

**OSAF Executive Committee Meeting
May 6, 2008 Valley River Inn, Eugene**

1. Welcome and Introductions: (Marc Vomocil)

Marc Vomocil called meeting to order at 1:05 PM, Introductions

2. Review March 14 Meeting Minutes:

No minutes available yet. March 14 and May 6 minutes to be approved at September 19 meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: (George Chesley)

Clarifying questions, budget is in good shape for this time of the year. \$3,000 budgeted expenditure for "student support" - no takers. Bob Thomas moved to approve budget update. John Prendergast second. Passed unanimously.

4. Northwest Office Report: (Lori Rasor)

Reported on May/June Western Forester focused on Tribal Forestry; July/August - Face of Family Forestry; September/October - Legal issues. Looking for ideas for spring/summer 2009. Lori needs connections to members of Sustainable Forestry Initiative for articles (SFI is a new advertiser). Handout of WSSAF Annual meeting agenda (late May). Lori says Western Forester is down about \$3,000 in advertising. An advisory committee for the Expert Database has been appointed.

Lori discussed "Constant Contact" email marketing software that can be used to contact the entire OSAF membership that receives email, or subgroups of OSAF members. Quite a bit of discussion on how to best use the service and not overload members. Suggestion of monthly email, listing several item highlights. Suggestion made that the OSAF Chair be the "gate keeper".

5. Council Report: (Clark Seely)

Early June next Council meeting. National SAF policy statements have been updated on ESA protection on private lands and clearcutting. SAF task force on climate change working on a report on forest management solutions to climate change - in final draft stage and should be out by July. Bethesda, MD property sale and National

Office relocation update: Relocation task force homing in on new National Office location in D.C. Sale of current/historical location moving slowly along. Clark spoke about National staff reductions and two current vacancies. Expects substantial endowment from sale of Bethesda property that can be used to help fund National office in future.

6. Old Business/updates:

- a) Tax Form 990 filing (George Chesley) - going fairly well, has to contact a few chapters yet. May need extension. Really needed accountant's help this year, but should be easier in future.
- b) OSAF Bylaw Changes (John Nesbitt) - handed out proposed changes (have to be approved by SAF Executive Director). First change 50/50 split in revenue (Article 11) at Annual meeting between host chapter and OSAF. Second change would allow member vote by email as well as mailed ballots. John Nesbitt moved to accept. Bob Thomas seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c) 2008 Annual Meeting report (Steve Cafferata) - 220 total people, 130 full registrants, 10 exhibitors, 12 students, KLCC reporter. It's clear chapter will not achieve the \$20,000 revenue goal (to split between chapter & state). Good work by a committee of about 30. Wednesday thru Friday format appears to keep people around for tours on Friday (over 100 signed up for tours). In 2000 had a Thursday - Saturday meeting and little turnout for Saturday tours.
- d) OSAF Annual meeting booth (Shaun Harkins, Bob Thomas) - A few contacts made with small woodlanders; was it worth it? Would have left a hole without us. Conclusion - worth doing for the contacts, potential new member sign-ups, and promotion of professional foresters and forestry.
- e) Leadership Conference (Angie DiSalvo) - January 16 & 17, 2009, Silver Falls State Park. Angie asked for volunteers to help plan and develop ideas for meeting topics. Chair-elect Mark Buckbee will be taking the lead.
- f) OSAF Leadership Contributions Committee. (A Paul Adams Concept) Discussed forming a new standing committee to tap into ideas and energy of past leaders. Bob Alverts talked about a similar "Past Chairs Committee" established in 1983. John Nesbitt moved to establish a special committee of past OSAF leaders (name to be picked later). Seconded by Bob Thomas. Eric Geyer moved to table motion until next meeting. Romana Arechiga seconded. Unanimously approved. Marc Vomocil will appoint committee to bring back a detailed proposal in Sept.
- g) Ken Brauner memorial (Ed Holloran) - Tribute to artist Ken Brauner, recently deceased. Ed contacted Tillamook Forestry Center and they can find a spot to hang a commemorative Brauner painting. Idea is to purchase or ask for donation of a print (\$150-175 framed), an original painting, or a collage of Ken's Christmas cards. Possible Forestry Fund proposal. Marc Vomocil

agreed to form a committee to flesh this out - focus will be to honor Ken Brauner and his art and promotion of forest management.

Additional - Vernonia wood cut (Bob Alverts): SAF effort to help area residents hurt by December floods; 5 wood cuts to date (40 cords delivered). Donation of cash, equipment, logs, hauling and labor. Big Success, but not much media coverage. Haven't had success with finding a champion and building the organization for similar effort in SW Washington, also hit hard by winter storms.

7. New Business

None

8. Chapter News

Central Oregon, Coos(Hosting Saturday June 28 OSAF Foundation Golf Tournament at Coos Country Club, noon start), Umpqua, Siskiyou, Capitol (Dan Clough has moved. Kurt Spingath is new chair), Portland, Emerald, Marys Peak(offered to host 2010 OSAF Annual meeting), Tillamook/Clatsop reps all reported on recent and planned activities(fund raising, meetings, tours). Lots of action and energy among the chapters.

9. Committee Reports:

a) OSAF Foundation - (Eric Geyer)

June 5 Fellows Luncheon planned at OSU. Coos Bay golf tournament to raise money for Foundation coming June 28. Work on criteria for scholarships with OSU Foundation. One full ride scholarship and one partial being funded this year. OSAF Foundation funding may be able to move up to funding two full tuition scholarships soon. Eric discussed the potential loss of any accredited forestry school in state of Washington and inequities of out-of-state OSU tuition that is triple the in-state student tuition. Great meeting with OSU full committee on scholarships.

b) Awards - National/State

State awards ready for presenting at the annual meeting banquet.

c) Communications - (Gary Springer)

Gary was busy taking minutes, so deferred to Paul Adams and the policy report. Revising and reconfirming OSAF position statements is key to communications.

d) Policy/Legislation - (Paul Adams)

Reported on work both at National level and State policy committees. Spoke of Eugene and Corvallis city councils opposition to BLM West Oregon Plan Revisions. Clearcutting position

statement out for member feedback by mid June. Watch for emails.
Pesticide position statement: Eric Geyer moved to adopt April 23 draft. Tim Keith seconded. Unanimously approved.
Salvage position statement: George Chesley moved to approve April 24 position statement draft. Ed Holloran seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Question raised about OSAF reaching out to urban public about pesticide use on forestland. Has been little, if any.

- Discussion about approval needed for position statements. New or revised statements are approved by Executive Committee vote, followed by membership ratification by mail vote/or email, in fall election of Fellows and Officers.

e) Science/Technology - (Greg Filip)

Update on working with the Forest Science Technology Board at National level. Group is working on a whole bunch of stuff, science & technology related.

f) Foresters' Fund - (Tim Keith)

June 15 and September 15 are the next two deadlines for Foresters Fund proposals. Tim asked chapter leaders to approach him with ideas for projects.

g) Membership - (Bob Thomas)

OSAF membership numbers are holding steady, but we are approaching purge date for people who haven't paid dues yet and we always lose a bunch and have to start arm twisting. Chapter leadership needs to start contacting delinquent members.

h) Continued Forestry Education/CF - (Mick Sears)

New CF credit accounting system working fairly well with most chapter contacts. Chapter leaders need to plan ahead of meetings to apply for credits (with Mick). Mick less comfortable with connecting CF credits to activities and organizations other than SAF, Extension and OSU.

i) Education - (Julie Woodward)

- (1) State Fair activity: need volunteers.
- (2) Reminder to chapters to contact Julie, who can provide assistance when you have a project to engage K-12 students.
- (3) Careers in forestry, OFRI volume II out and ready to use for high school contacts.

j) Tree Farm Liaison - (Mike Cloughesy)

- (1) Carbon credit pilot project (Tree Farm & OSWA).
- (2) Successful certifier training for Tree Farm inspections.
- (3) Report on National Tree Farm Convention October 13-18 in Portland: seeking help.
- (4) New OFRI special report out on Oregon's Family Forestlands.

Extra Item of Discussion:

Final discussion on Leslie Batten's email about relevance of professional foresters. Julie W: WSU College of Forestry may be failing but OSU is flying high. Much discussion back and forth. No conclusion other than a need to find a forum to focus on this.

No further business, meeting adjourned shortly after 5:00 PM.

Next Meeting Date - September 19, Central Oregon TBA 10:00 - 3:00

(Minutes taken by Gary Springer, for Judd Lehman)