

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

October 15, 2013

The business meeting began at 8:36 am with Ken Laustsen 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 \$14,677.13 in the MESAF accounts. The ending balance was just over \$8,000 above the budgeted amount primarily due to increase earnings from the NESAF joint meeting and MESAF Fall 2012 meetings. The report was approved as presented

Bill Livingston presented the proposed budget for fiscal 2014 that began October 1. The earnings expectations are \$2,000 from dues, \$2,000 from MESAF meetings. Expenses for 2014 were budgeted to similar values as those used for 2013 for the MESAF budget with two exceptions. A new budget item, "Hospitality", was included for \$500, and these funds would be used to pay for expenses related to a social at Pat's Pizza for student members after the MESAF fall meeting, and for a social at the NESAF meeting. There was also an increased allocation of \$3,500 to the Forestry Awareness Committee. These funds will be used in support of Envirothon (\$1,500), the Maine Tree Foundation's Teacher Tours (\$1,000), and Project Learning Tree (\$1,000). The budget was passed unanimously.

The first business item was a report on the NESAF meetings in 2013. At the joint meeting with the New York division, NESAF's share of earnings was \$5,585.09: \$2,070 from the silent auction the balance from the meeting (registration plus sponsors). The earnings (registrations plus sponsors) from the joint NESAF/MESAF field meeting in May were \$2,079. The total earnings of \$9110.29 were split equally between NESAF and MESAF. The MESAF share of \$5,585.09 is above the \$4,200 average for a NESAF meeting and just \$500 below the MESAF share from the 2009 joint NESAF/MESAF meeting.

Maine SAF membership stands at 272, a reduction of 10 from the previous year. Ken reported a break-out of 30 first-year members, 15 transitional from student to regular, 42 silver members, 26 golden members, and 8 platinum members.

Ken Laustsen spoke about the status of Forester Licensing in Maine. The Maine Forest Service has submitted a report to the legislature with recommendations on revising the Forester License rules. A copy of the report is on the Maine SAF web site. No action occurred on the report during the first legislative session. The Licensing Board has recommended that the report be submitted as legislation.

Elections Note: The MESAF candidates were not included on the recent online ballot from the national SAF. Therefore, the national office will be sending paper ballots to the MESAF membership for our elected officers. Ballots must be returned by November 4, 2013.

Tony Filauro reported on Communication efforts. MESAF Communications focuses on publicizing the forestry profession to the general public. As was the case last year, meetings with the Bangor Daily News and Portland Press Herald could not be scheduled – previous contacts were gone and current staffs were too busy to schedule meetings. Notices concerning the fall meeting were sent to papers and TV stations, and WABI did respond and will send a reporter to the meeting.

Ken Laustsen reported on NESAF Executive Meetings on behalf of Kris Hoffmann. In June, the Vice Chair and Chair for NESAF resigned. Jim Harding was appointed as Chair by the NESAF Executive Committee, and will stand for election on the fall ballot. Also, Paul Dolan is a candidate for Vice-Chair. NESAF has submitted a ballot proposal to change the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair from 2 years each to 1 year each. The 2014 NESAF winter meeting will be in Nashua, NH; check the NESAF News Quarterly for more information.

Colton Burgess reported on the activities of the University of Maine Student Chapter. One new activity this year is to help connect forestry students with forestry mentors to help students better understand what is needed in forestry jobs.

Sasha Miller reported on the Forestry Awareness Committee. Sasha used committee contacts to help Bill Livingston find foresters to help with his orientation camp for new forestry students at the Tanglewood 4H Learning Center in Lincolnville. MESAF members participated at the “Expanding Your Horizons Conference” on the UMaine campus, and event that connects teenagers with women professionals. Sasha says the Committee does need more representation in southern Maine.

Accredited Program Reports. There are two SAF accredited campuses in Maine, Orono and Ft. Kent. At UMaine in Orono, the School of Forest Resources hosted a SAF site review for accrediting 4 programs: B.S. in Forestry; B.S. in Forest Operations, Bioproducts, and Bioenergy; B.S. in Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and a Masters in Forestry. The national accreditation committee will meet later this fall to review the results of the site visit and the self-report provided by SFR. Dave Hobbins provided the following report for the Ft. Kent program. “Our next accreditation is scheduled for 2018. We are a five-semester program over two-and-a-half calendar years with a current average of about five graduates per year. Our job placement rate exceeds 80% with 100 percent placement most years. At least one student a year enrolls at the University of Maine for a baccalaureate forestry degree. We were perhaps the smallest forest technology program in the country for many years until recently. Our first semester enrollment declined over ten years ago, dropping from about 22 first-year students to 14. In the past few years, we have averaged 15 incoming students, with 22 this academic year. We have articulation agreements with three high school forestry programs but see only 1 or 2 students a year from those programs. By definition our program is heavy in technology and field skills. We are required to provide a minimum of 530 hours of field and laboratory, which we easily exceed. Professor Steven Selva has retired and we are currently working without a botanist. A search is in progress and we hope to have the position filled as soon as possible. Steve will be missed.”

Membership awards will be announced during lunch.

A moment of silence: No members passed-away during the past year. Ken recommended a resolution that recognized two forestry professionals, Gordon Baskerville and Harry Dwyer, who contributed significantly the New England region. The following resolution was approved:

Resolution on the passing and remembrance, during the past year, of significant contributors to the New England region’s forestry profession: Whereas death has claimed the lives of:

Gordon L. Baskerville

Harry Dwyer

Be it resolved that the Maine Division of the New England Society of American Foresters at its Annual Meeting in Orono, Maine on October 15, 2013, recognizes with deep appreciation the participation, support, and dedication of the lives of these individuals. We honor their contribution to our profession and society at Large.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.

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Maine Division - SAF: Treasurer's Report,									
10/9/2011									
General Account	2009	2009	2010	2010	Mtg Earnings	2011	2011	2012	2011 Mtg Earnings
	Revised Budget	Ending 9/30/2009	Budget	Ending 9/30/10		Proposed Budget	Actual to date	Proposed Budget	
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						
Total Income	\$13,020.00	\$21,637.38	\$10,950.00	\$15,153.51		\$8,420.00	\$10,030.57	\$11,520.00	
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	
Total Expenses	\$15,870.00	\$15,554.65	\$16,370.00	\$16,945.13		\$18,350.00	\$14,675.55	\$15,670.77	
Ending Balance	\$3,832.83	\$12,765.56	\$7,246.56	\$10,874.94		\$944.94	\$6,229.96	\$2,079.19	
Checking Account		\$7,708.60		\$5,892.10			1226.55		
Savings Account		\$4,957.96		\$4,982.84			5003.41		
Total In Accounts		\$12,666.56		\$10,874.94			\$6,229.96		

