24 in an effort to unite urban to rural projects and interests. As
314 part of the National Arbor Day tour programs on "hazards trees" and "people and the law" will be presented.
315 During mid February the RI chapter will meet.

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317 NH - Peter H: The 2007 Winter Meeting will be in Waterville Valley on February 9th. The NH EC discussed
318 Tree Farm program issues, current use and Tree Farm separation. The Farm to Forest program will be
319 hosted on February 2. Upcoming election results will replace current officers. The question of the
320 accreditation of Thompson school is one of the projects currently being worked on by the committee. A
321 recent USFS sale has been appealed by a local conservation group.

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323 CT - Tom Degnan: no state report presented.

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325 VT - Ed O: A legislative breakfast has been scheduled in February followed by a 10am business meeting
326 which will focus on exotic invasive plants and the state's wildlife conservation plan. A Vermont facility (Seyon
327 Ranch State Park) is available for NESAF's June meeting. **Ed will E-mail the EC soon relative to these details.**

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329 ME - Ron Lemin: The ME EC met 12/07/06 - the last meeting before new officers took their places in 2007.
330 The next meeting of the Maine chapter will be Feb. 6th with new officers. The proposed membership
331 changes are a topic of this meeting. Now that there will be no 2007 Leadership Academy, ME SAF moved
332 \$2000 to two scholarship funds at the University of Maine. Meetings with forestry awareness committee
333 have been aimed at re-structuring a new twist to the old poster contest (with PLT) and others in an effort to
334 promote the topic of forestry on the curriculum in K-12 classes in Maine.
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336 **13. SAF Council Report: (Dziengeleski):** Roger D. distributed a copy of the SAF Position Development
337 Process text for the EC to review. Roger updated the EC on the following items.
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- 339 ▪ The Field forester nominations will be due to Roger D. before May 31st.
- 340 ▪ The EC and NESAF members should work on nominations for National awards soon.
- 341 ▪ Any agenda items that NESAF would like presented to Council are due by first week of February.
- 342 ▪ Roger expressed willingness to help present items from NESAF to Council.
- 343 ▪ Monthly reports from Roger to Council represent another opportunity to present ideas, issues and
344 concerns (and are not just limited to good news stories).
- 345 ▪ All NESAF feedback relative to by-law changes will help Roger to represent NESAF.
- 346 ▪ "Fellow" nominations will be due soon and will be restricted to a more accelerated timeline by the
347 National Office.
- 348 ▪ The attendees at the recent 2006 Leadership Academy suggested an association name change (from
349 the Society of American Foresters to the Society of American Forests). This conceptual idea will
350 become part of a longer national debate.
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352 **14. Chair Potpourri (Frame):**

- 353 i. **Golden Member and Award winners "free lunch":** 2 of 6 golden members have responded
354 to George and they will definitely attend the 2007 Winter Meeting Award Banquet. All of
355 the award recipients will also be given the opportunity to attend the Award Luncheon at no
356 cost. **Anne Marie K. will e-mail the final award ranking to George and George will be the**
357 **contact person between NESAF EC, the Award recipients and the Winter Meeting program**
358 **committee relative to these free banquet tickets.**
- 359 ii. **By-law changes:** NESAF is no longer part of the process for fellow nominations so the by-
360 laws may need to be changed because the descriptions of award & fellows committee include
361 fellows. George thought this reference should be removed. Ken thought retaining fellows
362 within the awards committee, kept the fellows process more on the front page. Any member
363 can submit a fellow nomination to the District Fellows Committee. When more by-law
364 changes come around we could make this change along with others. This potential change
365 could help raise the awareness of this newly altered process change relative to fellows. **The**
366 **EC may revisit this item in March EC.**
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368 **Other:** Merv Stevens is looking into a new project that would take advantage of forestry mentors'
369 accumulated wisdom from the past. Merv would like to organize a meeting of existing NESAF fellows to
370 discuss the many ways that Fellows can function as mentors to other foresters. Merv may try to organize
371 this event at the Winter Meeting).
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373 National SAF website includes a strategic plan 2007-11. George encourages all EC members to read the
374 strategic plan.
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376 The SAF Annual Report was published during the fall of 2006. George recommends that EC read it on line.

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378 Fellows nomination deadline = July 31 (this is the deadline for the District Fellows Committee to forward
379 their recommendations on nominations to Roger D) (There is also an unknown deadline at this point in time on
380 when Fellow nominations have to be presented to the District Fellows Committee).

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382 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on 3/20/2007 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT (1PM)**

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384 *A motion to adjourn was heard from Paul D.; a second was heard from Pete H.; the motion was called and*
385 *passed unanimously at 1430 hrs.*