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New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF) Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Location: Cabela's - Scarborough, ME

Members present:

Deborah Boyer	Website Administrator
Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
Andrew Fast	Secretary
Peter Greeno	Membership Chair (Outgoing)
Dana Hachigian	Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair
Mel Harder	Connecticut State Representative; Grants Chair
J Peter Howland	New Hampshire State Representative
Jeffrey Hutchins	Membership Chair (Incoming)
Ron Lemin Jr.	Immediate Past-Chair
Wilfred Mercier	Maine State Representative
Roger Monthey	Forest Science Coordinator
Ed O'Leary	Chair
Russell Reay	Treasurer
William Samal Jr.	Vermont State Representative
Kurt Zschau	Vice-Chair

Guests:

Members not present:

George Frame	Council Representative Region VI
Don Floyd	Canadian Representative
Margaret Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Scott Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly

Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, Ed O'L. at 9:32am

A. Standard items:

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

Welcome: Ed O'L. welcomed the EC and the EC introduced themselves to Jeff Hutchins.

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

Add/Adjust agenda: Under new business, Russ R. added exploring a policy addressing profiting from NESAF winter meetings. Ed O'L. pointed out that NESAF does not profit from winter meetings since income is reinvested into the program and all non profits generate some revenue. Kurt Z. added upcoming NESAF meeting locations.

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Corrections/Additions for the March 29, 2011 EC meeting minutes (Fast): Draft minutes were circulated. A motion was heard from Paul D. to accept the meeting minutes as presented; a second to the motion was heard from Bill S. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Reay): Russell R. informed the EC that most of the discrepancies that have been identified in previous Treasurer's Reports have been resolved; there is approximately \$37 in NESAFs favor that is unresolved.

(Will Mercier joined the EC at 9:40am)

The Net Worth Report as of 6/19/11 and the budget report 2008-2012 as reported June 19, 2011 was distributed and reviewed.

NESAF currently has \$4,939.93 in checking and \$16,102.41 in savings. The savings account was incurring monthly service charges. Russ R. has worked to eliminate these. Total cash and bank accounts equal \$21,042.34 (including \$4,381.79 in the NESAF grant fund). The CD total is \$25,405.80 and the total net worth equals \$44,048.14.

In March, a letter was sent to Russ R. through Ron L. informing Russ R. that a \$1,200 check (of \$1,500) was sent to him as an award for the Forester's Fund Leadership Academy Grant. Russ R. never received the money. Russ R. and Ron L. will follow up.

On the 4th page of the budget report, \$105 and \$142 were identified as uncategorized. Russ R. thinks he can eliminate those by the next meeting.

Bill S. asked why there were two EC meeting travel line items. Russ R. informed the EC that it has to do with the entries in Quickbooks. To rectify the issue, Russ R. would have to go through every entry and he does not want to compound the issue by risking a typo. The EC should look at them as a single line. Russ R. will make a note to this effect on the budget worksheet.

Peter G. thought \$800 was identified for membership services and \$500 for the membership drive. Peter G. has been working on this assumption. Business meeting minutes were reviewed and detail was provided (Peter G. confirmed the issue was addressed after the EC meeting concluded).

Income from division dues is less than expected. Russ R. recently received a check for \$6,800. He believes the delay is due to staffing issues at National SAF.

Expenses that have changed since the last report are highlighted in yellow. Russ R. reviewed those changes. The Form 990 accountant fee should go down in the future with repeat business.

(Deb B. joined the EC at 10:00am.)

Mel H. asked what how NESAF looks financially for the year. NESAF is \$8,900 better than anticipated. Income has come in above what was expected.

Kurt Z. raised a question about CD maturity dates and asked if there were alternative investments or accounts that could yield greater returns. Ed. O'L. recounted the history of the CDs. Income generated from the 1995 SAF National Convention in Maine was invested in CDs with the CD interest funding NESAF grants - this was supported and voted on by membership. If interest is to be used for another purpose, it will require a membership vote. Unspent interest is carried forward to future years where a larger amount of money is available for grants.

A motion was heard from Paul D. acknowledging that the EC is in receipt of the Treasurer's Report; a second to the motion was heard from Bill S. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Old Business:

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Form 990 (Reay): The form 990 has been completed and submitted. It needs to be done every year by May 15th. Student chapters were not as diligent about keeping track of officers and making sure they can be contacted. Ed O'L. suggested that Russ R. copy state representatives when contacting state treasurers so the representatives can encourage the treasurers to get the paperwork to Russ. R. on time.

NY-NE Joint Winter Meeting (Lemin): Ron L. has been in contact with Mariann Johnston and expects to meet her next week. No winter meeting date is set, but it will likely be early in the winter. Will M. spoke to the Maine Chapter about a joint NE-NY SAF winter meeting and a shorter summer Maine SAF meeting. MESAF was generally accepting but had a couple concerns: 1) the financial liability if the Maine meeting suffered from low attendance on the tail of the winter NESAF meeting. To address this both meeting profits could be pooled and split 50-50 between MESAF and NESAF; 2) MESAF does not want the meetings to be in competition with one another. It would be good to have the locations and timing so both meetings would draw upon the full NESAF membership.

Ed O'L. encouraged Ron L. to speak to Marianne J. about both issues. The joint meeting should be split 50-50 between NESAF and NYSAF. The joint meeting location will likely be eastern NY or western MA.

Yankee Division is hosting the NESAF meeting in 2012 in Amherst. Proceeds will be split 50-50 between NESAF and Yankee. At this point, the Maine EC is waiting to hear back from the NESAF EC to find out if NESAF is amenable to a 50-50 split.

A motion was heard from Will M. that in the event of a joint NE-NY SAF winter meeting and subsequent NESAF meeting hosted by Maine that the 50% proceeds from the winter meeting (the other 50% goes to NY) and 100% proceeds from the MESAF meeting will get pooled and split between MESAF and NESAF; a second to the motion was heard from Ron L. There was discussion whether the motion should be amended to state that the programs should be advertised separately. EC members suggested that the program themes be separate, and the programs dates scheduled far apart. For example, a NESAF meeting in January or February and a Maine meeting in June. Will M. informed the EC that the Maine meeting may be shorter and oriented to field activities. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Winter Meeting Planner (O'Leary): Ed O'L. asked if there was anything from the last winter meeting that should be incorporated into the winter meeting planner. Vermont has not had their debriefing meeting yet. Kurt Z. and Dan Kilborn are going to review the event once more and make suggestions for the planner. There are likely small details that should be added. Ed O'L. encouraged any EC members that have comments provide them to Kurt Z. For example, Bill VanDoren asked how to handle speakers' honorarium, travel etc. The guide covers it.

Leadership Academy (Lemin): Ron L. has not done anything yet on the Foresters' Fund grant. Ron L. should speak with Bill VanDoren to make preparations for the leadership academy (how many attendees, space requirements, etc.). The Leadership Academy should be at a separate time from the EC meeting so EC members can attend if they wish. State representatives should identify 5-6 people in their state that may be interested in attending the Leadership Academy. Peter G. suggested that Jeff H. work with Ron L. and provide input on the Leadership Academy; Jeff H. was at the Leadership Academy with Peter G. and Spencer Meyer and will have good input. The registration fee is split between NESAF and the states (approximately \$30 per person for the states last Leadership Academy). Individuals can cover the state portion if they would like to attend and the state cannot provide additional support or the individual is not part of the state leadership.

NESAF 2012 Winter Meeting (Harder): Mel H. had no additional updates. The NESAF 2012 winter meeting will be April 3 - April 6, 2012 at UMass. Bill VanDoren is the General Chair.

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Voting Privileges for the Website Administrator (O'Leary): Ed O'L. picked up on where Spencer Meyer left off in December. Spencer Meyer spoke with Ken Laustsen. A change in voting privileges requires a bylaw change and vote of the membership. Ed O'L. apologized for not devoting the necessary time to work through the voluminous information. Ed O'L. suggested that the cost of a mail ballot should not deter the EC from moving forward on this issue, and the process should be made easier through electronic balloting. Deb B. is willing to help Ed O'L. move the process forward. Peter G. reminded the EC that this should dovetail with the policy process changes that require a bylaw changes and a membership vote. As for the website administrator, small changes in language to the existing bylaws incorporating the website administrator are all that is required. Ed O'L. will arrange a conference call with Ken Laustsen and Deb B. They will figure out how to move the process forward.

Budget (Reay): Russ R. reported on the winter meeting. Net revenue was approximately \$17,500. There are a few additional numbers that need to be finalized. The bill for the hotel was over \$21,000 - a great deal considering all the meals breaks, photo copies, etc. Mel H., Dana H., and Paul D. should make Bill VanDoren aware of winter meeting information that could be valuable to Yankee. Russ R. did not use National for credit card handling and it went well. Instead, he used Paysimple, a subsidiary of American express. 1/3 to 1/2 of the revenue was by credit card including sponsorships. It was important to have absolute registration numbers immediately, National was not able to provide this service. One drawback was that credit card information could not be submitted to paysimple until March 1st. The cost was close to a couple hundred dollars, a little less than 3% per transaction.

The winter meeting had approximately 340 attendees including a surprising number of walk-ins. Sponsorships generated close to \$4,800; the raffle netted \$2,000-3,000, and exhibitors added approximately \$2,300.

All sponsors received maple syrup, were acknowledged at breaks, and received a follow up email. Ed O'L. suggested putting an add in *Northern Woodlands* thanking them. Bill S. suggested a thank you in the *News Quarterly* as well. Peter G. asked what is being done to track sponsorship annually. Kurt Z. will start tracking sponsorships this year. There are many different options. A couple of the options include Etapestry, good software that is free for small users and/or a list of sponsors and donations as an appendix in the winter meeting planner.

(The EC took a break at 11:08am and resumed at 11:30am)

Russ R. reviewed the budget. Some 2011 year-to-date expenses are still outstanding. Specifically, EC general operations and national meeting travel. The *News Quarterly* line will be tight since it was reduced. At this point, everything looks alright overall.

Russ R. asked state representatives to emphasize the importance of the Treasurer position at their respective local units. Russ R. also asked that individuals deposit checks issued from NESAF shortly after they are received. He also suggested that a larger part of the leadership academy be dedicated to budget and finance skills. Mel H. asked what the Connecticut Treasurer needed to communicate with Russ R. Russ R. asked that Treasurers at least respond to emails when they are sent. Will M. noted that is critical to emphasize the importance of the Treasurer at the student level as well. This could be discussed at multiple times including the student conclave.

Ron L. mentioned that the last two columns of the budget should be the same.

No budget changes were made at the business meeting so the budget from March 29th should be accurate.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

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Standing Committee reports:

Nominations and Election (Dolan): For the upcoming elections, NESAF is looking for representatives from Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire as well as a Secretary and Treasurer. Russell R. will run for Treasurer. Nomination should go to Paul D. by August 1st. Paul D. will get all pertinent information to Deb B. for the webpage. If states do not contact Paul D. then he will assume that the state in question does not have an election this year. State representatives should ensure their state uses the format for the each election position so candidates are presented on equal terms. State representatives should speak with their states to ensure there are plenty of candidates running.

Policy (Open): Jonathon Wood was not present. Peter G. would like to see the policy bylaw changes made.

Membership (Greeno): National has not provided Peter G. an updated membership list since February despite requests. National is still working on modernizing their database. SAF Members who are not renewed are no longer members and will be purged 12/31 this year. State representatives should go back to their states and ask if anyone wants to help call lapsed members. State chapter support will be very helpful.

After paying the printing bill there will be \$171 left of grant money from National. Peter G. is waiting on the Bill to send to Russ R. Jeff H. will be continuing the membership drive follow up calls.

The student conclave, a joint NY-NE conclave, is at Pauls Smith's College in September. It will be challenging getting information to students at the beginning of the school year. Most of the student leadership positions are filled.

Peter G. spoke highly of Jeff H. and encouraged the EC to finalize his appointment as Membership Chair. Ed O'L. thanked Peter G. for all his support and efforts and informed Peter G. that a gift was in the mail. A motion was heard from Bill S. that Jeff Hutchins be elected as Membership Chair; a second to the motion was heard from Will M. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously. Jeff H. should email Bill S. an updated email list for GMD as soon as it is available form National.

Forest Science Coordinator (Monthey): The next *News Quarterly* will focus on Forest Pests. The fall issue will highlight forest licensure. Nory Parr will write an article detailing the benefits and Bill S. will detail drawbacks. Deb Markowitz will provide an overview of licensure in general. Deb Markowitz should provide Roger M. the article by August 1. Russ R. suggested Deb Markowitz consider foresters when she is writing the article. Ed O'L. was a little reluctant since she was not a forester and it is not her area of expertise.

Future *News Quarterly* themes could include GIS, risk mapping, conservation education, watershed aquatics, gps units, field safety (helmets age, ticks, etc.), technical advances in the logging industry, policy in New England, USFS competitive grants (results), certified wood, and sawmill technology.

(The EC took a break for lunch at 12:03pm and resumed at 12:40pm)

Forester's Fund Grant Application (O'Leary): Ed O'L. received a Forester's Fund grant application from UMass Dartmouth that he needs to sign. The application is on behalf of Mass SAF. Ed O'L. needs to sign it before it can be submitted. Ed O'L. will provide additional information by email so the EC is up to speed.

NESAF Website (Boyer): Deb B. asked the EC for input on how early to post information on future programs. For example, how early should NESAF solicit posters for next year's winter meeting. The EC felt there was no problem posting information as it becomes available, but Deb B. should draw attention to the

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material closer to the date it becomes relevant. In the case of the winter meeting poster, it can be incorporated into a larger call for winter meeting assistance and information.

It was suggested that the winter meeting get a link on the front page opposed to being buried under leadership. Deb B. will move the winter meeting to the top level. A new awards document was posted to the website including Dana H.'s contact information. Deb B. will post a note informing visitors that a recent version of Adobe is required to fill out the .pdf.

Russ R. asked if there was a way to make the membership directory more accessible. He had a hard time finding it. Deb B. is going to link directly to National's membership directory.

Grants (Harder): Mel H. provided an update on the Maine SAF grant. Maine asked for an extension but all NESAF grants are two years so an extension is not required. Mel H. will send Maggie and Scott M. the update in case they wish to put it in the News Quarterly.

Since NESAF is in good shape financially, there are no plans to submit a grant to itself. The EC had a discussion about whether there is a conflict of interest submitting a grant to itself. There could be a potential conflict of interest if states are competing with NESAF. However, it is not inappropriate if the grant benefits the chapters and membership as a whole. Dana H. confirmed that grants are eligible to NESAF.

Awards (Hachigian): Deb B. will send out a reminder about the December 1 awards deadline. Randy Stone sent Dana H. a note informing her that there was a candidate for the James W. Toumey Award who did not receive enough votes. Dana H. will contact the nominator to see if they would like to resubmit; she will follow up with the laser engraver and check with Ken Laustsen to see how many Integrity in Conservation Awards are left.

There was discussion about the size of the Distinguished Service Award relative to the other awards. Historically, it was the first award given by NESAF. Russ R. expressed his disappointment that the award has been diluted over the years. He would like to see it restored to its prior standing. Ron L. suggested keeping it the same size because of the history surrounding the award and its traditional significance. No committee members objected to its size. Dana will ask for a quote for a different size award that is a little smaller. Will M. asked if the Molly Beatie Young Forester Award can be awarded to an individual posthumously; EC members felt it could be.

NESAF News Quarterly (Machinist): Maggie and Scott M. were not present. The *News Quarterly* will be both paper and electronic. The Machinists have been receiving more calls asking for paper copies. There will continue to be space limits to the *News Quarterly* since paper copies will get produced as well. The *News Quarterly* Editors should not be required to make multiple versions of the paper. Email addresses will be updated through National SAF. Will M. suggested an intermittent postcard that reminds membership to update their email address through National if they are not receiving emails or the *News Quarterly*. Peter G. reminded the EC that this effort was part of the purpose of the membership services money.

State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):

SAF Council Report - George Frame: Ed O'L. read the following Council Report submitted by George F. The

SAF Council met the weekend of June 3rd at the SAF Headquarters in Bethesda. The key piece of work completed was a vote to endorse a new tiered dues structure for the organization based on levels of service. The National Office Staff is developing some PR to accompany a roll out of the program over the next month or so but in advance of that I can tell you that there will be several levels of professional membership that will range in cost from 95 dollars to 270 dollars per year. Remember that this is the

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National SAF portion of the total dues bill. State society and Division/Chapter dues will be added to this number making the final total higher. Until the National Office comes out with their information for the members I don't want to quote the names or the services associated with each level, I know I'd get something wrong and have to suffer the consequences. Suffice it to say that the amount of service you can expect to receive increases as the level of dues increases.

We are still discussing the broader question of who should be members of the SAF. When SAF accredits an educational program at a College or University should we also be incorporating these accredited students as members or not? The arguments that float around this issue have to do with losing our identity as foresters, having a terrestrial ecosystem manager being President of SAF, having to change our name, diluting or despoiling the perceived importance of foresters in the minds of the 'people', etc. There will be a lot more talk on this one before any decision is made and it will definitely be something that goes to the membership either through HSD or as a referendum. It would require By-laws and Constitutional changes of a magnitude probably greater than the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force of 6 or 7 years ago.

The National Office is still involved with the sale of the property surrounding the headquarters. An agreement has been reached (awaiting signatures) with the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation folks who also occupy the site concerning the split of any sale proceeds. So far there are three interested developers so it is hoped we will see some daylight on this issue soon.

Roger D is still pressing on with his 'Good to Great' initiative with Council and National Office staff. This is an interesting process and requires a lot of very open thinking and some very difficult decision making. I will be flying into Detroit for an airport hotel weekend meeting to get into a few G2G weeds with other members of the Strategic Planning Committee sometime in late July.

Convention was also a topic of the last meeting. There is a day and one half Council meeting plus the day and one half House of Society Delegates meeting we are expected to attend. Beach time will be lessened but that's OK for a guy my age. It is hoped that attendance will be good. There are several great pre and post conference tour opportunities as well as day trips planned for significant others. Hopefully, you have all seen the brochures and are well into your trip planning.

Bill S. discussed the trade-offs of seeing a proposed dues hike voted on by delegates as opposed to a referendum. Bill S. would like to see membership weigh in. Dana H. supported delegates representing membership since she felt membership would most likely vote with their pocketbooks rather than fully recognizing the financial solvency implications. Paul D. noted that a referendum would require delegates to sell the idea to membership and provide a compelling argument for a dues hike.

ME - Will M.: MESAF's current Chair, Dan Simonds, is taking a temporary leave of absence. Katie Cousins, Chair-elect will assume the Chair's role. MESAF is focusing on their summer and fall meetings, covering rehabilitation silviculture and international forestry respectively. The MESAF NESAF grant was discussed. The forestry awareness committee is tied in with envirothon and working to support transportation to events.

RI - Paul D: The winning envirothon team from Rhode Island is going to Canada. RISAF has supported the International Year of the Forest initiative, Coverts Project, as well as PLT's Walk in the Woods field days. A state tree poster was sent to all schools and libraries. RISAF is also conducting outreach programs in conjunction with Tree Farm.

NH - Peter H.: Peter H provided a copy of GSD's policy statement on the Northern Pass Project and provided the following update.

The GSD board has completed the policy statement as asked by the membership at the winter meeting to come up with on the Northern Pass Project. It was presented to the legislature at their hearing

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on the subject over a month ago. The next step will be to send the statement to the Dept. of Energy, and the site evaluation committee when it has its hearing.

New people elected to the GSD board were Tim Fleury (Chair), Hunter Carbee (Vice Chair), Susan Francher (Treasurer), and Keri Yankus (Secretary).

Presently, there are six biomass plants in NH that are operating without rate order, and the fear is that four of them may shut down by the end of the year. The proposed biomass project in Berlin is still in limbo waiting final approval by the state.

The remaining wood market in the state are strong this spring. Hardwood logs, pulp and biomass have low inventories due to the long, wet spring. Pine mills are slow, veneer is off and depending on the particular mill, white birch, spruce and hemlock are still strong.

The GSD board is working on a new display board, to be used at future functions. We have a photo contest that the membership can contribute to, and the winning photos will be used on the display. There will be prize money for the top three.

NH was asked by National Tree Farm to participate in a pilot program exploring changes to ATFS' business model. There would be two types of tree farms with fees associated with each level of membership. The NH Tree Farm Committee declined to participate. The NH tree farm field day will take place on October 1 at the North Family Farm in Canterbury, NH.

State budget cuts will force another 7 people out of state forestry department. So far there has been a 20% reduction in staff.

VT - Bill S.: GMD has started planning for the 2015 NESAF winter meeting. Russell R. has agreed to oversee registration, and others have volunteered to take on additional responsibilities. The winter meeting will be take place at Lake Morey again since Lake Morey has guaranteed rates. The registration will likely cost around \$150. GMD is busy looking at position statements including reinstating a position on biomass.

MA - Dana H.: Massachusetts is continuing to move forward with the forest visioning process. There have been some educational programs including fish and wildlife workshops. The clearcut issue seems to have subsided for now. There have been a number of leadership changes and promotions in the state natural resources agencies.

CT - Mel H.: Mel H. submitted the following Connecticut report. On June 10, about 30 CTSAF members attended a summer meeting at the Yale Meyers research forest in Ashford CT. The morning program consisted of 3 presentations by members of the Yale School Forests community.

1. Nathan Rutenbeck, Alex Barret and Angela Orthemeyer presented various aspects of Yale's Quiet Corner Initiative, a program to encourage landowner neighbors of the Yale Meyers forest to practice good forestry. CTSA members provided feedback and ideas for the project moving forward.

2. Kevin Barrett presented his ongoing research on the effects of type and location of timber harvest on deer browsing activity. This included a visit to his experimental plot in the Yale Meyers forest.

3. Dr. Mark Ashton presented recent work that his lab has been doing on oak regeneration across topographical gradients. He led members on a visit to a recent regeneration cutting in the Yale Meyers forest.

During the business meeting, a motion was made and carried to accept the current slate of chapter officers: Chair Deborah Spalding, vice chair Michael Bartlett and secretary/treasurer Alex Barrett.

Alex Barrett reviewed the budget, and a motion was made and carried to allocate the following donations:

1. \$400 to the CT Forest Forum
2. \$100 to the Environthon
3. @100 to the Log A Load Campaign

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In the afternoon session members visited and were given a tour of Hull Forest Products of Pomfret CT. Mike Bartlett, Bill Hull and Chris Dasadei led three groups through the mill which was in full operation at the time. Members got to see up close Hull's milling process, plank flooring operations, and other innovative and high tech processes.

The Northeastern Loggers' Association (NELA) recently honored Joan Nichols of Lebanon, CT as the recipient of its 2010 Outstanding Leadership in Industry Award. NELA President Jeff Durst presented the award at the Annual Loggers' Banquet in Bangor, ME in a ceremony attended by over 200 members of the Northeast's forest products industry.

Durst explained "Joan Nichols is an asset to the entire forestry scene in Connecticut. Her most recent initiative was the resurrection of our industry group - re-organized into the CT Professional Timber Producers Association. Under Joan's leadership the organization has grown to over 150 members - a very significant number in a small state. TIMPRO has actively participated in forestry education - holding programs for schools, municipalities, industry and the general public - covering a diverse range of topics relative to the industry. Under Joan's leadership TIMPRO has become the organization representing our industry in Connecticut."

"Joan has been active in forest management and forest industry circles throughout her career - which began in the early 80's. She knows the industry, she understands private forestland ownership, and she has a firm handle on the history that has brought us to where we are today. Fortunately for the entire forestry community, Joan is the type of person who is always willing to share her knowledge and experience, and contribute 'sweat equity' whenever and wherever it might be needed. Any state would be proud and lucky to have someone like Joan working on their behalf and we're pleased to present the Outstanding Leadership in Industry award to Joan Nichols" Durst concluded.

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Canada - Don Floyd: (not present)

Chair Potpourri (O'Leary): No topics were discussed.

Other items for the good of the order: Ed O'L. reminded everyone of our next meeting. Will M. received a question about the NESAF *News Quarterly*. There is no charge for a paper copy and NESAF is not sure how it will go out electronically (attachment, link, etc.).

Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on Friday, September 16, 2011 9:30am at Seyon Lodge State Park situated in Groveton SF, Groton, VT.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, December 21, 9:30am-3:00pm, Concord NH

A motion to adjourn was heard from Pete H. A second was heard from Will M. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Fast, Secretary