

Maine Division - Society of American Foresters - Business Meeting

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, Orono, ME October 19, 2011

The business meeting began at 8:05 am with Dave Maass 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). Tish Carr gave her thanks to the membership for their Envirothon Contribution which represents 10% of the annual budget for Maine Envirothon. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

Dave presented a proposal to allow travel reimbursement to Executive Committee meetings. The proposal was to allow, at most, \$2,000 for mileage reimbursements for the 2010-2011 and 2011-12 budgets. The goal is to attract more members to Executive Committee positions. There were questions about the proposal including if people who did get reimbursement from employers would also be eligible for MESAF reimbursement, if lack of travel reimbursement was never mentioned as a reason for declining a MESAF office candidacy, and what was the basis for justify the action? The responses were that NESAF has the same policy for travel reimbursement, its Executive Committee does believe members do appreciate some reimbursement given that a day's work is donated to the organization, and the policy does increase attendance at the meetings. A motion was made to accept the policy and it was seconded. Dan Simonds had mixed feelings about the motion, especially with the low member attendance at the business meeting and the concerns being expressed. Max McCormack was also troubled by the motion and agreed with Dan about enough attendance at the business meeting to have a quorum to decide the question. Henry Whittemore stated that a quorum is 5% of the membership and that a quorum was present. Dan did say that the proposal has been discussed for a while on the MESAF Executive Committee and is a sincere proposal to address the large geographic area that the members come from. Gary Bahlkow believed that the travel reimbursement proposal is a worthy experiment to see if it will increase member participation in Executive Committee positions. Spencer Meyer stated that the NESAF committee considers reimbursement requests from all members until the budgeted funds are gone. After that, no more reimbursements are made. The motion to allow \$2,000 in travel reimbursements for 2011 and 2012 budget years was approved with 25 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Ron Lemin made a motion to add \$550 in the budget to support the Division Manager's travel to the 2011 SAF National Meeting in Hawaii. Max McCormick seconded the motion and it was approved with 32 in favor and none opposed.

Tony Filauro reported that the Communications Committee work included a few contacts with the media, making contributions to the NESAF Quarterly, and contacting TV stations about the fall meeting.

Spencer Meyer reported on NESAF activities. Ron Lemin is finishing his year as NESAF chair, Ed O'Leary from Vermont Parks and Lands will be the next NESAF chair. The Policy Committee is now chaired by [Jonathan Wood](#). The Science Committee is now chaired by Jim Harding. In August, the officer ballot was submitted to the SAF national office for the on-line elections supplemented by about 10% of the membership receiving printed copies. NESAF has a net value of around \$49,000 in the chapter and division accounts and has 1,096 members.

Peter Greeno is helping to organize a membership database. Peter is also helping to organize a student member conclave at the Quabin Reservoir for students from UMaine, UMass, UConn, and Paul Smiths College. December 1 is the deadline for NESAF awards and grant proposals. There is a new NESAF award, the David M. Smith Award, to recognize a member who best reflects Dave's legacy. The NESAF web site has more information about the award. The NESAF winter meeting will be March 29 – April 1 at Fairlee, VT, and its theme is Forestry – The Original Green Profession. Deadline for submitting poster abstracts is February 15, and online registration will be used again. The 2012 meeting will be hosted by the Yankee Division at the UMass Conference Center on April 4-6. NESAF web site has a Career Center to place job announcements. Spencer is stepping down as the MESAFA representative to NESAF and will be replaced by Will Mercier.

Ron Lemin thanked Spencer for serving on the NESAF Executive Committee. He then reported that the New York SAF chapter is requesting a joint meeting. The next chance is 2013 when Maine is scheduled to host a meeting. Therefore, the question is if our division is willing to delay our hosting to 2014 so that NESAF and New York SAF can plan a joint meeting in 2013. If Maine approves the motion, then the other 3 division in NESAF also need to approve the change for it to happen. The primary concern is that hosting the NESAF meeting generates

funds for MESAF, and the MESAF accounts will be out of extra funds after the 2011 budget year. The primary motivation for having a joint meeting is the interaction with the New York members. The motion was approved with 24 in favor, 0 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

Jacob Hicks reported on the activities of the student chapter. As mentioned earlier, NESAF is encouraging student conclaves. The goal of the student conclaves is for Paul Smiths College to host the conclave in 2011 and UMaine to host in 2012. This fall at UMaine, there are 13 new members with 21 active members. Fall activities include helping with Envirothon Field Days, a fall field trip on hardwood management, a calendar sale to support the Marc Johnson scholarship, and a t-shirt sale. The students also want to organize professional development sessions.

Sue Aygarn described the success of the Maine Tree Foundation's Teacher Tours, an effort supported by MESAF's Forestry Awareness Committee donations. Tish Carr also reported on another recipient of Forestry Awareness Committee donations, the Envirothon. Envirothon now involves 500 students at 50 schools, a 60% increase over the past 3 years.

The Business meeting was adjourned and resumed at 12:15.

Bill Livingston presented the 2011 budget reflecting the items added at the morning session (see attached). Jake Hicks requested \$500 as a matching grant for student professional development activities such as CLP and Pesticide Applicators License. The budget addition passed with 28 votes in favor. The final budget for 2011 was approved with 28 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Long term members were recognized including Si Balch, Gary Bahlkow, and Greg Foster.

A request was made to post the 2012 budget at an earlier date, along with the business meeting minutes. Also, one suggestion was made to have the business meeting at a later time so that attendance would be better.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Minutes submitted by Bill Livingston.

Maine Division - SAF: Treasurer's Report,			
2/1/2011			
General Account	2010	2010	Mtg Earnings
	Budget	Ending 9/30/10	
			2011
			Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance	\$12,666.56	\$12,666.56	\$10,874.94
Dues	\$2,200.00	\$2,571.63	\$2,200.00
Interest	\$50.00	\$24.88	\$20.00
NESAF Conf.	0		
Fall Meeting	\$6,000.00	\$9,145.00	\$3,700.00
Spring Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$2,930.00	\$2,000.00
Northern Forest Forum	\$700.00	\$482.00	\$500.00
Grants	\$0.00		
Reimbursements	\$0.00		
Donations	\$0.00		
Allagash Bridge Memorial	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$10,950.00	\$15,153.51	\$8,420.00
Office Expense	\$200.00		\$200.00
Printing & Mailing	\$50.00	\$169.59	\$175.00
Stationary	\$0.00		
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$31.46	\$50.00
subtotal	\$300.00	\$201.05	\$425.00
Committees:			
Executive	\$300.00	\$184.04	\$250.00
Executive Comm Travel			\$2,500.00
Forest Practices/Policy			
Membership			
Nominations			
Communications			
Forestry Awareness	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$5,000.00
Forestry Awareness: Maine Tree Foundation		\$2,000.00	
Forestry Awareness: Envirothon		\$208.41	
subtotal	\$5,300.00	\$5,192.45	\$7,750.00
Awards:			
SWOAM Scholar			
Student Chapter	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Service Awards	\$200.00	\$21.00	\$200.00
Hurricane Scholarships			
Johnson Fund	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Schol contributions			
subtotal	\$1,100.00	\$921.00	\$1,100.00
Meetings:			
Fall Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$2,983.93	\$5,757.57
Fall Mtg curr yr	500	\$628.73	
Spring Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$3,376.21	-\$446.21
NESAF Winter Mtg.	0		
subtotal	\$5,500.00	\$6,988.87	\$4,500.00
MESAF Centennial			
Division Manager	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Division Manager Registration	0		
Web Page	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Portland Expo	\$0.00		
Student Travel	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Student Chapter Memberships	\$420.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
SFR Student Social	\$250.00		\$250.00
Student Professional Develop			\$500.00
SAF Academy	\$0.00		
Survey Expenses			
Nutting Courtyard			
Northern Forest Forum	\$700.00	\$516.76	-\$34.76
PLT 30yr anniv. Donation			
SAF supplies			
National Meeting Contribution			
subtotal	\$4,170.00	\$3,641.76	\$4,575.00
Total Expenses	\$16,370.00	\$16,945.13	\$18,350.00
Ending Balance	\$7,246.56	\$10,874.94	\$944.94
Checking Account		\$5,892.10	
Savings Account		\$4,982.84	
Total In Accounts		\$10,874.94	

Forestry Awareness Comm	2010	2010	2011
	2010 Budget	Ending 9/30/10	Budget
Beginning Balance	\$1,477.21	\$1,477.21	\$1,203.23
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.11	\$0.00
Grants			
Donations			
Transfer	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$5,000.00
Other			
Total Income	\$5,000.00	\$2,800.11	\$5,000.00
Bank Charges	12	-\$36.00	
Awards			
Supplies			
Meetings			
Postage			
Speaker/Vol appreciation	100		\$100.00
Training	\$100.00		\$100.00
Maine Tree Foundation Donat	\$2,750.00	\$750.00	\$2,750.00
Envirothon	\$2,500.00	\$2,360.09	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$5,462.00	\$3,074.09	\$5,450.00
Ending Balance	\$1,015.21	\$1,203.23	\$753.23
Grand Total	\$8,261.77	\$12,078.17	\$1,698.17