

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
June 12, 2018
Conference Call

On call: Bill Livingston, Katie Manende-Hall, Alex Ingraham, Kirby Ellis, Laura Audibert

Katie called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Fall Meeting

Kirby contacted a logger, Derek Madden of Madden Sustainable Forestry, to speak on the Loggers Entering Workforce Panel at 2:30 PM. **Kirby** will also ask a local independent trucker to speak on this panel.

Alex will get the keynote speaker for the 9:30 AM slot. Maybe Pat Strauch from MFPC.

<Kirby left call at 9:20 AM>

Alex will contact a banker to be the third person on the 2:30 Loggers entering workforce panel. Maybe someone from TD Bank in Presque Isle or Machias Savings in Brewer or Farm Credit. **Katie** will contact Yellowlight Green to be the 1:45 Industry Workforce speaker.

Bob Cousins will be in charge of getting speakers for the 12:30 Mill and Markets Panel. Alex suggested someone from Twin Rivers, since they just opened a research facility in Orono and purchased two paper mills somewhere. Other possibilities include someone from Verso, Stratton Lumber, JD Irving in Ashland, or the Woodland mill.

The 10:30 AM Consulting Forestry Panel—Jesse Duplin started his own consulting business in southern Maine and has agreed to speak. **Katie** will ask Brett Gerrish from P&C in central Maine. Other possibilities in central Maine include David Irving and Barrie Brusila. Bill Jarvis is a possibility for western Maine. **Katie** will talk to Barrie.

Before the next meeting, **we all** need to formulate a title for the meeting. The title will have the sub-text, "I've got 99 problems and the trees ain't one!"

Next Meeting

We will have a conference call on **Monday, July 9, 2018 at 8:00 AM**. We will update progress on the Fall Meeting. If someone cannot attend, please send your info update to Katie prior to the call. Laura needs the meeting detail by **Friday, September 7**, to create the flyer and mailing.

Leadership Academy

Applications for Academy participants are due on June 30, 2018. The Academy is November 14-16, 2018 in PA. Alex has one person from Seven Islands in mind and will cover their costs. After some discussion, it was determined that MESAF has \$900 available in the budget to cover Academy costs for participants. **Katie** will contact Mindy Crandall about current student

candidates and using some UMaine scholarship funds to help with their costs. **Katie** will contact Caleb Winslow and Brittany Mauricette as possible candidates.

2018 Field Tours

The field tours are all set to go.

Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that he has only received \$1350 in dues from national so far this year. We are due more. In 2017 we only received \$580 in dues. Between both years Bill feels we are owed \$3000. **Bob** or **Karl** will bring this up at the NESAF meeting in the near future. Our current budget includes \$1600 for a webpage upgrade to connect with NESAF's site. Bill has not heard anything about this project so far, so he feels that we can reallocate \$1300 of the \$1600 toward the Academy instead. We still need to pay \$300 for our current site's annual fee. We will table work on the webpage until we get more revenue. Bill believes that the Academy is a good investment in our future. Bill also reported that we have 20 new first-year student SAF members. We will be paying \$800 for their membership this year.

Adjourn

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 AM, Alex 2nd. Approved.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert