

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
November 10, 2017
Conference Call
Revised 11/13/17**

Attendance: Bob Cousins, Kirby Ellis, Laura Audibert, Brian Roth, Bill Livingston.

Bob called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

Minutes

Bob motioned to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2017 meeting, Bill 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Bill mentioned that the Fall Meeting income is \$205, entirely from walk-ins for the Tree Growth Session. MESAF expenses include \$611 for the Fall Envirothon trainings (lots of extra students attended) and \$183 for SAF membership anniversary pins. There is still \$150 left to spend on Dave Maass' science grant. Our total assets are currently \$8191.75. **Bill** will email a copy of the Treasurer's Report to the EC later today. Bob motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Kirby 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Fall Meeting Review

Brian received many positive comments on the Tree Growth session. He noted that Saturday's field tour went well and he was pleased with the newspaper write-up that was done. Southern Maine folks were happy to have the meeting in their area. Laura mentioned that she finds it challenging when another organization handles meeting registrations for us.

Bill explained that there were \$388 in mailing expenses (copies, postage) for the meeting and \$90 to mail out the membership pins to those who did not attend in person. These expenses are not totally covered by the \$205 income. **Brian** will speak with The American Chestnut Foundation to see if they have enough extra revenue to help us cover our costs.

Bob felt it was a good meeting and we should host it back in Orono next year.

NESAF Award Nominations

Laura read through the list of awards, their descriptions and previous Maine winners.

Integrity in Conservation Award—no nominees came to mind for this award.

Ernest Gould Technology Transfer Award—**Laura** will lead the re-nomination of Dave Hobbins (UMFK Professor) for this award.

Distinguished Service Award—**Bob** will ask Kris Hoffmann to lead the nomination of Ron Lemin.

James Toumey Award—**Bob** will ask Katie Manende to lead the nomination of Carol Redelsheimer—for all her hard work and leadership with our recent NESAF Winter Meeting in Bangor.

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Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award—Kirby will spearhead the nomination of Gordon Moore (*Kirby checked the MESAF membership list after the meeting and Gordon is not a member, which is a requirement for the award*).

Mollie Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award—**Bob** will re-submit his nomination package for Kyle Burdick.

David M. Smith Silviculture Award—**Laura** will ask Ron Lemin to lead the nomination of Max McCormack. If Ron can't do it, Laura will find someone else.

Laura will send out a MESAF membership list to the EC to help folks find potential recipients. Bob suggested we keep in touch via email on the nominations going forward.

Elections

Katie was not in attendance to give an update. After some discussion, we realized that the NESAF elections close on November 15, 2017. Robert MacMillan from NESAF had sent out the MESAF ballot via Survey Monkey and also sent paper ballots to Maine members without email.

No one has yet shown interest in replacing Anna as Forestry Awareness Chair. **Bob** will contact Anna to see if she has any potential names. Suggestions were made to have the Student Chapter or a grad student take on this role.

Bob will attend the NESAF meetings until a replacement for Dave Parker as Maine Rep. is found. He will check with Karl Honkonen as a possible appointee to fill Dave's remaining year.

Committee Reports

No Reports—Chair absent

Next Meeting

Katie will set up a date for the first meeting of the 2018 EC.

Adjourn

Bob motioned and everyone agreed to adjourn at 8:59 AM. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert