

INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2011

Members Present:

Chair: Lloyd McGee; **Past Chair:** Terrie Jain, **Executive Councilor:** Kirk David; District 1 Councilor: Chuck Lorenz (via phone); **Panorama Chair:** Bill Berrigan; **Selkirk Chapter Chair:** Steve McConnell; **Palouse/Snake River Chapter (PSR) Chair:** Randall Walker; **Treasurer:** Ann Abbott; substitute **Secretary:** Norris Boothe; Membership Chair: Ed Miles; Communications Chair: Dick Reid; Webmaster: Dennis Parent; Continuing Education Coordinator: Chris Schnepf. (A quorum was present, with bold type indicating voting positions).

Welcome: Lloyd called the meeting to order in the conference room at the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District in Fernan, ID at 10:03 AM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: December 16, 2010 EC meeting minutes reviewed and amended. Kirk moved to accept as amended; 2nd by Terrie; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Ann distributed and discussed the Treasurer's Report through January, 2011, with total current assets of \$9,044.52 on 1/13/11. She still needs direction on how to split the half of the Leadership Development Fund that is due to Student Chapters for help with the raffle at the annual meeting. Bill will get Brett Winterowd's opinion about how much each chapter participated.

Terrie led discussion of the NW SAF Office proposal for IESAF to become a full member, which would phase in through 2014. Some costs would be lower, but overall cost would increase to pay for more services, integrated web page and Constant Contact to improve communications. The funding options are to increase dues enough to raise \$3000, or to earn \$3000 every year through the annual meeting and other fund raisers. Chuck pointed out that Oregon raises funds through meetings, while Washington raised dues without losing a lot of members. Bill reported talking to Phil Anderson about the options and pointed out that dues need to cover IESAF's fixed costs. Dick noted that National had found that people will pay high registration fees for good meetings and most objections are to high travel and lodging costs. **Bill moved that we create a letter explaining the need to raise dues to \$30 per paying member and incorporate a request to golden members for a \$20 donation for their Western Forester subscription.** Ann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Terrie moved that the website committee work with John Walkowiak to finalize costs and other details, but we defer decision to join NW Office in 2012 until the spring meeting; motion passed.

Discussion of the 2011 budget added \$1600 to develop IE page on the NW Office website, specified \$1500 to help the Chair attend the National Convention, \$100 for stamps & envelopes, \$350 for awards. **Terrie moved that we accept the 2011 budget as amended;** second by Bill; motion passed.

Chair/Committee Reports

Award Nominations – Terrie for Terry Shaw: We are nominating Bill Berrigan and Phil Anderson for Fellows and Russ Graham for Forest Science. Election for IESAF offices

will run Brett Winterowd and Terry Shaw for Executive Councilor and Rob Lawler and Norris Boothe for Chair Elect. All Ann needs is Brett's information to set up the ballot.

Council Update - Chuck Lorenz: The conference call scheduled for January was cancelled. Council will meet March 5-6 in Bethesda. The agenda includes recommendations from House of Society Delegates regarding dues and the Task Force on Carbon and Biomass report. As expected, SAF ended 2010 about \$300,000 in the red. The 2012 budget has a smaller deficit. We lost Erica Rhoad as Policy Director and are searching for a replacement.

National Convention, Albuquerque – Terrie Jain: She and Phil received a report about the “Good, Bad & Indifferent” for planning the convention.

Communications – Dick Reid: He sent Lloyd an email about working with Western Forester. We had good input in 2010 and need to continue. Dick needs input from chapters to make articles. A fall annual meeting works well for promotion, and he needs dates, theme and information on Priest River Experimental Forest for a summer article. The Field Foresters' Communication Handbook, available on www.safnet.org, helps locals be the best communicators with the public.

Continuing Education – Chris Schnepf: This is crunch time for CFE applications, and short orders are common. He has been approving them anyway, and National has not had time to police the new policy. Bill recommended including the International Society of Arborists in our meetings and credits. Chris noted that ISA is enforcing more rigorous standards for credits than SAF.

Membership – Ed Miles: Of 240 members, 61 are not required to pay dues. You can get a \$10 discount on your dues by recruiting a new member. You can set up automatic payments by credit card for your dues. Nonmembers cannot serve or hold office in SAF.

Policy Status – Jay O'Laughlin: Lloyd read Jay's policy update on the Forestry Day for Idaho Legislators on 2/8/11. There were many sponsors and excellent turnout for the event, organized by the Intermountain SAF in cooperation with IESAF. Jay acted as master of ceremonies and Dean Kurt Pregitzer from the UI College of Natural Resources gave a brief presentation. The program featured 2 attorneys discussing implications of the 9th Circuit Court ruling on EPA permitting of logging roads as point source pollution.

Web-site committee: The NW website www.forestry.org has links to the Oregon and Washington SAF. Visit www.oldforestry.org to compare the old website. Constant Contact will replace the old list serves.

2012 National Convention: Terrie reported that Phil Aune, Russ Graham and Kurt Pregitzer met and selected sustainability as the theme. The first program meeting with National staff will be in April.

Leadership Conference – March 4, 5: Lloyd will give Ann information on registration and the agenda. Terrie noted that the fee needs to cover the costs of rooms and meals.

Lloyd announced that he is moving to Wenatchee to be eastern Washington Forestry Program Manager for the Nature Conservancy, starting 2/28. He obtained advance permission to serve out his term as IESAF Chair.

2011 Annual Meeting – September 23-24, theme will be “100 Years of Research & Management in the Inland Northwest”. Suggested subtitles were “From the Lab to the Woods” or “Implementing Research”. Kirk noted that French members of the Pro Silva group will be visiting the NW at that time, and offered a speaker for our meeting in exchange for attending part of the meeting. This would incorporate the United Nation’s “Year of the Forest” campaign, and a speaker from British Columbia could be included. Terrie reported that Russ suggested that a barbeque at PREF could serve as the awards banquet. Bill Berrigan, Terrie Jain, Chris Schnepf, Dick Reid and Ann Abbot agreed to be on the committee to organize the meeting. Lynn Kaney has been helping with facilities already, and will be recruited for the committee.

Chapter Reports:

- **Palouse/Snake River** – Randall Walker reported that he had to cancel the January meeting and is trying to reschedule the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor in March. They are working on a Foresters’ Fund grant application to sponsor a teacher to the Sustainable Forestry Tour for Teachers (SFTT). Deadlines for grant applications are February 15, June and September. He is seeking input from members who do not attend meetings and trying to accommodate changes to increase attendance.
- **Panorama** – Bill Berrigan reported Panorama will provide free pizza tonight at the Pizza Factory and have Peter Griesmann speak on his South American tour.
- **Selkirk** – Steve McConnell reported that Ned Pence discussed forest restoration, mortality, fire and flooding on the South Fork of the Salmon River at the January meeting. February will feature Terry Shaw on forest nutrition. Selkirk will also apply for a Foresters’ Fund grant related to the SFTT, seeking the special \$5000 grant in June. The chapter will probably also sponsor a teacher.

New Business:

Kirk noted that Bill Love was featured in a Forestry Source article.

The 23rd annual Family Forest Landowners & Managers Conference and Expo on March 21 to 23 in Moscow would be a good place to set up an SAF display. Kirk asked whether Palouse/Snake River would be able to set up their display.

Dennis reported that Inland Empire Paper Company will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year and is putting together a coffee table book that will be available for purchase. He will try to obtain a copy or 2 for the Leadership Development Fund raffle.

Chris described a program on small scale biomass he is working on in cooperation with the Shoshone County Coalition on April 29 in Smelterville. The program will be mailed soon.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 by Lloyd.

Respectfully submitted by Norris Boothe.