

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 15, 2010  
Phone Conference**

Attending: Dave Maass, Katie Cousins, Spencer Meyer, Sue Aygarn, Dan Simonds and Laura Audibert.

Absent: Bill Livingston, Don MacKay, Jessica Leahy, Tony Filauro, Ken Laustsen, Jake Metzler.

Dave opened the meeting at 9:19 AM with a brief anti-trust statement. There were no changes to the day's agenda.

The August 2, 2010 meeting minutes, were accepted as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Prior to the meeting, Bill emailed the Treasurer's Report and associated notes. There was some discussion of the 2011-2012 donation amounts for Envirothon and the Maine Tree Foundation. Bill indicated that based on our current budget income, we may not be able to donate the same amount in 2102 as we have in the recent past. He requested permission to notify the groups of the upcoming change. It was decided that **Sue** and **Bill** will make the needed notifications.

Dan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval.

There was a question as to whether the newly elected executive committee members should have been invited to this meeting. This is the last meeting of the 2010 committee. The new members will begin attending meetings in 2011. **Dan** will contact the new members-at-large soon. **Dave** will send Don MacKay a thank-you note for his service on the committee this year.

### **NESAF Update**

Spencer noted that the NESAF executive committee has not met since our Fall meeting.

NESAF Grant Request—Bill prepared the grant proposal. Sue's goal is to get foresters into schools. The grant will accomplish that. There is some concern about the requirement that schools cost-share the purchase of equipment. Collectively the schools' contribution would be \$1200. Dan wondered if we have enough foresters to reach the schools. Sue indicated that the weak areas are southern and western Maine.

<Dan left at 9:39 AM>

Sue mentioned that non-SAF foresters may need to work on this as well. Spencer wants to stress SAF participation in the grant proposal so it is clear that this is a SAF proposal, not a front for a third party. Katie motioned to accept the grant proposal with the modification to strengthen the SAF language. Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval. **Spencer** will contact Bill about strengthening the language.

<Dan re-joined at 9:44 AM>

## Forestry Awareness Committee Report

Sue reported that occasional requests are trickling in at this point and the Forestry Education Network is working. The Teacher Tours were well worth the time and expense. She hopes we continue to support this project. The Envirothon is pushing ahead.

## Communications Committee Report

Tony is absent—no report.

Dave thanked Laura for her note to Bart Harvey's family on MESAF's behalf.

## Student Chapter Report

Jacob is absent. Katie reported that the students will be doing their calendar fundraiser again and the sponsorship letters were sent out. The 2011 theme is Wood Harvesting and Processing Equipment in New England. Jacob would like to start a job shadowing program with industry foresters. **Dave** will send Jacob a note offering support.

## Field Meeting Results

Jessica is absent and not available to speak on the Baldwin tour.

Katie noted that our geographic choices were good and appreciated. Good topic diversity as well. We have a good model going forward.

**Dave** will check with Don MacKay on the list of duties for Members-at-Large. **Katie** will work on this if Don hasn't.

## Fall Meeting

Dave questioned the possible reasons for a lower than normal attendance. The mailing went out later than usual and it was an "off credit" year for licensees. Laura reported that the attendance was ~60% members/40% non-members. Sue suggested putting the date out to the membership earlier via email. **Laura** will be sure to put the date in the NESAF newsletter as well. Dan suggested an email "save the date" postcard. **Laura** will do this too.

## 2011 Officer Election Results

|                   |                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Chair-elect:      | Katie Cousins                                 |
| Chair             | Dan Simonds                                   |
| Members at Large: | Mark Andrews, Kristen Hoffman, Jessica Leahy. |
| NESAF Rep:        | Wil Mercier                                   |

Dan acknowledged that he should have asked for help with the process.

Jake Metzler sent an email offering to be the Nominations Committee Chair. **Spencer** will help out too, despite having no official executive committee role. We need to spend more time recruiting. **Dan** will talk to Jake on this subject. As exec.comm. members, we all have a role in recruiting. Dan is eager to energize this process.

## Forest Laws of Maine Request

Al Childs made a request to Dave Maass that MESAF update Dave Field's Forest Laws of Maine book. Al would be happy to assist in compiling new information. **Dave** will contact Al Childs and Don Mansius (MFS) to see what role, if any, MESAF should play. Perhaps we should be encouraging them to improve the listing the MFS already provides. **Dave** will report back at

the next ExecComm meeting. Perhaps we should invite Al to the next meeting to flesh out a plan.

#### **Awards Nominations**

**Dan** will call Ron Lemin to be filled in on the process.

#### **Forester Licensing Board**

Ken Laustsen emailed that there is nothing to report. **We** will invite Ken to report at the next ExecComm meeting.

#### **Future Meeting Date**

The first 2011 Executive Committee meeting will be held on **Friday, January 21, 2011** at the **Buchanan Alumni** House from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Lunch will be provided. Meeting in person is preferred over phone or Skype communications. **Laura** will ask Bill to reserve the room and order lunch. **Dan** will send an agenda around. **He** will also contact the new Members-at-Large personally. Spencer noted that the UMaine campus has a new “polycom” system which works very well.

Dave thanked everyone for their help over the past year. Spencer thanked everyone as well.

#### **Adjourn**

Dan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 AM. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by

*Laura Audibert*