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**New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)  
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17, 2009**

Location: Conservation Center, Concord, NH

**Members present:**

Joseph P. Barsky	Connecticut State Representative
Deborah Boyer	Website Administrator
Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
Andrew Fast	Secretary
George Frame	Immediate Past Chair
Peter Greeno	Membership Chair
Dana Hachigian	Treasurer
James Harding	Forest Science Coordinator
J Peter Howland	New Hampshire State Representative; Policy Chair
Ron Lemin Jr.	Chair
Margaret Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Spencer Meyer	Maine State Representative
Randy Stone	Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair

**Guests:**

None

**Members not present:**

Roger Dziengeleski	Council Representative
Don Floyd	Canadian Representative
Scott Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Ed O'Leary	Vice-Chair
Kurt Zschau	Vermont State Representative

**Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, Ron Lemin Jr. at 9:32 AM**

**A. Standard items:**

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

**Welcome:** Ron L. welcomed all present. No introductions were necessary. Ron L. noted that this is JP B.'s last EC meeting and Mel Harder will replace him as the Connecticut State Representative. Ron L. thanked JP B. for his service and the EC echoed Ron L.'s sentiments.

**Antitrust statement:** The antitrust statement was presented. Ron L. can provide a copy of the antitrust statement to members of the EC upon their request.

**Add/Adjust agenda:** The Massachusetts State Report and Awards was moved up on the agenda since Randy S. and Dana H. had to leave early.

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44 2010 meeting dates and locations were scheduled and are detailed in the calendar section at the end  
45 of the minutes. (Maggie M. joined the EC at 9:41am).

46 **Corrections/Additions for the September 23, 2009 EC meeting minutes (Fast):** A sentence was  
47 added at line 144 stating that Ron L. asked Roger D. to set up a call with Peter G. to discuss the high-grading  
48 position statement. *A motion was heard from George F. to accept the meeting minutes as amended; a second  
49 to the motion was heard from Paul D. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

50 **Treasurer's Report (Hachigian):** Dana H. distributed the NESAF Net Worth Report as of 12/17/09,  
51 the Budget Report as of 12/17/09, and the Draft Budget Report for years 2008 through 2011 inclusive.

52 Dana H. reviewed the Net Worth Report. \$17,527.34 is in cash and bank accounts. The CD value is  
53 \$25,478.83 and total assets are \$43,006.17. The net worth report shows \$1,200 in liabilities from the  
54 Forester's Fund Grant. After discussion, it was agreed that the Foresters Fund Grants resulted in \$600 of  
55 liabilities and those liabilities have been satisfied. *A motion was heard from George F. to amend the Net  
56 Worth Report as of December 17, 2009 to show \$0 liabilities and an overall net worth of \$43,006.17. In  
57 addition, these changes are to be reflected in the September 23, 2009 minutes; a second to the motion was  
58 heard from Spencer M. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously. **Andy F. will amend the  
59 September 23, 2009 minutes in accordance with the motion.***

60 Under income, a line item for the dues reimbursement from National was added. The dispersal from  
61 NESAF to subunits was accounted for separately. Ron L. received a call from a Vermont member who wanted  
62 to better understand how the dispersal to subunits was determined. After discussion with Ron L. and  
63 National, there was still some frustration on the member's behalf, but he better understood the process.

64 Spencer M. asked for clarification on the asterisks on the Draft Budget Report. Dana H. informed  
65 him that they referred to notes on the last page. **Dana H. will explore a better way to denote asterick  
66 comments.**

67 Dana H. asked for clarification on how NESAF has traditionally managed the interest on the CD, i.e.  
68 roll it over, move it to a different account, or spend it during the budget year. An investment subcommittee  
69 was formed in the past. They were going to bring proposals before the membership but did not make  
70 progress on the issue. Membership voted to use the interest on the CD to support grants so the money is  
71 encumbered.

72 Spencer M. suggested the EC find out more about this year's grant submissions. JP B. informed the  
73 EC that there have been no grant requests.

74 Spencer M. made a motion to roll over the money for the CD when it matures. Discussion ensued.

75 There a couple options; the interest can be rolled forward in the CD or in the savings account. Either  
76 way, the money must be tracked since it is reserved for grants. There was continued discussion about  
77 whether to roll the interest over in the CD or move it to the savings account. Spencer M. amended his motion  
78 to roll over the interest from the CD and try to form a subcommittee to look at this issue.

79 George F. provided some background citing the overall issue is complex. There is a segment of  
80 membership that would like to spend the CD's principal while other members recognize the benefit from an  
81 endowment to support grants longer term. While members of the EC supported forming a committee to  
82 explore alternative ways to spend the CD money or manage it long term, Paul D. pointed out that the EC  
83 already made that recommendation. Furthermore, the committee was formed. It is the subcommittee's  
84 responsibility at this point.

85 Spencer M. suggested bring the issue up again at the annual meeting to keep it before membership.  
86 George F. noted the EC has managed the CD money and interest according to the vote taken, i.e. the principle  
87 would always be maintained and interest would be used for grants. By rolling over the interest into the CD,  
88 the EC is increasing the principal so there is an argument for moving interest to a different account even if  
89 it is still encumbered.

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90 Spencer M. will remind Ron L. to reserve time at the business meeting to bring this issue  
91 before membership. Spencer M. will make an effort to reform a subcommittee to explore alternative  
92 ways to spend the CD money or manage it long term.

93 A motion was heard from Paul D. to keep the principal in the CD and move any interest from the CD  
94 to a separate account; a second to the motion was heard from Pete H. The question was called and the motion  
95 passed unanimously.

96 Dana H. continued reviewing the income and expenses. Under expenses, membership drive was added  
97 as a new line item. Dana H. informed the EC that expenses will go up today since she will distribute stipend  
98 checks to some EC members. General operations expenses to date are \$25,816.71. Total expenses to date  
99 are \$28,194.55.

100 George F. noted that there should be an additional \$300 of income and expenses in the NESAF Grant  
101 line item. There was discussion about accounting in the Grants Account section of the NESAF budget  
102 worksheet.

103 Forester Fund Leadership Academy Grant income should show \$1,200 for 2008 and \$300 to date  
104 income in 2009. The expense line of \$2,077.84 should be \$1,500. The difference of \$577.84 should be put in  
105 a separate line item in General Operations. Grants account total this year should be \$600 in income and \$600  
106 in liabilities. Grand total expenses should not change.

107 The *News Quarterly* expense line item is roughly \$780 over budget. However, *News Quarterly*  
108 income is approximately \$500 over so *News Quarterly* is actually around \$200 over budget. Maggie and  
109 Scott M. have done an excellent job and the EC should collectively take responsibility and seek to address  
110 expense changes for 2010. There was discussion about advertising and payment.

111 There were Questions about how long the EC can project deficits when asking membership to approve  
112 budgets at the annual meeting. Over recent years, NESAF has made more money than the conservative  
113 projections in the budget and have come close to a balanced budget most years. Some EC members contend  
114 that while it is not a good practice to constantly project budget deficits, the most important element is  
115 serving membership. In recent years, NESAF has represented membership well with reasonable year end  
116 budgets through volunteer participation exclusively.

117 A motion was heard from George F. to approve the Treasurer's Report with stated corrections in the  
118 Grants Account; a second to the motion was heard from JP B. The question was called and the motion passed  
119 with 11 in favor and 1 opposed.

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121 (The EC took a break 11:00am and resumed at 11:15)

### 122 123 B. Old Business:

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125 **History Project Update (Laustsen):** Ron L. read the following history project update from Ken L.:  
126 Ken L. requested a progress report from all state contacts before the September 23 NESAF EC meeting. To  
127 date, he has received one response from Randy Stone. Due to the lack of enthusiasm the project, "State  
128 Level Perspectives on Forestry over the 1970 - 2010 Period," Ken L. recommendations that the project is  
129 dropped and discontinued.

130 Ken L. continues to have an interest in updating the NESAF history files that track membership  
131 levels, awards and recognitions, EC members, annual meetings, and themes. He will transition his efforts into  
132 starting and completing the update over the next calendar year if this project is still of interest to the  
133 NESAF EC.

134 Randy S. suggested breaking down the history project into component parts and regularly devoting a  
135 section of the *News Quarterly* to the subject. The EC provided general agreement that this would make the  
136 project more manageable. George F. and Maggie M. gave a New Hampshire example of how much of the  
137 history may already be chronicled.. Granite State Division did a history update around 2000 for its 50<sup>th</sup>

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138 anniversary and the NH Division of Forest and Lands celebrated its centennial this last year and compiled NH  
139 forestry history as part of the process. The annual meeting could be a sounding board for Randy S.'s idea.

140 Jim H. will contact Susan Francher to get a hold of the Division of Forests and Lands history  
141 document.

142 The topic will be tabled until the January meeting and will be brought up at the business meeting.

143 A motion was heard from Spencer M. to drop and discontinue the "State Level Perspectives on  
144 Forestry over the 1970 - 2010 Period" project as recommended by Ken L.; a second to the motion was heard  
145 from Dana H. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

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147 **2010 Winter Meeting Update (Howland - GSD SAF):** The planning committee met recently and is  
148 finalizing loose ends. The registration form should be available in the *News Quarterly*. It will also be  
149 available on the internet within twenty-four hours of sending it to National. Membership could be notified  
150 through an email once it is available. Full registration is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members. There  
151 will be a late fee after February 28<sup>th</sup>, and there is no early bird discount. Students will be subsidized; a full  
152 registration is \$70 for students. Volunteers will receive free admission for the day they are volunteering.  
153 Credit card payment is available online through National only. Cash and checks will be accepted at the door.  
154 Pete H. reviewed the keynote speakers and provided a brief overview of the agenda. There are fewer  
155 exhibitors scheduled, but there are also more sponsors and donations. GSD is looking for raffle items. The  
156 exhibitor fee is \$250 and includes one registration. The hotel is charging \$109 / night, or the government  
157 rate. Maggie M. suggested that the Nashua Courtyard Marriott may be interested in putting an add in the  
158 *News Quarterly*.

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160 **C. NEW BUSINESS:**

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162 **Standing Committee reports:**

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164 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** Paul D. passed out a copy of the election results. There was a  
165 small glitch in the online voting; Maine could only vote once for three vacant member-at-large positions.  
166 Individuals were running unopposed so it did not impact results. Other than that, everything went very well.  
167 Approximately 20% of the electronic ballots and 40% of the paper ballots were returned. Deb B. informed  
168 the EC that 28% emails are being opened by membership according to latest data. RI had 65-70% of their  
169 ballots returned. A motion was heard from Paul D. to abandon the Teller's Committee for 2010 and accept  
170 the election results as final; a second to the motion was heard from Jim H. The question was called and the  
171 motion passed unanimously.

172 Next year, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont are looking for EC members. NESAF is seeking a  
173 Chair-Elect. NESAF EC needs to speak with Louise M. about how to address the electronic balloting problem  
174 Maine encountered.

175 The legitimacy of Connecticut's electronic balloting this year was raised and it was agreed that the  
176 election was valid since it was consistent with the by-laws. A ballot does not need to be supplied by National.  
177 However, for future reference, paper ballots need first class postage and the entire membership needs the  
178 opportunity to vote. Paul D. has a list of Connecticut members who do not receive emails and offered to send  
179 labels of those individuals to the Connecticut Representative in the future.

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181 (The EC took a break for lunch at 11:55am and resumed at 12:25)

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183 **Grants (Barsky):** JP B. has not received any grant applications. Ed O'L. sent JP B. an update on GMD's  
184 grant. The EC needs a new Grants Chair, but the topic will be tabled until January.

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186 NESAF News Quarterly (Machinist): The *News Quarterly* deadline is December 22. The \$110 fee  
187 for a bulk mail permit is due before the next issue goes out. There was discussion about benefits and  
188 drawbacks of the bulk mail permit. The bulk mail permit fee allows NESAF to keep its own return address on  
189 the permit as opposed to using the publisher's bulk mail permit. Maggie M. will explore alternative options  
190 and costs so the EC can make an educated decision about maintaining a bulk mail permit in the future.  
191 Ron will put the topic on a future agenda. Maggie and Scott M. put a little blurb in the *News Quarterly*  
192 asking for letters to the editor. There have been no responses, but they will continue to solicit comments  
193 from membership. Maggie M. also voiced that she would post future letters without an official EC response.  
194 The next issue will be large and include articles highlighting Vermont and NH's centennials as well as a forest  
195 science section, and more. There have not been any obituaries and Maggie M. wanted to make sure none have  
196 been overlooked. Representatives should send information on newly elected officers to Maggie M.  
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198 **Policy (Howland):** Pete H. plans to step down as Policy Chair. Peter G. thanked Pete H. for his work  
199 and flexibility. The member survey from June gave NESAF quantitative membership data while text  
200 comments provided qualitative information.

201 Peter G. passed out a document titled: "Final Report of Sub-committee on Policy and Process to the  
202 New England SAF Executive Committee." The subcommittee was comprised of 12 individuals with diverse  
203 backgrounds, of which 11 were active and are listed on the first page of the report. The committee's work  
204 spanned 6 weeks and examined the member survey in depth. The report's recommendations are in order of  
205 importance. However, recommendations will not be as effective if they are followed piecemeal.

206 Peter G. emphasized that a policy committees or sub-committee responds best to a specific policy  
207 need. It may be beneficial to have more of a tiered leadership approached that allows membership with  
208 specific areas of expertise to get involved in ad hoc policy sub-committee work. Also, NESAF can ballot  
209 membership relatively easily. It is worth having members vote on specific issues. Through balloting or sub-  
210 committee work, members can contribute to a policy position regardless of their available time.

211 George F. commented that it would be helpful to have an executive summary of the report. Peter  
212 detailed the structure of the report, i.e. the initiative is bolded with arrows below that document action  
213 items. Peter G. read through the document explaining the sub-committee's recommendations (refer to the  
214 final report for details). Peter G. emphasized that the purpose of the sub-committees recommendations is  
215 not to do more policy but better policy.

216 Maggie M. asked about the role of the Communication and Outreach Chairs relative to the Policy  
217 Chair. Peter G. thought they should work together but the same individual should not occupy both positions.  
218 Recommendations identify certain needs and action items while providing flexibility for the EC to have input  
219 as well. Spencer M., Ron L. and Deb B. defined differences in Outreach, Communications and Policy Chair  
220 positions. Maggie M. asked about stipends for these positions since NESAF is working on a deficit budget.  
221 Peter G. suggested stipends should be consistent with the weight of the position.

222 Discussion ensued about the appropriate person to fill the Policy Chair. Spencer M. emphasized  
223 someone with buy-in since there may be no policy activity for prolonged periods of time followed by flurries  
224 of activity. It is also important to avoid conflicts of interest. It is about assembling a team rather than being  
225 an expert. When committees develop, a member of the EC should participate; the report recommends the  
226 Policy Chair sit on the committee. Spencer M., Ron L., and Peter G. pointed to how the policy committee is a  
227 great resource for local chapters and could link chapters to issue experts.

228 Peter G. reminded the EC that SAF by-laws state that we are not an advocacy organization, but  
229 NESAF can advocate the position of SAF. However, the policy committee can link chapters to individuals who  
230 can assist in ways that NESAF cannot.

231 In terms of next steps, Peter G. would like to get back to the membership with a more concise list of  
232 what was discussed today. The topic will be tabled until January when the EC can look in depth at the

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233 recommendation, budget implications, and potential by-law changes that are required. Peter G. will not  
234 provide an update to membership in the *News Quarterly* in case the EC has comments on the report.  
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236 **Membership (Greeno):** Peter G. provided a membership update. He passed out and reviewed a memo  
237 detailing potential line items within the membership budget. A detailed report is available upon request. As  
238 of November 30<sup>th</sup>, NESAF had 1005 members. Access to the membership database interface will be available  
239 online in the next month or two. Peter G. continues to work on adding value to student membership. It is  
240 difficult to track students after they leave and Peter G. is working on an incentive program that largely  
241 entails greater communication of current incentives and among new ideas, to engage students heavily prior to  
242 their leaving their educational institution.

243 There is interest among student chairs to have a student congress through which the students would  
244 have more direct interaction with leadership.

245 The email list is being cleaned up with Deb B. While only a small percentage of emails are returned,  
246 only 28% of NESAF emails to membership are opened. The NESAF membership page is updated. Peter G. and  
247 Deb B. are working on building the nesaf.org career center. Contact information for unit leaders on the  
248 NESAF website, in the *News Quarterly*, and on Peter G.'s lists from National do not match. Peter G. brought  
249 a list to pass around and requested that leadership update it. A big member value issue is licensing in each  
250 state. Massachusetts no longer accepts the SAF CF credentialing process for state licenses. The  
251 Massachusetts Licensing Board Secretary cited the low auditing performed by SAF (less than 1%). There is a  
252 nearing board meeting during which they will reconsider their decision given the new CF auditing standards.

253 Peter G. outlined a number of additional line items within the membership budget to improve  
254 recruitment and retention. There are both yearly (specific costs associated with candidate certified  
255 forester scholarship, transportation, printing costs, mailings) and one year only (membership drive and SAF  
256 merchandise sale) costs. A list of new members is also available.

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258 (Maggie M. left at 2:08 pm)  
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260 **Awards (Stone):** Randy S. passed out nominations to state representatives. Randy S. will send out  
261 electronic ballots and representatives can send them back to him. Spencer M. is recusing himself from voting  
262 on one of the awards because he was nominated for it. Spencer M. will vote on others as appropriate.

263 Randy S. suggested that next year's nominations and voting is completed electronically. This year's  
264 nominations for the integrity award are all single awards.

265 Spencer M. pointed out that there is no abstention option on the ballots and it should be added to  
266 the ballot. George F. reminded representatives that nominees should be evaluated based on the criteria of  
267 the award only. Pete H. raised the topic of the years of service awards. They should be done at the state  
268 level. Representatives should get ballots back to Randy S. by the end of the year.  
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270 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** Jim H. went to the national meeting. He attended the forest  
271 science and technology meeting board to get input on working groups. National is considering what to do  
272 about working groups. There will be dedicated time for working groups at the winter meeting. Of 6 working  
273 groups, only 4 have chairs; nonetheless, there will be representation for all working groups. Science theme  
274 for *News Quarterly* will be larger this issue.  
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276 **NESAF Website (Boyer):** Lots of members are contributing to the online calendar and contacting  
277 Deb B. through the website. Rhode Island may use NESAF's website or they may develop a separate webpage.  
278 In either case, Rhode Island's information needs to be updated. Deb B. is looking for winter meeting  
279 information to put on the website. As a general rule, she will try to batch as much information as possible  
280 before sending out bulk emails. Fellow nominations need to be in to National by early April. The March

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281 meeting only allows us a month to get packets in. Ron L. will submit to Deb B. information on fellow  
282 nominations. Deb B. will post election results on the website. National's website receives over 1,000,000  
283 hits monthly.

284 Peter G. asked the EC what, if any, control should NESAF have over information posted on local unit  
285 websites' that are established through NESAF. He gave the example of Massachusetts. They want to post  
286 policy information on the website. If it is sensitive information, a draft document, etc. do we want to make it  
287 available? Is there potential that this document, or another document in a different situation, will be  
288 interpreted to represent NESAF membership-at-large? It was agreed that Massachusetts should be able to  
289 put whatever document they want on their own website. However, Massachusetts should adopt a policy that  
290 documents are vetted and approved by the Massachusetts Chair before they are forwarded to NESAF for  
291 NESAF's website. State representatives should make this clear to their local units. This process is not  
292 required for mass distribution emails. Randy S. preferred that NESAF should solicit input from membership  
293 before any of their documents are posted to the website. Peter G. pointed out that there needs to be a  
294 policy to decide whether information submitted to Peter G. or Deb B. should be posted to the NESAF  
295 website.

296 Each local chapter's webpage is an independent webpage and does not necessarily reflect NESAF's  
297 views. Deb B. should add a disclaimer statement to the website that indicates this. In addition, Peter G.  
298 suggested that she should flag any potential controversial documents.

299 Spencer M. suggested that these protocols should be spelled out in the operations manual if they are  
300 not present already. In addition, the operations manual should be available on the website. The "society  
301 business" subpage might be an appropriate location. A motion was heard from Spencer M. to add a disclaimer  
302 on each division / chapter website saying that the website does not reflect NESAF's viewpoints. A .pdf of  
303 NESAF's official operation document should be added to the website; a second to the motion was heard from  
304 Peter G. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

306 **Budget Report (Hachigian):** Dana H. will email George F. bids that she got on the Form 990.  
307 George F. will provide feedback to Dana H. based on his experience with the form from last year.

308 The 2010 proposed budget is not complete. It continues to be a work in progress. The *News Quarterly*  
309 expense line item is probably low and should increase to \$6,000. The *News Quarterly* line item under income  
310 should also increase to \$800. Under income, the Division line item should be dropped from \$6,000 to \$5,500.  
311 Dues income should be reduced to \$11,500 from \$13,000. Meeting Returns income should also be reduced  
312 from \$6,000 to \$2,000. Total proposed income from the general operations account is \$20,925 total.  
313 Over \$100 dollars needs to move from out of the CD. NESAF fund earnings account should be closer to  
314 \$1,500. The Forester's Fund line item should be \$0 in 2011. Forester's Fund income should show \$1,500  
315 reflecting a membership drive matching grant from National. Total income should be \$23,925.

316 Under expenses, there should be a new line item, Membership Committee. Membership Committee  
317 should show \$1,700 (with a matching grant of \$1,500, membership costs \$3,200). Elections should be \$500.  
318 A Policy Committee line item should be added with a \$500 expense. Ron L. will provide an update on  
319 whether there is a National Leadership Academy expense. The amended budget projects a deficit of  
320 \$6,865.

322 **State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

323 ME - Spencer M: Spencer M. submitted the following Maine update:

324 1. MESAF held a successful Fall Meeting on Policy in Orono. Maxed out 100 Nutting. Mix of loggers,  
325 scientists, foresters, policy folks. The Regulated Forest: the Impacts of State and Federal Rulemaking on  
326 Forest Management in Maine

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- 327 2. Discussion of reducing member dues or eliminating Division dues. Decided it would be hard to reinstitute  
328 them again in the future so we thought about reducing meeting fees further for members. Fall meeting  
329 netted \$6200 (\$3200 more than expected).
- 330 3. MESAF has continued to help with Project Learning Tree Teacher Workshops.
- 331 4. MESAF has offered to help support membership efforts (Greeno initiatives) if necessary.
- 332 5. We had some discussion about putting forward NESAF award nominees and maybe some fellow  
333 nominations.
- 334 6. MESAF addressing past Goals and Standards documents. Waiting to see what NESAF does on Policy front  
335 but Maine has at least considered reviving effort. Looking for people to assemble committee.
- 336 7. Dave Maas is incoming MESAF chair.

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338 RI - Paul D: There was no Rhode Island state report.

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340 SAF Council Report (Roger D.): There was no SAF Council report.

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342 MA - Randy S: Last Spring DCR launched the Forest Futures Visioning Process to invite public input  
343 on the stewardship and management of state forest lands. The goal is to consider the many public benefits  
344 and values of forest land, including recreation, tourism, aesthetics, renewable forest products, habitat  
345 diversity, and landscape ecology, and to seek the appropriate balance among them. A Technical steering  
346 Committee comprised of individuals with expertise in all of these areas will issue a set of recommendations  
347 to DCR at the conclusion of the process. The committee is receiving input from an Advisory Group of  
348 Stakeholders comprised of representatives of interested stakeholder organizations, as well as from the  
349 general public. The committee's draft recommendations are expected to be made available for public review  
350 by early January and a series of public forums are planned for January to seek input and feedback on the  
351 recommendations before they are finalized. The process is expected to conclude with final recommendations  
352 to DCR in early 2010.

353 The MA Chapter of the Society of American Foresters appointed a sub-committee at its annual  
354 business meeting in July to consider how to respond to the process. The sub-committee met again in  
355 November to begin drafting a letter of response to be submitted to the Technical Steering Committee  
356 before final recommendations are concluded.

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358 NH - Pete H: Pete H. submitted the following New Hampshire update:

- 359 1. The 2010 NESAF Meeting to be hosted by GSD, on March 9-11, 2010, at the Courtyard Marriot in Nashua  
360 is ready to go with a few minor adjustments.
- 361 2. *Good Forestry in the Granite State* has been on the streets for comments for the past two months, with  
362 public input sessions, and has gone to the printers for publication. It is the hope to have it ready to hit the  
363 streets the first of the year. There were many heated discussions, but as usual in New Hampshire, we  
364 negotiated the outcome, that all could live with.
- 365 3. The forestry guide by GSD is moving along slowly, due to many of the people involved were already working  
366 on *Good Forestry in the Granite State*.
- 367 4. The N.H. DES has a new set of wetland rules out for public comment, with some changes that will effect  
368 forestry and logging operations. It will be very interesting to see the final report. It could have sweeping  
369 consequences for forestry and logging.
- 370 5. The GSD winter meeting will be held on 2/12/2010, at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett NH. Theme is beyond  
371 brown paper. GSD will be awarding the student scholarships at the meeting, along with Forester of the Year.
- 372 6. GSD plans to have the *Granite State Forestry Guide* published by June 2010
- 373 7. The White Mountain National Forest projects of all types are still being slowed down by environmental  
374 groups.



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375 8. The market situation in the state is still very sluggish for many of us in the field. It has slowed or  
376 eliminated the ability to move products out of the woods to market. We are all hopeful we will get thru the  
377 winter without the shut offs we faced last year.

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379 CT - JP B: There was no Connecticut state report

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381 VT - Kurt Z: There was no Vermont state report.

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383 Canada - Don Floyd: There was no Canada report.

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385 **Chair Potpourri (Lemin):** None

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387 **Other items for the good of the order:** There were no additional items for the good of the order.

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389 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 9:30am at the Conservation**  
390 **Center, Concord, New Hampshire.**

391 Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Courtyard Marriot in Nashua, New Hampshire: 1:00pm

392 Friday, June 25, 2010 at Cabela's in Scarborough, Maine: 9:30am

393 Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at a location to be determined: 9:30am

394 Wednesday December 15, 2010 at the Conservation Center in Concord, New Hampshire: 9:30am

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396 *A motion to adjourn was heard from Randy S. A second was heard from Dana H. The question was called and*  
397 *the motion passed unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

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399 *Respectfully submitted,*

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401 *Andrew Fast, Secretary*