

**Maine Division - Society of American Foresters - Business Meeting**  
**Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, Orono, ME      October 11, 2011**

The business meeting began at 8:20 am with Katie Cousins presiding with a welcome and reading of the anti-trust statement. The minutes from the previous year were approved.

**Bill Livingston gave the Treasurer's Report** (attached) and reported an ending balance of \$6,229.96 in the MESAF accounts and \$3,005.35 in the Forestry Awareness Account.

**Bill Livingston presented the proposed budget for fiscal 2012** that began October 1. Bill noted that the 2012 budget could not afford the \$2,000 mileage reimbursements that had been approved at the previous year's meeting. He requested that the amount be reduced to \$500 and be used to reimburse the Division Manager's travel expenses to attend MESAF meetings. The proposal was approved. Other reductions in the budget included reducing the funds transferred to the Forestry Awareness Committee from \$5,000 to \$1,000, and the removal of funds to support student professional development and student social at UMaine. An added expense was \$939.48 for the Allagash Bridge Memorial, the amount of funds that had been contributed for that purpose. The ending balance for 2012 is projected to be about \$2,000. In the Forestry Awareness committee budget, reduced revenues will result in reduced support for the Maine Tree Foundation (from \$2,750 to \$1,500) and Maine Envirothon (from \$2,500 to \$1,400). The 2012 budget also included \$1,000 seed money that will come from NESAF for housing the 2013 meeting. The Treasurer's Report and 2012 budget were accepted unanimously.

**The first business item was an update on the Allagash Memorial.** Ron Lemin recounted that on September 12, 2002, 14 forest workers were killed when their van drove off the Allagash Bridge. The workers were hired by Timberland Enterprises for a job on Seven-Islands land. The UMaine student chapter collected \$939.48 to purchase a memorial for the workers. Ron proposed that the memorial be ready for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He spoke with John McNulty, the two agreed that it was not practical to locate the memorial at the bridge but that an alternate location, such as the Maine Northwoods Gate, would be better. Additional funds may be needed, and those interested in helping with the memorial should contact Ron.

**Next, Ron spoke about the NESAF Leadership Academy.** NESAF will sponsor a Leadership Academy at a Friday morning session at the 2012 Amherst meeting. A Foresters Fund Grant will help cover the cost, but attendees will still pay about \$35. Each NESAF division is encourage to invite and sponsor (= pay the \$35 registration fee) members to attend. The Leadership Academy is limited to 25-35 attendees.

**Katie read the Communication Committee report** that was submitted by Tony Filauro. Tony continues to submit Division news to the NESAF Newsletter. If the articles are not informative, please let Tony know. Information about invitations to the MESAF fall meeting were sent to news organizations (Bangor Daily News, Portland Press Herald, TV channels 2, 5, and 7. Tony encouraged members to help with volunteer efforts as it's another way to communicate with the public.

**The following is the NESAF report from Will Mercier:**

The current chair of NESAF is Ed O'Leary from Vermont. This is the first year of his two year term. The current chair-elect of NESAF is Kurt Zschau also of Vermont. He is serving the first year of a two year term as chair-elect before beginning a two year term as chair. Jonathon Wood of Vermont

has taken the position of Policy Chair. Roger Monthey, of Maine, is the new Forest Science Coordinator, taking over from Jim Harding.

Regarding the NESAF funds and budget, the total net worth of NESAF as of September 16, 2011 is approximately \$39,000. The budget status is looking good due to having good attendance at the 2011 winter meeting in Vermont that produced earnings which exceeded projections. NESAF also took a hard look at the budget this year and made several cuts, which are also contributing to the current positive standing of the budget.

One of the most substantial changes to the NESAF budget was the decision to transition the NESAF news quarterly to electronic distribution to save the printing and mailing costs. Members should have noticed announcements regarding this in the past few quarterlies and from this point forward members will no longer receive a printed version of the quarterly, but rather will receive an email with a link to a PDF file of the quarterly that they can download and use. If there is anyone who would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the news quarterly, they can contact Scott and Maggie Machinist, who will happily send along a paper copy of the publication.

There has been a change in the NESAF membership efforts. After several years of excellent service, Peter Greeno has stepped down from the position of Membership Chair to pursue other opportunities. Jeff Hutchins of Massachusetts has taken over this position.

Planning for the 2012 NESAF winter meeting is in the works. This meeting will be hosted by the Yankee Division and will be held at the UMASS Campus Center in Amherst, Massachusetts on April 4-6, 2012. The General-Chair for organizing this meeting is Bill Van-Doran.

Plans for a 2013 joint meeting between New England SAF and New York SAF are continuing to develop. A significant development that has occurred since the last meeting is the creation of a plan for Maine to host a late spring/early summer NESAF meeting in 2013. The current thinking is that this meeting will be a 1.5 or 2 days and will have more of a field and workshop focus. By offering a second meeting in 2013 in Maine, the hope is to provide better geographic access to the New England membership. By hosting this meeting Maine will skip their turn in the rotation to host a NESAF winter meeting. In an attempt to mitigate the risk of reduced revenues from hosting this alternate meeting, a proposal from the Maine Executive Committee to the NESAF Executive Committee was made and accepted by the NESAF EC. This proposal is that the 50% revenues that NESAF will receive from the NESAF/NYSAF joint meeting will be pooled with 100% of the revenues from the Spring NESAF Field meeting hosted by Maine. These pooled funds will then be split 50/50 between NESAF and Maine.

There are several deadlines coming up including:

Deadline for NESAF Awards applications is December 1, 2011.

Deadline for NESAF Grants applications is December 1, 2011.

Electronic Ballots for the SAF National, and Maine Division Elections are out. The election closes on November 5, 2011.

The call for posters for the 2012 NESAF winter meeting is out and abstracts are due February 15, 2012.

**The discussion on the NESAF report** focused on the 2013 plan for a winter and spring NESAF meeting. One concern is revenues. The last joint meeting with New York resulted in \$2,500 in earnings for NESAF and Yankee Division, about half of the usual revenues. A joint meeting with NY is viewed as valuable because of the opportunity to meet with other colleagues, and eastern NY is the best location because it lies in the middle of the NESAF/NY region. To minimize lost revenues due to a joint

meeting, one option is to make a joint NESAF/NY meeting part of a 5 year rotating schedule, but this would decrease revenues to the divisions because of the extra year between hosting the winter meeting. The other option presented in the report is a trial to see if revenues from a joint NESAF/NY meeting and those from a joint NESAF/MESAF spring field meeting would be similar to the typical single NESAF winter meeting. Will said both meetings would be advertised by NESAF as being open to all NESAF members. MESAF would only need to help organize the spring meeting. The expectation is that geographically, many members who could not travel to NY for the winter meeting because of distance could travel to southern Maine for a spring meeting. However, timing and location of the spring meeting will be critical to its success. In summary, the NESAF and MESAF Executive Committees have approved the concept of planning winter and spring meetings for 2013, but members voiced skepticism about whether the ventures will be a success, i.e., revenues for MESAF will be as high as those when only a single meeting is organized. No additional action was requested on how to proceed with the 2013 meetings.

**Mallory Bussell gave the following report for the UMaine student chapter:**

Activities included:

- Help with Envirothon field days and competitions in the fall and spring.
- Built a picnic table for Nutting Hall on Maine Day
- Helped Dr. Livingston with Open Houses by hosting lunch with potential students & parents
- New student welcome afternoon and volunteer trail work with Univ. Forest
- Plum Creek Tour
- CLP- Hank Kay and Karl Buckley had high regards
- Annual Student Conclave was at Paul Smith's this fall; we sent 7 people
- Will be hosting it next year.
- School of Forest Resources awarded scholarships for 2 students, Hank Kay and Eli Shank, to attend national SAF meeting - airfare, hotel, food,
- Helped with the Forestry Job Fair last February - that was quite a success
- Visiting Tidewater, Enterprises operation Downeast in conjunction with Harvesting class

Fundraising:

- Nutting Hall T-shirt like we have done in the past- the design submissions have just come in
- Calendars- letters were sent out for sponsors in September and replies are beginning to come in

**Sue Aygarn gave the following report for the Forestry Awareness Committee:**

Forestry Awareness Committee continues to work towards putting foresters in front of students and teachers. Our focus remains primarily on promoting and supporting **forestry activities** that engage foresters with students. We do that by communicating with the education community, finding and filling rolls for professional forester volunteers. Through our Forestry Education Network we maintain a roster of over 100 Professional Foresters experienced and often PLT trained to lead forestry activities. This year we staffed 2 major events as well as filling several smaller rolls.

- Envirothon Forestry Day –Unity College March 18, 2011. FAC staffed 12 Foresters in addition to MFS, to meet expanding student attendance. Approximately 300 Students received training from our foresters and the MFS in the following topics
  - Compass/map gps
  - Tools/equip
  - Tree ID
  - Silviculture
  - Wildlife
- Children’s Days at Leonards Mills – 3 day event, we staffed 4 foresters to provide training in a forest classroom setting. Approximately 500+ students circulated through the event.
- Fall Envirothon Forestry Day - Upcoming
- PLT workshops – training new teachers about how to use PLT. *Ongoing*
- Husson College PLT workshop, training college teachers
- Found Foresters to conduct activities for Forest field days at China School, Litchfield , Envirothon coaching, professional mentoring.
- *Continue to update our volunteer roster.*

Financial Contributions –

- Donated \$2500 to Envirothon to help recruit schools, sponsor schools to attend events, o assist schools with travel expenses and pay for Fall field day expenses. Did we need to defer some unspent funds to 10/1/11
- Last year donated \$2500 for PLT and teacher tours. This year we will be donating \$500 towards MTF and \$1000 to PLT Teacher Tours. Teachers gain valuable training and background in Forestry. Many teachers go on to include forestry curriculums in their classes, utilize foresters for their field instruction and with foresters assistance build outdoor classrooms and school forests.
- NESAF TOOL GRANT\_ Envirothon to cost share forestry equipment purchases, linked with training with a professional forester

**Katie announced the membership awards:** 60 Year: Robert Bond, Edward Chase, and Abbott Ladd. 50 Year: Gene Putnam. 40 Year: Lloyd Irland. 30 Year: John Banks, Mike Dann, Bret Vicary, Terry Walters, Jerry Young.

**A moment of silence** was given for those who departed from us during the past year including Hugh Viollette and Steve Coleman.

**The business meeting was adjourned** at 11:07 am.

Maine Division - SAF: Treasurer's Report, 10/9/2011									
General Account	2009 Revised Budget	2009 Ending 9/30/2009	2010 Budget	2010 Ending 9/30/10	Mtg Earnings	2011 Proposed Budget	2011 Actual to date	2012 Proposed Budget	2011 Mtg Earnings:
Beginning Balance	\$6,682.83	\$6,682.83	\$12,666.56	\$12,666.56		\$10,874.94	\$10,874.94	\$6,229.96	
Dues	\$2,200.00	\$1,810.50	\$2,200.00	\$2,571.63		\$2,200.00	\$1,881.00	\$2,000.00	
Interest	\$100.00	\$59.86	\$50.00	\$24.88		\$20.00	\$20.57	\$20.00	
NESAF Conf.		\$6,079.41	0						
Fall Meeting	\$6,000.00	\$8,087.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,145.00		\$3,700.00	\$4,620.00	\$6,000.00	
Field Meetings	\$4,000.00	\$2,122.61	\$2,000.00	\$2,930.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,265.00	\$3,000.00	
Northern Forest Forum	\$720.00	\$363.00	\$700.00	\$482.00		\$500.00	\$204.00	\$500.00	
Grants			\$0.00						
Reimbursements		\$3,115.00	\$0.00						
Donations			\$0.00				\$40.00		
Allagash Bridge Memorial			\$0.00						
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,020.00</b>	<b>\$21,637.38</b>	<b>\$10,950.00</b>	<b>\$15,153.51</b>		<b>\$8,420.00</b>	<b>\$10,030.57</b>	<b>\$11,520.00</b>	
Office Expense	\$200.00	\$131.24	\$200.00			\$200.00		\$200.00	
Printing & Mailing	\$50.00	\$16.80	\$50.00	\$169.59		\$175.00		\$175.00	
Stationary			\$0.00						
Bank Charges			\$50.00	\$31.46		\$50.00		\$50.00	
subtotal	\$250.00	\$148.04	\$300.00	\$201.05		\$425.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	
Committees:									
Executive	\$250.00	\$323.14	\$300.00	\$184.04		\$250.00		\$100.00	
Executive Comm Travel						\$2,500.00	\$447.18	\$500.00	
Forest Practices/Policy									
Membership									
Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00							
Communications									
Forestry Awareness	\$2,000.00	\$2,850.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Forestry Awareness: Maine Tree Foundation				\$2,000.00					
Forestry Awareness: Envirothon		\$150.00		\$208.41					
subtotal	\$2,250.00	\$3,323.14	\$5,300.00	\$5,192.45		\$7,750.00	\$5,447.18	\$1,600.00	
Awards:									
SWOAM Scholar	\$0.00	\$0.00							
Student Chapter	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Service Awards	\$200.00	\$140.22	\$200.00	\$21.00		\$200.00	\$156.00	\$100.00	
Hurricane Scholarships									
Johnson Fund	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Schol contributions									
subtotal	\$1,100.00	\$1,040.22	\$1,100.00	\$921.00		\$1,100.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,000.00	
Meetings:									
Fall Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$2,821.88	\$3,000.00	\$2,983.93	\$5,757.57	\$2,500.00	\$2,172.54	\$4,000.00	\$2,447.46
Fall Mtg curr yr		\$403.50	500	\$628.73			\$403.20		
Field Meetings	\$4,000.00	\$2,597.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,376.21	-\$446.21	\$2,000.00	\$2,163.54	\$3,142.29	\$1,101.46
NESAF Winter Mtg.		\$1,057.50	0						
subtotal	\$7,000.00	\$6,879.88	\$5,500.00	\$6,988.87		\$4,500.00	\$4,739.28	\$7,142.29	
MESAF Centennial									
Division Manager	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Web Page	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Portland Expo	\$200.00	\$425.00	\$0.00						
Student Travel	\$500.00	\$384.00	\$500.00	\$300.00		\$500.00	\$573.09	\$500.00	
Student Chapter Memberships	\$300.00	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$525.00		\$525.00	\$560.00	\$560.00	
SFR Student Social	\$250.00	\$194.38	\$250.00			\$250.00			
Student Professional Develop						\$500.00			
SAF Academy	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$500.00	
Survey Expenses									
Nutting Courtyard									
Northern Forest Forum	\$720.00	\$339.99	\$700.00	\$516.76	-\$34.76	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$704.00	\$204.00
PLT 30yr anniv. Donation									
SAF supplies									
Allagash Bridge Memorial								\$939.48	
National Meeting Contribution		\$100.00							
subtotal	\$5,270.00	\$4,163.37	\$4,170.00	\$3,641.76		\$4,575.00	\$3,433.09	\$5,503.48	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,870.00</b>	<b>\$15,554.65</b>	<b>\$16,370.00</b>	<b>\$16,945.13</b>		<b>\$18,350.00</b>	<b>\$14,675.55</b>	<b>\$15,670.77</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,832.83</b>	<b>\$12,765.56</b>	<b>\$7,246.56</b>	<b>\$10,874.94</b>		<b>\$944.94</b>	<b>\$6,229.96</b>	<b>\$2,079.19</b>	
Checking Account		\$7,708.60		\$5,892.10			1226.55		
Savings Account		\$4,957.96		\$4,982.84			5003.41		
<b>Total In Accounts</b>		<b>\$12,666.56</b>		<b>\$10,874.94</b>			<b>\$6,229.96</b>		

