

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
April 6, 2018
204 Nutting Hall, UMaine Orono

Katie called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Bill, Kirby, Bob, Katie, Tony, Brian, Alex, Ron, Michaela Kuhn, Jack Houtz present. Karl Honkenen called in to the meeting. (Laura joined call later).

Treasurers Report

Recent activity includes: Paying for Northeast Silviculture tours, David Maass for remaining grant money, Laura paid and reimbursed for supplies.

Bill received a check for \$1300 for dues money that he will deposit soon.

Bob approved treasurer's report, Alex seconded.

Business Items

Katie sent out PEF letter to Congressional representatives. Chris Woodall will be at CFRU meeting on Wednesday April 11 to talk about the PEF forester position that is now open. Katie will report back after the CFRU meeting.

<Notes taken by Bob Cousins Laura joined the call at 9:26 AM>

Leadership Academy

Ken Laustsen emailed Katie the information. The regional Academy will take place in Milford, Pennsylvania on November 14-16, 2018. NESAF will partially fund (\$300) one attendee, MESAF will also partially fund one. The estimated total cost per person is \$1000. Bill suggested sending recent graduates. Ken will have an article in the April News Quarterly and **Katie** will mention it in the spring Chair Letter. The deadline for name submissions to Ken is June 30, 2018. If we have any suggested attendees, get their names to Katie. The total number of registrants is 25, 11 of which can come from NESAF.

Student Chapter Update

Jack reported that four members attended the national meeting in New Mexico and they plan to send some to Oregon in 2018. Three members attended the recent NESAF meeting in NH and will report their experiences to their membership soon. The attendees were supported by the Marc Johnson fund.

The Student Chapter has 60-70 members they send emails to and 40-50 people attend their meetings. This is amazing! Jack feels they have good leadership and passionate students. Some of their events included a Grad Student Expo Night to encourage more interaction among undergrads and grad students and a movie night with MFS rangers. They also toured local harvest jobs and mills. They will be voting on new officers next week online. Michaela will be Chair and Jack will be Past Chair. They want to create a Fundraising Committee and a Social Media Committee for better

outreach. They are interested in 'ride-alongs' with foresters and doing more networking. Some high school students are invited to shadow students for a day during classes.

Our group wants to encourage the students to continue their SAF membership as professionals. Si Balch had a sign-up sheet at NESAF for professional/student mentoring, but we're not sure what happened to the info. **Bill** would like to have a listening session with students to find out what their interests are. He will try to set something up with us for the fall. Each group of students has their own identity and we need to figure it out and interact with it. Bill noted there are 95 forestry students enrolled at UMaine.

Policy Committee

Lloyd Irland will be a part of the committee. Jessica Leahy will talk to some students. Adam Daigneault plans to join SAF and will hopefully join the committee also. The committee would follow policy issues in Augusta. The committee itself could decide what its other duties would be. Not sure if Forester Licensing Board would fit into this committee. **Ron** will email Ken L. to see if he still plans to monitor the board's activities. **Katie** will contact Adam D. next week.

NESAF Update

Bob reported that he was given 50 year pins and certificates to give to MESAF members who didn't attend in Nashua. **Laura** will include a note in their mailing, offering to waive the registration fee if they come to receive their 50 year award.

NESAF donated \$2000 to the 2018 Northeast Silviculture Institute and MESAF donated \$500. NESAF has 831 members and 55% are >50 years old. NESAF needs a Vice Chair and Policy Committee Chair in the upcoming elections. The Chair and Vice Chair get to attend National Conventions. NESAF opened up a new savings account for grant funds. NESAF reps will attend the 2019 Convention in Louisville to promote the 2020 Providence convention. Next meeting will be on June 20 in Concord. **Bob** will get the info to Karl H.

2018 Field Tours

Ron's tour on Nautilus Island will be on June 21. Ron emailed out the info to the group.

Alex's tour will be on T11R7 in northern Maine and will focus on beech. It will be sometime in August.

Brian's tour will be in western Maine on Chadbourne land focusing on white pine silviculture and forest health. It will be in September. Next summer we should do Maple Dieback.

Jessica Leahy approached Katie on having MESAF co-sponsor a tour of their woodlot Wicopy Woods. **Katie** will talk with Jessica and find out what our responsibilities would be. The group is in favor as long as all we need to do is send out an email to our members.

Laura needs all the tour info and Spring Chair letter by **May 10, 2018**.

Fall Meeting

After much discussion, the group decided on the following schedule:

8:00—9:00 AM	MESAF Business Meeting
9:30—10:30 AM	Keynote—ForMaine (?)
10:30-11:30 AM	Panel—Consulting Forestry
11:30 AM	LUNCH
12:30—1:30 PM	Panel—Mill upgrades, Markets
1:30—1:45 PM	Break
1:45—2:30 PM	Industry workforce
2:30—3:30 PM	Panel—Loggers entering workforce
3:30 PM	Wrap-up, Evaluations
4:00 PM	Adjourn

Katie will find speakers for the Consulting Panel. **Alex** will get the Keynote speaker(s). **Bob** will put together the Mill panel.

We will have a conference call on **Tuesday, June 12** to get a status update and discuss additional ideas. **Katie** will send around the conference call info.

Committee Updates

Communications—Tony reported that he submitted info for the upcoming April News Quarterly. The next issue will come out in June 2018 and the deadline for submissions is **May 22**. He would like to have our field tour topics and dates to submit.

Adjourn

Katie motioned to adjourn at 11:49 AM, Kirby 2nd. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert