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2 **New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)**
3 **Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**
4 **Friday, September 19, 2008**

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6 Location: Mount Moosilauke Ravine Lodge, Warren NH
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8 **Members present:**

9 Joseph P. Barsky Connecticut State Representative
10 Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
11 Andrew Fast Secretary
12 Mariann Johnston Website Administrator
13 Ron Lemin Jr. Vice-Chair; Membership Chair
14 Margaret Machinist Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
15 Scott Machinist Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
16 Spencer Meyer Maine State Representative
17 Ed O'Leary Vermont State Representative
18 Larry Rousseau Treasurer
19 Randy Stone Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair
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21 **Guests:**

22 None
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24 **Members not present:**

25 Roger Dziengeleski Council Representative
26 Don Floyd Canadian Representative
27 George Frame Chair
28 James Harding Forest Science Coordinator
29 J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Representative; Policy Committee Chair
30 Ken Laustsen Immediate Past Chair
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32 **Meeting opened by NESAF Vice-Chair (acting chair), Ron Lemin at 9:35 AM**
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34 **A. Standard items:**

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

36 **Welcome:** Ron L. welcomed all EC members and introduced Scott Machinist, the new Co-Editor of
37 NESAF News Quarterly.

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

39 **Add/Adjust agenda:** Spencer M. requested adding awards under New Business. The agenda was not
40 changed and awards discussion was addressed through the awards standing committee report.

41 **Corrections/Additions for the June 19, 2008 EC meeting minutes (Fast):** The New Hampshire
42 update was stricken (lines 172-210) and replaced with notes taken by JP B. at the 6/19/2008 EC meeting.
43 One "Ed O'L." should be removed from line 224 and Larry R. moved to adjourn on Line 270 with a second from
44 Paul D. No additional corrections were suggested for the 6/19/2008 Executive Committee minutes. [A motion](#)

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45 was heard from Larry R. to accept the meeting minutes; a second to the motion was heard from Spencer M.
46 The question was called and passed unanimously.

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48 **Treasurer's Report (Rousseau):** Larry R. distributed the NESAF Net Worth Report as of 9/19/08.
49 Account balances reflect balances to date. CD interest is reflected through 6/30/2008; \$552 was added in
50 September to the funds earning account (interest of cd maturity). Vermont returned a \$1000 grant, which
51 has been added to the fund's earning report. \$1600 will role into next year. **A motion was heard from Paul D.**
52 **to approve the Net Worth Report as of 9/19/2008; a second to the motion was heard from Spencer M. The**
53 **question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

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55 **B. Old Business:**

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57 **Electronic balloting:** Massachusetts nominations were due September 4, but they did not have a
58 slate. Rhode Island is holding internally. Paul D. has not received anything from Connecticut, but it is likely
59 that they were sent directly to national.

60 Paul D. suggested that either state representative or the state chair be responsible to get
61 nomination information to him but it should be one or the other. Ed O'L. suggested that NESAF get
62 information out to chapters/divisions earlier in the process.

63 Paul D. told the EC that non-deliverable email addresses bounceback to national. Louise Murgia is
64 supposed to send a list of these non-deliverables to the divisions and chapters. NESAF or the
65 divisions/chapters will be responsible for sending out local ballots. Paul D. noted that voting has moved up
66 two months, which is good for the long run but causes short term confusion.

67 Margaret M. reminded the EC that there was going to be a write-up in the *News Quarterly* on what
68 members should do to vote electronically; however, the *News Quarterly* will come out too late. National will
69 send out an email telling members to vote electronically. If SAF members do not have an email or opt out of
70 the electronic voting, it will be the nominating chair's responsibility to find out from national who these
71 individuals are and ensure that ballots are sent out to them. **Paul D. will find out from national who is not**
72 **reachable by email or has opted out of online voting and send ballots out these these individuals.**

73 Results of the elections will go to Paul D. and **Paul D. will pass election results on to Margaret and Scoot**
74 **M. for inclusion on the back page of the News Quarterly.**

75 **A motion was heard from Spencer M. that state representatives are responsible for submitting all**
76 **electronic nomination packages as well as paper and electronic results to the NESAF nominating chair; a**
77 **second to the motion was heard from Ed O'L. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

78 **State representatives should communicate the results of this motion to the chairs of their**
79 **respective chapters and divisions.**

80 **State representatives should email their respective chairs and ask for all (electronic and paper)**
81 **election results.**

82 **Spencer M. will draft a short blurb to clarify election and balloting questions for the News**
83 **Quarterly and will provide it to the News Quarterly Co-editors prior to the October 15th deadline.**

84 Spencer M. detailed the election timeline. In October, there will be an email from national telling
85 membership about the online voting opportunity. In the first or second week of November, election results
86 will be sent from national. **Paul D. will clarify how results will be disseminated after he speaks with**
87 **Louise M.**

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89 **Winter Meeting 2009 Update (Ron L.):** The winter meeting will be titled: "Bio: mass fuel products
90 and diversity. Resource management in a changing world." Co-sponsors include the Maine chapter of the
91 Wildlife Society, the New England chapter of the International Association of Arboriculture (ISA),

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92 northeast chapter of the Forest Guild, and the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM). The
93 EC should get membership lists from the four groups so all members can get discount member
94 registration. The Holiday Inn (by the bay) in Portland is charging \$89/night. Members will be charged \$125
95 for the full winter meeting (March 18-20, 2009) if they register before February 15th. Walk-ins will be
96 charged \$150 for the full three days. Non-members will be charged \$200 if they register early and \$300 as
97 walk-ins. Non-members will be charged \$150/day as a walk-in.

98 There will be concurrent sessions that will address all partnering groups' interests. Spencer M. is
99 looking for "hot themes." Participants will get credit based on each partnering group's criteria. For example,
100 the Society of American Foresters Certified Forester board is only giving credits for presentations greater
101 than 30 minutes. Sign up sheets will be present in each room. JP B. relayed an experience at the 2008 winter
102 meeting when participants coming in 5 minutes late were not allowed to sign in and get credits. It will be
103 important to communicate to participants of the 2009 winter meeting that there are more stringent
104 guidelines for credits - and they should not be late! No fieldtrips are scheduled for the 2009 winter meeting
105 yet. A base level GIS workshop may be included.

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107 **The NESAF history project (Ken L.):** Ron L. provided an update from Ken L: Ken L. has received a
108 final copy (Consulting Forestry) and a draft (State Government and Policy) from 2 of the 4 Maine focus
109 writers. Ken L. needs a list of missing *News Quarterly* issues so that Lloyd Irland in his travels to Yale to
110 teach can obtain copies from that Library.

111 Ron L. asked if state writers could use a little push. David Stevens is still working on the Vermont
112 perspective and it would be alright to contact him. Tom Dupree and Hans Burgee are working on the Rhode
113 Island perspective. It would be helpful to have some deadlines issued to them. JP B. is approximately half
114 way done with the Connecticut perspective. Massachusetts is still working on their perspective. Randy S. will
115 assemble the Massachusetts perspective. None of the EC present could speak to the status of the New
116 Hampshire perspective.

117 As indicated in Ken L.'s update, a list of missing *News Quarterly* articles is needed. Margaret and
118 Scott M. will find Brad W.'s list of missing News Quarterly articles. This information may be in a recent
119 *News Quarterly*. If Ken L. does not work with Lloyd I., JP B. can get photo copies of missing News
120 Quarterly articles once the list is found.

121 Ken L will write the whole NESAF history.

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123 **Forester's Fund Grant for Local Leadership Academy (Ron L.):** JP B. knows two new Connecticut
124 officers that are pretty young who may participate. Ron L. suggested that some individuals are selected who
125 have not gone to the national leadership academy. Spencer M. shared how beneficial it was having older, more
126 experienced individuals participating in the leadership academy. Each chapter/division should consider
127 selecting approximately 8 individuals to participate and should bring a list of invitees to the December
128 meeting. If some of the individuals selected do not come, the leadership academy will still have 25-30
129 participants, which is the target. New York will send some members as well and may help with the planning.
130 The 1-9 year membership class is the target audience (as written in foresters fund grant). The EC is going to
131 ask states to supplement \$1200 or provide scholarships for the leadership academy.

132 Ed O'L. offered to assist with the organization and planning of the Leadership Academy.

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134 **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

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136 **National Convention November 2008 Reno, Nevada:** The national convention is November 5-9,
137 2008 in Reno, Nevada. George F. and Ron L. will be attending the convention including the House of Society

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138 Delegates meeting. \$4500 is provided in the budget for this expense. The Rhode Island chapter will also be
139 sending a representative to the national convention.

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141 HSD has established a new award category - success stories. Next year, NESAF hopes to provide
142 the leadership academy as a success story.

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144 **Standing Committee reports:**

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146 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** 2008 slate of openings - All are filled. Massachusetts is the only
147 chapter/division with competition. Paul D. needs to check whether Connecticut has submitted candidates
148 to national.

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150 (11:00 AM. The EC took a break at this point and resumed at 11:15 AM.)

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152 **Policy (Howland):** Ron provided an update on the highgrading co-policy with New York sent from Pete
153 H. who was not present. Pete H. has been in touch with Carl, and Carl has sent him some information. Pete H.
154 is still in the information gathering stage and will have more for the EC to discuss at the next meeting.
155 During the interim, comments or suggestion can be emailed to Pete H.

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157 **Membership (Lemin):** Ron L. had nothing new to report except noting that when he assumes the
158 NESAF chair position, the membership position will be vacant.

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160 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** James H. was not present.

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162 **NESAF Website (Johnston):** There was discussion with comments from JP B., Ron L., Paul D., ED
163 O'L., Spencer M., and Randy S. about when it would be most appropriate to appoint a new website coordinator,
164 questions about how many individuals were interested, and who might be qualified to assume the position.
165 Peter Greeno, and Deb Boyer, and Chuck Hersey are all interested. Randy S. suggested that interested
166 candidates submit a letter of interest, and the EC should make sure each candidate understands the
167 responsibilities.

168 The EC decided that Mariann J. should be consulted prior to moving forward with any discussion since
169 she is most familiar with interested candidates. The website committee will decide who is best qualified
170 to assume the website coordinator position. That person will be invited to the next EC meeting.

171 Spencer M. received a request to forward an email announcement for a program through the NESAF
172 membership email list. Spencer M. suggested that the EC develop a standing policy for such requests,
173 perhaps differentiating between science based information and general advertisements. Ed O'L. expressed a
174 desire not to burden membership with too many emails. There is a calendar on the website and it might be
175 beneficial to have all programs posted to the website and encourage membership to reference the website
176 calendar regularly. For the *News Quarterly*, Brad W. would make the decision what should be advertised.

177 Spencer M. mentioned that an alternative would be sending emails to membership. This would be
178 viable if there is an option for members to "opt out" (unsubscribe) of such emails if they do not want to
179 receive them. Margaret and Scott S. will provide something in the News Quarterly that highlights the
180 calendar and reminds membership that it is a website resource. Spencer M. suggested that it would be a
181 beneficial service for members to use the NESAF website as a clearinghouse for programs with CFUs
182 associated with them. There was general agreement that announcements for workshops where CFUs were
183 awarded should be put on the website. Challenges would arise when considering non-SAF educational
184 opportunities, such as the Yale School of Forestry lecture series, an example brought up by JP B. Randy S.

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185 thought there should be some kind of filter. One option would be sending potential programs through the
186 forestry committee.

187 A motion was heard from Margaret M. that an additional listserve should be developed devoted to
188 issues of general interest to our membership with an opt out capability and making it the responsibility of the
189 web committee to come up with criteria for acceptable postings. The web administrator will make final
190 approvals; a second to the motion was heard from Ed O'L. The question was called and the motion passed
191 unanimously.

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193 **Grants (JP B):** Green Mountain Division had to return one of the grants that were awarded to them.
194 They were going to publish a calendar with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Vermont legislators
195 told Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department not to put out the calendar since much of the funding was no
196 longer available. GMD returned the money awarded from the grant and sent a letter along with an
197 explanation.

198 December is grant month so JP B. needs all requests prior to the grant meeting in December. Grant request
199 information is on the NESAF website. JP B. will develop a blurb on grant requests to include in the News
200 Quarterly, which he will provide to Margaret and Scott M.

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202 **Awards (Stone):** Randy S. gave an update on the resolution of the integrity awards. Ken L. has a
203 proposed solution and the EC will follow Ken L.'s lead.

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205 (12:05 PM. The EC took a break for lunch at this point and resumed the meeting at 12:55 PM. Mariann J.
206 joined the EC during the break.)

207
208 There has been feedback on the fellows award process. At the June meeting, George F. gave Randy
209 S. fellow certificates to frame and mail out as well as pins to mail to the fellows. There was confusion about
210 the National SAF award presentation procedure and a number of emails have been exchanged. Max
211 McCormack had concerns that the national procedures were not followed. Awards were supposed to be
212 presented at the next winter meeting. The error was a result of poor communication between national and
213 NESAF. Randy S. was going to submit an article to *News Quarterly*, but is not sure at this point where we
214 are in the process of following national's procedures. **Randy S. is going to get in touch with George F. to
215 discuss how to proceed.** Since fellows have been official notified, Ron L. believes that they can be recognized
216 in the *News Quarterly*.

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218 Spencer M. agreed there are a number of hard feelings surrounding this award. Spencer M.
219 suggested considering not doing anything until an appropriate response is identified. Ed O'L suggested
220 sending a letter to the national committee and recipients saying there was miscommunication, a mixup, and
221 letting them know we will find a way to ensure this does not happen in the future.

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223 Spencer M. asked for Max M. to provide a 1-page write-up on how the awards process should function
224 in the future. **George F. will ask Max M. to provide a one page write-up on how the fellows award process will
225 work or delegate this responsibility to an EC member. Ron L. will ask Max M. if NESAF can recognize fellows
226 at the NESAF winter meeting as well as the national meeting.** Spencer M. suggested that a letter is sent
227 from NESAF recognizing the fellows.

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229 The EC took collective responsibility for the confusion and acknowledged that Randy S. was carrying
230 out administrative duties voted on by the EC. It was again stated that Max M. should publish the protocol

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231 for fellows awards and make NESAF aware of this protocol. *George F. should provide a recognition letter*
232 *with input from Spencer M. and Ron L.*

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234 **NESAF Website Revisited (Johnston):** Mariann J. gave an update on a replacement for her as
235 NESAF website administrator. Three people inquired initially, and two people are interested now. The
236 interested parties, Deb Boyer and Peter Greeno, both have experience with website work. Deb is interested
237 in contributing to NESAF in another capacity if the website administrator position is filled by someone else.
238 Mariann J. suggested that Deb B. also contact Granite State Division (GSD) since, the GSD is looking for a
239 website administrator as well. Chuck Heresy from UNH Cooperative Extension is interested in contributing
240 to NESAF if there are any opportunities.

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242 The EC decided candidates should submit a letter of interest and a little about their qualifications.
243 The website committee would decide who to select, and vote on that person. Many other positions will be
244 open next year for any individuals who are not selected for the website administrator but still want to be
245 involved.

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247 Spencer M. asked if Mariann J. is willing to continue as the website administrator until a replacement
248 is selected. Mariann J. is willing, but the EC should recognize she has a number of other professional
249 obligations that are demanding her time as well.

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251 Mariann J. was made aware of the request to advertise a conference through the NESAF website
252 and, the desire of the EC to create separate email distribution list for "things of interest" such as
253 conferences. Mariann J. made the EC aware that if a member opts out of the any NESAF email distribution
254 list then that member opts out of all NESAF email distribution lists. Unfortunately, there is no way around
255 it. Mariann J. suggested sending a monthly or quarterly email correspondence making members aware of
256 opportunities. Presently, anyone can add an event to the website calendar as long as the NESAF website
257 administrator approves it. A timetable should be developed for removing postings; thirty days was suggested.

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259 There are over 800 email addresses for NESAF members and 8% have bounced back. Few individuals
260 have opted out of the email service. Despite being able to reach most NESAF members, ground mail would be
261 necessary to reach all members. Discussion ensued about the benefits of sending out regular emails to
262 membership, about members opting out of the email lists to avoid extraneous emails, and what constitutes a
263 legitimate use of the email system. It was decided and asked to be reflected in the minutes that NESAF will
264 not be sending out updates on individuals programs or opportunities. Instead, emails will be sent out monthly.
265 It was not decided who will send out the monthly email, but the website administrator is one option.

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267 Mariann J. read a letter from a concerned former NESAF member who wanted information about
268 liability and highgrading. The former member tried to contact NESAF and never got a reply. The former
269 member also charges that NESAF is too academic. It was pointed out by members of the EC that NESAF
270 addressed these topics at last winter meeting.

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272 JP B. suggested that there could be comments from membership, "the email basket," included in the
273 *News Quarterly*. This idea was supported by other members of the EC with the additional from Paul D. that
274 both positive and negative letters are included and the suggestion from Spencer M. that letters are
275 anonymous. *Mariann J. will pass along relevant letters to News Quarterly editors.*

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277 Mairann J. raised a concern that Nory Parr, who is retiring, was going to be the continuing education
278 website chair. It is uncertain whether Nory P. intends take on this duty in retirement. The EC felt it would
279 be beneficial to populate the continuing education page with relevant programs as well as information on
280 receiving credits in New England states. Spencer M. suggested inviting Nory P. to the next meeting to
281 discuss Nory's future interests and the continuing education page further. Ron will contact him. Mariann J.
282 recommended that the website administrator not be responsible for populating the continuing education
283 page. It could be another member of the EC or part of the general membership who wants to volunteer.
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285 **Budget Report (Larry R.):** Larry R. distributed the budget report as of September 19, 2008. The
286 only new item to income is a 50\$ check from Merve Stevens. A letter will be sent from Larry R. to thank
287 Merve Stevens for his contribution. NESAF has not received any cash from the New York meeting yet. That
288 will be added to meeting returns under income. We anticipate receiving a minimum of \$2000 split three ways
289 between New York, Yankee, and NESAF. June through September dues should also come in but Larry R.
290 anticipates minimal additions.
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292 Expenses associated with elections is questionable. 300\$ is anticipated, but it is unknown how many
293 paper ballots need to be sent in. Bi-law changes were a considerable expense. There is \$1200-1300 left for
294 that EC operations. This meeting will cost approximately \$500-700. Accounting associated with the form
295 990 is \$340 over budget and there is more to come.
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297 Larry R. has not been invoiced yet by the House of Society Delegates. National sends each division an
298 assessment based on membership numbers. Expenses for website enhancement were \$3400 for the year.
299 Spencer M. was the only one attending the National Leadership Academy. Expenses should be less than
300 projected.
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302 Spencer M. reminded the EC that NESAF will be invoiced from National for electronic balloting
303 sometime in November-December, 2008. For 1000-1100 members, there is a flat rate of \$200. NESAF will
304 have to pay national this amount for electronic voting. A motion was heard from Paul D. to accept the report
305 as prepared; a second to the motion was heard from Spencer M. The question was called and the motion
306 passed unanimously.
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308 George F. filed a second form 990 extension in August. There is a balance problem of approximately
309 \$2000. The EC wants to make sure there is a reference point for future 990s. Larry and George will be able
310 to square away the filing of the 990 by next meeting. There may be a training session for future treasurers
311 which may happen in March. The last accounting invoice for the 990 totaled \$1700. There is \$400 on the
312 account which should cover us for the rest of the year.
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314 **NESAF News Quarterly (Machinist):** Margaret and Scott M. have nothing new to report. No
315 announcement about a website administrator is needed. Jim Wilkinson, founder of Green Mountain SAF
316 passed away. Dave Stevens will do a write-up. An article on Jim Wilkenson's legacy could also be produced for
317 the *News Quarterly*. Howard Mason from the Massachusetts Chapter and Wilf Creighton also passed away.
318 The NYSAF chair was wondering if he could get the *News Quarterly*. Mariann J. will email his name and
319 contact information to Scott and Margaret M.
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321 **State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**
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323 RI - Paul D: The RI Chapter met a week ago and discussed having internal elections rather than ballots. A
324 discussion on walk in the woods is done in October. The Champion Tree program and forestry fund grant
325 paperwork are coming along.

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327 CT - JP B: There was an SAF display at the Connecticut agricultural plant science day, which was attended
328 by 800 visitors. The fall foliage report identified widespread anthracnose affecting sugar maple.

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

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343 NH - Andy F. read a report from Peter H: 1) The litigation between the USFS and the Sierra Club-
344 Wilderness Society over the roadless areas in the Than and Batchelder Brook timber sale was decided in
345 favor to the USFS. As a result the USFS will be moving forward on the sales in question. The appellants
346 filed for a stay on the decision and were denied. It appears they will appeal to a higher court, this time in
347 Boston. However at this time that hasn't happened. The Than and Batchelder Brook sales are being
348 harvested as we speak. Stand-by for further updates.

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350 2) GSD winter meeting will be 2/13/2009, tentatively at Waterville Valley.

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352 3) Work has already started on the 2010 NESAF meeting to be hosted by GSD. The committee is being
353 formed, theme topics being bandied about as well as locations.

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355 4) The GSD committee working on the guide book met again this month. They are editing the guide at this
356 point.

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358 5) GSD missed getting all the candidates in line for the electronic balloting this fall. Thus the GSD elections
359 will take place by paper ballot. We'll try harder next year.

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361 6) The next issue of the GSD Newsletter is due out in October.

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363 7) GSD is working on a slate of award packets for NESAF.

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365 8) SAF accreditation of the Thompson School/UNH forestry programs was a success. The Thompson School
366 is the first technical school to be accredited by SAF. There were concerns about the low enrollment,
367 student recruitment, and the need for increased staffing levels.

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369 9) ENERGY: There is a biomass plant in Henniker (20 Megawatt) that is being proposed and is having a great
370 deal of opposition.

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372 10) GSD has signed the new MOA with the Tree Farm Program in New Hampshire.

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374 11) WORKSHOPS: 9/19, Research to NH Forests at Fox Forest. In December, Forest Health, date and time
375 to be announced.

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377 12) Phil Bryce is leaving the State Forester position to take the reins of Fountain Forestry around the end of
378 September. A search is on for his replacement.

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380 13) The 19th annual Tree Farm Field Day is 9/27 at the Andorra Forest in Stoddard, NH.

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382 VT - Ed O'L: 84,000 acres formerly owned by Champion were sold to Essex and are now being sold to Plum
383 Creek. The existing easement allows the 84,000 acres to be subdivided in 4 parcels, but Plum Creek plans to
384 keep it intact as one unit.

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386 There is a Vermont state law that stipulates if revenue projections decrease by more than 1% per
387 quarter the state budget is reduced. As a result, Vermont Forests and Parks are down 4 positions. Overall
388 Vermont state government is trying to remove 400 positions.

389 GMD summer meeting is September 25th. There will likely be a field session with Vermont Fish and
390 Wildlife Department on implementing the wildlife action plan.

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392 GMD membership is soliciting donations from members to defray the costs of student SAF
393 memberships.

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395 The Governor has established a program "wood warms" that makes firewood available to the public.
396 500 cords harvested off state land have been sent to a concentration yard. The public can pay 5 dollars a
397 cord for a 5 cord lot where the public cuts their own wood.

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399 Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is being recognized for its forest management.

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401 MA - Randy S: Randy S. spoke with Chris Prior who put in a nomination for state chapter chair. Randy S.
402 expects more participation at the chapter level. Applications need to be in by September 16 for a vacant
403 wildlife-forestry position.

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405 There are two big items at the state level. In August, Asian Longhorn Beetle was confirmed in
406 Worcester County. The USDA issued a quarantine and sent letters to 1000 businesses involved in outdoor
407 work in the region. An area is designated for disposal of infected trees. State and Federal teams are looking
408 for additional infected sites. It is not known how the expensive response is going to be paid for. All potential
409 host trees within a quarter mile of known infestations will be chipped or burned. The beetle was present since
410 1997 so it appears there has been an infestation in the area for over ten years.

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412 Another thing that came up at a Massachusetts DCR stewardship meeting was a moratorium on
413 timber harvests on all DCR lands for 90 days starting retroactively from July 1. It will give the chair of the
414 stewardship council an opportunity to look at the bigger picture of forestry on state property.

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

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418 Canada - Don Floyd: (not present)

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420 **Chair Potpourri (Frame):** Ron L. had no additional items to discuss.

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422 **Other items for the good of the order:** EC members had no additional comments.

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425 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on December 10th, 9:30am-3:00pm at SPNHF offices in**
426 **Concord, New Hampshire.**

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428 *A motion to adjourn was heard from Paul D. A second was heard from Larry R. The question was called and*
429 *the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.*

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431 *Respectfully submitted,*

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433 *Andrew Fast, Secretary*