

December meeting minutes: changes

- October 2008 (leadership conference planning date)

Treasurer's Report – George Chesley

- Annual meeting numbers includes money sent to Washington (\$32,161).
- Misc income includes Siskiyou chapter donation to ONREF fund (the only chapter to step up to matching fund challenge).
- Expenses: \$500 for Hagenstein support to Midwest (of \$1100).
- State dues look off because of cash flow timing (will be coming).
- 1,037 members as of January 1. Only 760 pay state dues (mostly due to golden members).

Northwest Office Report - Lori Rasor

- Reminders about goals/purpose of NW Office, which serves OR and WA.
- NW Office Committee met today and approved \$77,000 budget.
- Reviewed new newsletter policy; saving \$4,000-\$5,000 per year in postage and staff time by emailing newsletters. Explained in handout.
- Western Forester editorial calendar is now available. Looking for advertising for the Western Forester.
- Forestry Experts Database is ready to go live in mid-February. Database will provide credible and reliable forestry information to journalists and decision makers in OR and WA.

Council Report – Clark Seeley, District 2 Representative

- Clark shared his campaign statement and offered to visit chapter meetings or events.
- Council meeting summary is available in the Jan/Feb issue of the Western Forester.
- Thanks for helping with the National Convention in October. Clark will send out a final report on Convention via email.
- 2 of 11 Districts surpassed goals of membership for year (one more member than the previous year), District 1 and 2. District 2 was 25 members over goal.
- Revised SAF Strategic Plan is out without too many changes.
- SAF ended 2007 in great financial health with a positive balance.
- Clark will have his own blog as part of the council website.

Old Business

Announcements – Marc Vomocil

- Visit the OSAF website and the sign in is "SAF" and password is "forester". To submit web items to Leslie Batten, send via Marc Vomocil unless given prior approval.
- Here is the proposed meeting schedule for executive committee meetings:
 - March 14, May 6, September 19, December 5
- At the 2008 meeting it will be decided who will host the 2010 annual meeting. Umpqua is the host for 2009 OSAF meeting from April 29-May 2 at Seven Feathers Casino.
- The Joint Leadership Conference in 2009 will be hosted by Oregon. January 24-25. Suggested meeting in greater Portland area rather than Hood River, and possibly at Silver Falls State Park.
- For chapters planning to conduct workshops in 2008 that are charging registration there will be a \$5 OSAF fee per registrant.

Status of John Day and Columbia Gorge Chapters – Bob Thomas

- Both are still interested in having Chapters, although they don't meet regularly. Required by bylaws to have minimum of 1 meeting per year and they are doing this.

IRS Tax Form 990 – George Chesley

- Oregon will have one filing for 2007. Chapters have been given worksheets to complete and return to Lori by March 1. The accountant will complete and get the return in by May 15. Gross revenues will be over 100,000 thus the need to file a more sophisticated return with 5 years of information. No tax burden, just reporting requirements.

Bylaws

- Annual meeting revenue was voted to be changed at the last meeting, but can't change the bylaws in that manner. The idea is to split revenue 50/50 with the host and OSAF. This change must be approved by national council and then be sent to general membership for vote by paper ballot. John Nesbitt asked to postpone issue until next meeting. John will draft a bylaw change which will change the bylaws.

Calendar Update

- Need to share dates for workshops to reduce conflicts. Please inform Marc or executive committee when planning workshops.
- Siskiyou Chapter is hosting workshop March 12 on Biomass.
- Portland Chapter will host workshop sometime in early October.
- Coos Chapter and Emerald Chapter are hosting golf tournament in June.

Annual Meeting Report – Steve Cafferata

- Annual meeting will be held May 7-9, 2008 at Valley River Inn.
- There is concern about insurance for event, working with Michael Goergen in National office to resolve.
- Program and speakers are now set. Program is 2 days plus 1 day of tours (Oxbow burn, McKenzie water issues, Lost Valley land use). Rick Steber will be a guest speaker.
- Fees are \$225 for full registration.
- Foresters' Fund and Fundraising contact is requested from each chapter.
- Chapters have been challenged to sponsor a student to attend.
- Encourage participation in the state meeting by your chapter members!

New Business

2008 OSWA Annual Meeting and Howdy Neighbor Tour – Marc Vomocil

- Event will be held April 24 (meeting), 25 (exhibits, tree school), and 26 (field tour).
- OSAF is invited to be an exhibitor for \$100 or a co-sponsor for \$1,000. OSWA asked OSAF to provide foresters for the field tour on April 26 and Full Spectrum Forestry Tours throughout the year.
- There are 30,000 small landowners in Oregon, but most don't belong to an organized forestry group. Only 3,000 members of OSWA. This is an opportunity to recruit potential members.
- Mark B. moved to be an exhibitor at \$100, provide staffing, and coordinate. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 2008 Budget Items – George Chesley

- Budget includes \$11,000 which will be passed to national office for the National Convention.
- Motion to approve, passed.

Woodcut Proposal – Bob Alverts

- Goal is to help rural neighbors devastated by flooding in NW OR and SW WA. Want to gather 100 cords of wood in each state. Proposal is for immediate and future needs. Bob has done legwork to contact partners, ie DNR, BLM, ODF, Stihl, GRCC student chapter, Umpqua chapter, Boy Scouts, county commissioners, Wallowa Resources. Bob will put in for FF grant for \$1500 to reimburse expenses.

Letter to Sen. Wyden – John Prendergast

- There is currently a thinning bill, possibly moving to thinning only policy for public lands. Invited comment from invited persons at public meetings, but did not invite those in the forestry profession to give comment. John proposed to send a letter to Wyden noting our existence and position statements. Letter to Wyden would be proactive. “We’re stakeholders too!”

Appointments: Official 2008 OSAF Foundation Board of Trustees by Marc Vomocil

- At Large Position 1 and Chair: Eric Geyer
- At Large Position 2: Eric Kranzush
- At Large Position 3: Mike Cafferata
- At Large Position 4 and Secretary: Judd Lehman
- Treasurer – Jim Johnson
- OSAF chair – Marc Vomocil
- OSAF chair-elect – Mark Buckbee

Chapter Reports

- *Portland chapter:* MHCC meeting focused on forestry education. February meeting downtown at USFS with World Forestry Center president Gary Hartshorn. March meeting will be at World Forestry Center with presentation on the PNW Research Station’s business plan. Working on planning a technical session.
- *Coos Chapter:* January meeting went well and gave award to Ron Stinson. Alyssa Wells (Extension) discussed 4H, PLT resources, focus on education. Working toward meeting with DeFazio to discuss public land management, but may want some involvement from the state group.
- *Emerald Chapter:* January meeting was an overview of impact of forestry activities on McKenzie drainage. February meeting with Mark Gourley to discuss tree nutrition. March meeting features Peter Daugherty to discuss wildfire suppression on federal lands and costs – “is it an irrational decision?”
- *Tillamook/Clatsop Chapter:* In November Paul Adams discussed how forestry profession is perceived in the media and how that comes about. December meeting was a fundraiser. January meeting featured Wolf Reed, climatologist, who discussed relationships amongst recent storms. February meeting will feature a certified arborist.
- *Umpqua Chapter:* Presented an offer to OSU students from Douglas County – the chapter will pay their SAF dues - and got one taker. Last meeting was an update on Hinkle Creek results for the public; had good attendance (45) and were in local paper (News Review).
- *Central Oregon Chapter:* Last meeting had 30 members and featured Steve Lint (?) of BLM who discussed the history of Ochoco. In February the Sisters Ranger District will speak on a restoration project near Black Butte Ranch, originally proposed by Oregon Wild.
- *Blue Mountain Chapter:* Met in January and the topic was growth models. Currently planning a joint meeting with the John Day chapter.
- *Mary’s Peak Chapter:* Chapter has a full slate of officers. At the last meeting Nancy Taylor spoke at a 6:30 am breakfast meeting, which has been quite popular. Planning on special meeting to honor 50 year members.
- *Siskiyou Chapter:* Currently planning one day conference on biomass on March 12 at Rogue Community College in Medford. They are in middle of their annual fundraiser for firewood cutting, selling 2 truckloads of madrone from Forest Capital Partners.

Education Committee – Julie Woodward

- February 14 is a Career Fair at the World Forestry Center sponsored by OFRI. Looking for professionals to participate.
- Passed out Outreach Efforts matrix showing programs and funding sources for education efforts.
- ONREF challenge – chapters are encouraged to pledge funds, need \$1000 to get a \$500 match.

Awards

- Members are encouraged to nominate folks for the many, varied awards. Deadlines are coming up soon.

Policy and Legislation – Paul Adams

- Letter sent from OSAF in regard to WOPR to BLM. Positive feedback from members received.
- National office comment letter sent in as well, two letters on target.
- Policy committee met. Last year let the landslide position statement lapse. Action item: creating a larger document that will encompass landslides alongside other issues. Motion to extend for one year the old landslide position statement while the new position document is being prepared. Passed.
- 3 position statements will expire in May; working on replacement statements (clearcutting, salvage, and pesticides). Will vote on them in March.

Science and Technology – Greg Filip

- Working with Policy committee on position statements.
- Committee is working on the National Convention in Reno.

Foresters' Fund – Tim Keith

- First deadline is February 15.
- Ted Reiss is coordinating FF raffle for annual meeting.
- Bob Alverts gave an update on Golden Members interviews from his FF award in 2007. Considerations for interviews should be sent to Bob.

Membership – Bob Thomas

- Met membership goals for 2007. Goal is 1,037 members (one more than last year).

CFE/CF - Mick Sears

- New rules were established for CFEs in order to comply with ANSI standards and to raise profile. Category 1 activities are very regimented now. Category 2 is not quite as strict. Category 3 is now old Category 3, 4, and 6 and is handled through the National Office. Accountability and auditing are now part of the process. Application and handout will be available via website soon. Mick needs 7-10 days to process (so please send requests in early).

Tree Farm – Mike Cloughesy

- Tree farm inspections are down, as they are now done differently. But inspection trainings are coming soon.
- October 16-18, 2008 is the annual meeting for National Tree Farm Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.