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New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)  
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Thursday, June 19, 2008

Location: Cabelas, Scarborough ME

**Members present:**

Joseph P. Barsky	Connecticut State Representative
Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
Andrew Fast	Secretary
Don Floyd	Canadian Representative
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
Ron Lemin Jr.	Vice-Chair; Membership Chair
Margaret Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Spencer Meyer	Maine State Representative
Ed O'Leary	Vermont State Representative
Larry Rousseau	Treasurer
Randy Stone	Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair

**Guests:**

None

**Members not present:**

Roger Dziengeleski	Council Representative
Scott Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly

**Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, George Frame at 9:32 AM**

A card from Julie and Kevin Evans was circulated thanking the EC for its work on the winter NESAF meeting.

**A. Standard items:**

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

**Welcome:** George F. welcomed all EC members, introduced Maggie Machinist, the new Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly, and welcomed Don Floyd, the Canada representative.

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

**Add/Adjust agenda:** Under item B (Old Business) add update on the History Project. Under Awards in Item C (New Business) add an announcement of four fellows. Under Item C (New Business) Ron L. would like to inform the EC of a NESAF member's passing.

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45 **Corrections/Additions for the February 26, 2008 EC meeting minutes (Fast):** No additional  
46 corrections were suggested for the 2/26/2008 Executive Committee minutes. **A motion was heard from Paul**  
47 **D. to accept the meeting minutes; a second to the motion was heard from Ken L. The question was called and**  
48 **passed unanimously.**

49 **Treasurer's Report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed the NESAF Net Worth Report as of 6/19/08.  
50 CD interest has not been taken out of March. One grant has been paid out to Vermont; Larry R. has not  
51 heard from the other grant. **A motion was heard from Ed O'L. to approve the Net Worth Report as of**  
52 **6/19/2008; a second to the motion was heard from Pete H. The question was called and the motion passed**  
53 **unanimously.**

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### 55 **B. Old Business:**

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57 **Report on Voting By-law changes to accommodate Electronic balloting:** George F. received 267  
58 returned ballots. Every state and all NESAF changes were accepted as presented.

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60 Results are as follows:

	Yes	No	Blank
NESAF	209	3	5
Yankee	50	0	1
Maine	71	0	0
Granite State Division	56	0	0
Green Mountain Division	37	2	0
Connecticut	22	0	0
Massachusetts	22	0	0
Rhode Island	7	0	0

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62 **A motion was heard from Larry R. to accept the balloting results; a second to the motion was heard**  
63 **from Ed O'L. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

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**Ken L. will provide a complete set of by-law changes to all state chairs.**

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66 A list of nominees who will function as representatives to national needs to be generated. All ballots  
67 need to be completed by September 1. State representatives should contact national if they have questions.  
68 If time is short, there may be an opportunity to have state chapters send nominations to national. It would  
69 be preferable to work through Paul D. and Paul D. should be aware of any action that takes place. Try to get  
70 all bios and nominations completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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(Marianne J. joined the EC at 9:49 AM)

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73 **State representatives are responsible for making sure that state chairs are aware of the**  
74 **nomination deadline.** Yankee Division does not need to come up with candidates until fall 2009.

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77 **Winter Meeting 2009 Update (Ken L & Ron L.):** Committee and chair positions are being filled. A  
78 couple groups may be interested in helping out including the Maine chapter of the Wildlife Society and the  
79 New England chapter of the National Association of Arboriculture (ISA). Some possible themes for the  
80 winter meeting are future challenges for foresters (white paper) or biomass and energy. Most of the EC  
81 voiced enthusiasm for the biomass and energy theme. Ron L. signed the contract with the Holiday Inn and a  
82 \$1000 dollar deposit has been put down. NESAF will have to pay \$3500 up front so the EC will encourage

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83 early preregistration and sponsorship to cover the cost. An article can be put in News Quarterly telling  
84 individuals to register early using the SAF website and on-line meeting registration option. Ron L. mentioned  
85 that Maine may have some money to help with the short term cash flow challenge.

86 Ron L. suggested ensuring there are certified arborist credits available to increase ISA registration.  
87 Additional urban forestry topics at the winter meeting may work towards this end.

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89 **Forester's Fund Grant for Local Leadership Academy (Ron L.):** There was discussion about  
90 whether to hold the local leadership academy in conjunction with the winter NESAF meeting. There is at  
91 least one logistical consideration, Ken and Ron L.'s commitment to both events. Don F. offered one option of  
92 truncating the EC meeting. Since the leadership academy is a full day workshop, Spencer M. suggested that  
93 the leadership academy is added as another day. George F. offered a third option of putting the leadership  
94 academy on Friday and participants would not go on scheduled tours. It was decided that the EC will meet  
95 the same day as the leadership academy, but the EC will meet late over dinner (tentatively 4pm-8pm).

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97 **The NESAF history project (Ken L.):** A NESAF publication that tracks the first 50+ years is now  
98 digital. News Quarterly back issues will used to fill out the document further. State representatives have  
99 been in touch with individuals who are writing the other publication, which documents forestry from the  
100 state level perspective. They are still looking for 1 writer in Maine. Randy S. has been in touch with Dave  
101 Kittredge and Peter H. has been in touch with Karen Bennett. State representatives are responsible for  
102 getting a draft to Ken L. by September 1. JP B. mentioned that Connecticut has a state forestry  
103 magazine, *Connecticut Woodlands*, which has been an excellent resource. Other states may have a similar  
104 magazine that could be useful.

### 105 106 C. NEW BUSINESS:

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108 1) **Review of NESAF Winter Meeting 2008, Saratoga Springs, NY:** A question was raised about whether  
109 money was made at the 2008 winter meeting. Larry R. is still waiting to hear from New York detailing the  
110 financial breakdown. Don F. suggested calling Craig Volmer, the former chair, since he is responsive and  
111 connected to NYSAF. George F. will send an email to Craig or Jaime to get more information.

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113 (10:30 AM. The EC took a break at this point and resumed at 10:47 AM.)

### 114 115 2) **Standing Committee reports:**

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117 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** Paul D. expressed a need for additional volunteers to fill  
118 positions. Ken L. informed the EC that there is a biographical template available on the national website.

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120 **Policy (Howland):** Pete H. reported that he got an email from Connecticut relating to forestry and  
121 shoreline protection. The issue seemed to resolve itself. There are no pending topics for position statements,  
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123 **Membership (Lemin):** Ron L. sent everyone the delinquent list and encouraged the EC to call members  
124 who they know well. Notify Carol McKernon at National if you know of anyone who passed away. Ron L.  
125 informed the EC that golden member Allison Graham Catheron II passed away.

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127 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** An author from ISA contributed a piece. Jim H. is  
128 entertaining suggestions for a theme next issue. 20 old easels have found new homes; 15 went to a Unitarian

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129 church and 5 went to an elementary school. There was positive feedback on the 2008 winter meeting poster  
130 session and Jim H. suggests we try and repeat its success next year.

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132 **NESAF Website (Johnston):** Mariann J. has worked with a company to get the website up and  
133 running. The company is charging \$40/hr to make future changes associated with the website's layout. Most  
134 maintenance and additions can be completed by the NESAF EC. Mariann J. reviewed how to edit the website.

135 Mariann J. described two different email options NESAF has to communicate with membership: 1)  
136 Constant Contact, a web-based service where there is an email template. It is time consuming for short  
137 emails, but has the advantage of allowing multiple email lists. Cost \$252/year 2) A text-based service that is  
138 sent directly from the user's email program. Each list is an additional \$99. Cost \$99/per list/year. Discussion  
139 about the options for and against were discussed. Spencer M. emphasized the need to have multiple lists and  
140 the excessive costs that would likely ensue when perusing the text-based system. George F. supported  
141 Spencer M.'s position.

142 Spencer M. brought up the issue of cost structure. What should each chapter or division pay for the  
143 use of NESAF's website. Pete H. spoke to the inequity of each chapter and division paying equally for use of  
144 the website when there are significant differences in the number of chapter/division members. Spencer M.  
145 proposed that 50% of the website cost should be supported through NESAF and 50% supported by subunits  
146 in an equitable manner. State representatives should raise the issue with their respective units and see  
147 what support there is. A motion was heard from Ken L. to purchase the web based service (option 1 above);  
148 a second to the motion was heard from Larry R. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

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150 (JP. B. became active Secretary at 12:30 PM)

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152 **Budget Report (Larry R.):** Two additional dues payments are expected in the amount of \$2,500.  
153 There is no information regarding the income from the winter meeting. The 2008 *News Quarterly* is over  
154 budget due to purchases of new software. George F. made the EC aware of free software, CutePDF, that has  
155 the functionality most people want when working with a .pdf file. We are awaiting an invoice from HSD and  
156 the final payment for website development. Forester Fund grants are also awaiting their invoices.  
157 Registration fees are due to Scott M. for the leadership academy. Spencer M. reiterated his gratitude for  
158 the opportunity to attend the leadership academy. A motion was heard from Ken L. to accept the report as  
159 prepared; a second to the motion was heard from Don F. The question was called and the motion passed  
160 unanimously.

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162 **Grants (JP):** JP B. is working on completion reports.

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164 **Awards (Stone):** Randy S. has nothing new to report.

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166 **NESAF News Quarterly (Machinist):** Margaret M. requested that representatives remind  
167 chapters/divisions to send reports. The EC expressed gratitude to Margaret M. and Scott M. for their first  
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170 **State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

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172 NH - Peter H: There is litigation on White Mtn. National Forest. Granite State Division sponsored a natural  
173 heritage workshop, and "Mud Season Breakfast." New Shoreland protection rules are in effect (forestry is  
174 exempted). Two new biomass plants are in development. New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is  
175 updating the State Forest Plan. Granite State Board is planning the 2010 winter meeting.

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MA - Randy S: The Massachusetts chapter met at the Yankee division meeting. DCR has posted several positions including a green certification forester and a county service forester.

CT - JP B: The new State Forester is Christopher Martin. CT chapter held their Spring meeting on May 29 at Naugatuck State Forest- Hunter's Mountain Block. The meeting focused on grassland management, as well as oak crop tree management, and featured a tour of two active harvesting operations.

RI - Paul D: Envirothon Forestry Fund. Champion Tree program is taking off. Legislation at State AG day.

Canada - Don Floyd: Bowater mill is closed. There are 4 pulp and paper mills remaining. There are loan guarantees to certain mills. 3 pellet mills are in construction and 3 large companies are already in operation. Harvest levels were record on crown lands. Brown spruce longhorn beetle is expanding its range.

VT - Ed O'L: Ed O'L: The Green Mountain Division has established an annual student award and has named it in honor of Jim Wilkinson. The first award, in the amount of \$750.00, was conferred to Kae Crowley, a graduating UVM student in May. Energy is a hot topic. Governor Douglas has announced "Wood Warms" an initiative whereby greater amounts of firewood will be made available from state-owned land to assist with the ongoing home heating crisis. This will obviously require additional resources to be allocated by the Department of Forests, parks & Recreation toward this effort. To address the economic downturn, Governor Douglas initiated a 2-year effort with the goal of reducing the number of state employees by 400 people, through resignations and retirements. Recent legislation has made a few changes to Vermont's Current Use program (UVA), one of which will allow "ecologically significant" land to be eligible for enrollment. A portion of the former Champion lands in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom are currently for sale. The 86,000 acres which was kept in private ownership, is now for sale by its owner, Essex Timber Company, at the price of \$26 million.

There continue to be concerns about over browsing from moose and deer. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is responding by increasing the number of doe permits and moose permits sold. Pennsylvania SAF is developing position statements relating to the topic.

ME - Spencer M: Maine Forest Service has released a Centennial issue of the publication "Forest Trees of Maine". Working Forest Conservation paper is in its final phase. A student guidebook is being prepared. Reducing deer accidents along 1-95. New this year for spring field meetings was to hold three smaller geographically specific tours. One of these taking a new look at biomass harvesting was held the last week of May. Another looked at forest management perspectives (landowner, easement holder and a multi-use recreation business) within Conservation easements of Katahdin Forest Management. Lunch for this event included a riverside BBQ, normally served on a day-long raft trip. So far it seems that smaller tours work out well. The last offer will be a look at nature based tourism in Bigelow preserve and the Maine Western Mountains new Hut-to-Hut system. Fall meeting is October 14 at UMAINE. The Millinocket mill (Frasier) is closing. Old Town mill may be shutting down (Red Shield Energy) or converting to a bio-refinery. There was a wood exposition in Portland last month. Project Learning tree and Maine SAF secured a Department of Energy grant for \$77K to integrate forestry into the high school curriculum.

SAF Council Report (Roger D.): (not present).

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222 **Chair Potpourri (Frame):** Accountant will take on form 990 for NESAF. State Treasurers submitted  
223 reports to NESAF. Estimate of 1,000 for initial set up. Lower in future years provided that the state  
224 chapters can submit an income statement to the accountant. Reports are usually due by May 16<sup>th</sup> of each  
225 year. There is an extension for the current year. NESAF does not pay taxes, but does have to report.  
226 Awards have all been presented.

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228 **Other items for the good of the order:** Spencer M. will follow up on meeting announcements for  
229 the next EC meeting.

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232 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on September 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> at Moosilauke Lodge in New**  
233 **Hampshire, Rte 118.**

234 Final EC Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2008: at SPNHF offices, Concord, NH: 9:30 A.M.

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236 **A motion to adjourn was heard from Larry R. A second was heard from Ed O'L. The question was called and**  
237 **the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.**

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239 **Respectfully submitted,**

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241 **Andrew Fast, Secretary**