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New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Tuesday June 19, 2007

At Seyon Ranch State Park, Groton VT

Members present:

Tom Degnan	Connecticut State Representative; Grants Chair
Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
George Frame	Chair
James Harding	Forest Science Coordinator
J Peter Howland	New Hampshire State Representative; Policy Committee Chair
Mariann Johnston	Website Administrator
Ken Laustsen	Immediate Past Chair
Spencer Meyer	Maine State Representative
Ed O'Leary	Vermont State Representative
Larry Rousseau	Treasurer
Randy Stone	Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair
Brad Wyman	NESAF News Quarterly Editor

Guests: None

Members not present:

Roger Dziengeleski	Council Representative
Don Floyd	Canadian Representative
Anne Marie Kittredge	Secretary
Ron Lemin Jr.	Vice-Chair; Membership Chair

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52 **Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, George Frame at 9:40 AM**

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54 1. Standard items:

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

56 **Welcome:** George F. welcomed all EC members.

57 **Antitrust statement:** The antitrust statement was presented and distributed.

58 **Add/Adjust agenda:** No additions were suggested to the adjusted agenda.

59 **Corrections/Additions for the March 20, 2007 meeting minutes (Laustsen):** Previous corrections
60 from Ken L. and Ron L. have been incorporated into the draft minutes. No new corrections were suggested. **A**
61 **motion was heard from Larry R to accept the meeting minutes; a second to the motion was heard Brad W.**
62 **The question was called and passed unanimously.**

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64 **Treasurer's report and budget (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed the NESAF Accounts Balance as of
65 6/19/07 and he noted that there are total assets of \$69,303.56. In review of the budget, income to date is
66 \$30,313.97 and expenses \$13,039.48. Income to NESAF from the annual winter meeting was \$8,246.63. **A**
67 **motion was heard to approve the Treasurer's Report from Brad W.; a second to the motion was heard Ed O.**
68 **The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

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70 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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72 Electronic Ballots for all NESAF elections - George Frame provided an update on this discussion from the
73 previous meeting. NESAF will not be included in the fall 2007 option for electronic elections, as we were a
74 little late in committing due to perceived technical difficulties. The SAF electronic ballot is a one-shot deal,
75 all elections for the entire state society (state society, divisions, and chapters) have to be on the same
76 ballot, and currently Granite State Division (GSD) elections are in February, so it was not feasible this year.
77 SAF will provide a ballot log, which will be sent to a NESAF audit committee for review and the inclusion of a
78 perceived small % of paper ballots, before finalizing and announcing state society election results. For now,
79 the next deadline to participate will be April 1, 2008. All local units need to be aware that all nominations
80 for elected offices will need to be submitted to SAF by October 1st for their preparation and e-mailing of a
81 ballot by mid-October. Before NESAF can take advantage of electronic ballot, GSD will need to change their
82 by-laws regarding the nomination and election process. In the process of transitioning to the electronic
83 ballot, SAF will be shifting from a September 1 to a mid-October ballot distribution.

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85 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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87 **Standing Committee reports:**

88 **Review of 2007 NESAF Winter Meeting** - Lake Morey Inn would love to have us back in 4 years.
89 Comment on the need for some addl. info on other restaurant options to be provided in the registration
90 packet. It is noted that there were a very high % of positive comments on the location, meals, camaraderie,
91 night activities, and the science.

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93 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** The terms for the RI, NH and CT state representative will
94 expire at year-end. The NESAF secretary and treasurer terms will also expire. NESAF seeks nominations
95 for these positions before the election this fall. **The EC members will begin to solicit new names and submit**
96 **them to Paul D. Names and bios needed!** NHTOA will do the postcard ballot preparation, labeling, and
97 mailing. **Paul D. needs to supply NHTOA, preferably with labels of valid voting members for ballot mailing.**
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99 **Policy (Howland):** National is now providing a weekly policy update. GSD is developing a working
100 forest/conservation easement policy position, perceived as a easy one to develop and intention is to put to
101 GSD members for approval before year-end.
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103 See Roger D. comments in his attached council report on SAF policy developments and please let Pete know
104 of any other issues are out there?
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106 **Membership (Lemin):**

- 107 i. **Focus groups and surveys: (GF and KML)** Several EC members provided Roger D with a full suite
108 of names for focus group membership sectors. The NESAF/NYSAF list was very well received
109 by National.
- 110 ii. **Membership** - the various changes have not been resolved by council, though consensus is
111 building, hopefully a conference call will finalize status this summer. The number of membership
112 categories and requirements are the major unresolved issue, while other changes are moving
113 forward. A question was raised whether using the distributed monthly national membership list
114 can we highlight new members, transfers, reinstates? That listing does have a series of codes
115 identifying member changes that occurred in the past month. Brad W. commented that he
116 included new member info in the quarterly for awhile and got no response, so he dropped it for
117 other news.
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119 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding): General Comments:** Jim H. discussed the themes for the
120 NQ and working group (WG) changes. Merv Stevens has stepped down as a WG chair and there is a need
121 some other chairs, Jim is working on names and making requests. January NQ theme will be 10 years after
122 the Ice Storm (1998).
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124 Jim needs to get the 50 poster easels out of his office, into storage, and then transported to Saratoga
125 Springs, NY. Discussion continued on how to resolve with the suggestion of renting a storage unit and should
126 the FSC decide where and how to store? Tom D. made a motion to allow Jim to rent at his discretion a
127 suitable storage unit and store the easels, Paul D. seconds the motion. The motion was called and passed. In
128 a follow-up discussion, Gerry Milne raised the issue, through George F, suggesting that NESAF trash its
129 wooden versions and buy compact foldable metal tripods (@ \$50 per)? Gerry Milne prefers buying new metal
130 easels for NE/NY meeting. No action taken on this idea, there was discussion as to whether NESAF could
131 tag-team with Forest Pest Council or others on purchase and use, transfer and storage.
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133 **NESAF Website (Johnston):**

- 134 i. **Affiliate Website Links** - this is still a work in progress. Essentially Mariann J is waiting until
135 NESAF resolves website format, see next item, before finishing and inserting the links.
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- 138 ii. **Results of design change and maintenance contract research** - a lot less work this year, so far
139 Jim has consumed \$350 in hourly fees, compared to annual stipend of \$500. There was only one
140 response to the RFP to take over existing website and translate it to a Database version,

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141 particulars of the quote were \$3,200 for the conversion, then \$16.50/month or \$180 per year for
142 continued website hosting and maintenance, plus other quarterly fee quoted. Mariann wondered
143 whether to resend the proposal to try and get more quotes? Spencer M. offered to help with a
144 couple of additional contacts and the EC proposed to continue research and find new sources for
145 contract contacts. Mariann wants both the links for website calendar and job postings to have
146 administrator oversight, while allowing public access in offering new events and jobs for posting.
147 **iii. Vermont Invasive Plant Listing** - have info to post, would NESAF like to post and make accessible
148 to NE? Members suggested some better locations might be the New England Wildflower Society
149 or New England Invasive Plant Society.
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151 **Grants (Degnan):** The NESAF grants fund has about \$2,511.21 in available funds. Tom is in receipt
152 of a potential grant (\$750) from CT. However, CT will be revising and preparing a grant for submission in
153 12/07 for 2008. Tom e-mailed all state reps with info on grant availability, example, and timelines for this
154 year.
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156 Discussion continued on the need to revise Operations Manual or Grant specific materials (Outline, Form) to
157 have conforming dates, submission formats (electronic signatures), or paper vs. electronic version.
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159 Spencer M. made a motion that the deadline for grant submissions starting in 2008 will be before or at the
160 December meeting date of the NESAF EC meeting, Peter H. seconded, motion called and approved
161 unanimously.
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163 **Grant Investment Sub-committee** - Larry R, Tom D, and Julie Evans to serve and review investment
164 policy options and especially retention of the \$25,000 base principal. It was noted that the membership
165 would need vote on any proposed changes. Ken L. will e-mail 3 documents (history narrative, grant \$'s earned
166 and spent, annual meeting income history) to the sub-committee members. The EC raised some other points
167 for this group to review and respond to: Can we add to the principal using meeting income? Are there other
168 risk/return options to consider? Can we go below \$25,000 on a critical big \$ grant, with a plan to reinvest
169 and get back to \$25,000 in a certain number of years?
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171 **Awards (Stone):** George Frame read a letter received from 2007 Integrity winners requesting
172 NESAF reconsider their decision of awarding a single award to multiple winners. Lots of discussion and
173 points of view, including: Should NESAF offer a certificate/plaque/mini-print of award for all winners with
174 the actual framed print being hung in a general/central location? Are there still more prints available from
175 artist? Ed O'L. makes motion for NESAF to reimburse one of the Integrity Award winners for his personal
176 purchase of a print and framing, and then prepare and award two more prints, so that all four winners are
177 equally recognized, Peter H. seconds the motion. There is continued discussion regarding the motion. The
178 range in additional cost would be \$1,000 to \$1,400. Motion is called and passes, with Ken L. abstaining. Ken
179 L. will proceed to contact and make reimbursement arrangement for the awardees' out-of-pocket costs and
180 will initiate the process of getting 2 prints in inventory framed, matted, name-plated, and delivered to the
181 two other awardees.
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183 **2. 2008 Joint NE/NY Meeting - status (Milne):** NESAF has filled all of our chairman positions, NYSAF
184 has yet to fill one, and we are getting a little anxious. George F. will talk to Jamie Savage and Roger D.
185 and get a feel for the NY situation.
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187 **3. NESAF News Quarterly (Wyman):** Brad has advertised the need for a new NQ editor in the past issue
188 of the NQ, and is awaiting the first response. Ken L. suggested that Jim Hornbeck, recent editor of the

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189 Northern Journal of Applied Forestry, might be a viable candidate for a personal contact. Brad's desire
190 is to co-edit/publish at least one issue. Postage rate will be going up for quarterly mailings, unknown
191 impact on expenses until receipts for June issue are paid. Brad also recommends a new look at
192 newsletter publishing software, at the least a new version of MS Publisher to be supplied to the new
193 editor.

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195 **4. State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

196 MA - Randy Stone: Yankee meeting is tomorrow with woods operation and mill visit by host Cows Lumber.
197 Major revision if forest cutting practices act is in contemplation with additional requirements on stand
198 exams, quantitative analysis. All 2007 Golden Awards have been presented to respective MA members.

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200 RI - Paul D: Sponsored envirothon; 2 walks in the woods, 3 people on payroll updating big tree register; same
201 chapter officers for 2007, and offered Forestry wood expo flyers for distribution.

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203 NH - Peter H: There have been appeals of 3 timber sales on White Mountain Forest, reducing volume from
204 24 MMBF to 3 MMBF. GSD looking at fuels for schools program to match the ongoing VT process; will need
205 new legislation to promote the program. New laws - concentration yards need to be registered and in order
206 to sell logs logger has to have a written contract; tried to edit current land use law on valuation. There is a
207 scheduled upcoming workshop at the Bartlett Forest. GSD newsletter is available online. Annual Black-Fly in
208 south and Mud Season in north were big successes in attendance and content.

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210 CT - Tom Degnan: CT spring meeting was held, about 20 attendees, a family affair on Saturday at Mystic
211 Seaport. CT has new BMPs and color publication. Fred Borman is retiring shortly. UCONN 6th Forestry
212 User's forum is scheduled for November

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214 VT - Ed O: A new Vice chair has stepped up, Steve Machinist. A successful summer meeting was held on
215 September 27th with Wildlife Society. VT FWS provides a 1-day workshop on technical sessions that other
216 groups are co-sponsoring on.

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218 ME - Spencer M.: The MESAF May 24th spring meeting, field tour between foresters and loggers, how to
219 manage the land together. Deer management and DWA are a hot topic, new task force formed by Governor.
220 The fall meeting will be on ethics and resolution. LPF is a continuing issue, no quorum of board members, and
221 MESAF has a task force to stay in focus. MESAF is looking at a bus to Saratoga Springs for NE/NY meeting
222 in 2/2008. Forestry Awareness committee is very active and has submitted a grant for \$450,000 to Dept.
223 of Education. Spencer also commented on a recent large donation of timberland to UME Green Endowment.
224 The endowment uses these investments to make funds available to forestry undergraduate programs.

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226 **5. SAF Council Report: (Dziengeleski):** See attached documents from Roger regarding a Council Update
227 after the June meeting; details on SAF Liability Insurance; and a preliminary proposal for a Center for
228 Evidence Based Natural Resource Management

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230 **6. Chair Potpourri (Frame):**

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232 a. HSD Conveners - recent conference call was cancelled, so plan on a major update in September.

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234 b. Golden Award presentations - ME presentation is still pending, scheduled to be done at the fall meeting in
235 October.

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237 c. Future Challenges for Foresters Final Report - include in minutes to EC (actually sent in a separate e-mail
238 on 6/21/07); NESAF should consider submitting as success story to HSD meeting in October 2007.

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240 d. Fellows mentoring proposal by Merv Stevens - postponed until the next meeting

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242 7. **Other items for the good of the order:** The NESAF EC warmly thanked JessieMae and Adam,
243 innkeepers at Seyon Ranch State Park, for their hospitality, superb food, and a stunning location for a
244 meeting. Let the record show that no fish were caught.

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246 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on 9/12/2007 at Chepachet RI (9:30AM).** Paul D. will supply
247 directions for distribution to attendees.

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249 A motion to adjourn was heard from Larry Rousseau and a seconded by Spencer Meyer. The motion passed
250 unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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252 Respectfully submitted,

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254 Kenneth M. Laustsen, Secretary pro temp

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