

**Executive Committee Meeting  
Washington State Society of American Foresters  
December 5, 2007  
Green River Community College - Auburn, WA**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS and MOTIONS- noted in bold in text**

- I. **Opening/Welcome-** Chair Doug Rushton called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Ms. Rebecca Rhodes, Assistant Dean of Green River CC welcomed us to the College. We thanked her for the opportunity to meet on the campus today and congratulated her on their award winning Natural Resources program and their top instructors, Dick Hopkins and Rob Sjogren. Introductions were made.  
**Attending: Doug Rushton, Peter Heide, John McMahon, Zoanne Thomas, Lori Rasor, Chuck Lorenz, Don Hanley, Doug St. John, Rob Sjogren, Jenny Wren, Adrian Patterson, Dick Hopkins, John Bergvall, John Trobaugh, Tom Hanson, Bill Horn and Scott Swanson.**
- II. **Agenda Additions/Changes-**
- III. **Review of minutes from previous meetings:**
  - A. **October 5, 2007 Ex Com meeting-** minutes were reviewed and it was moved by Chuck Lorenz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Hopkins to accept the minutes as submitted. It was **MSC (Moved, Seconded, Carried).**
  - B. **October 24, 2007 Annual Meeting-** minutes were reviewed and it was moved by Bill Horn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Lorenz to approve the minutes as submitted. It was **MSC.**
- IV. **2007 WSSAF Strategic Plan- Motion was made by Don Hanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Lorenz to accept the draft document as a template and as a “living” document with annual updates. It will be linked to the national plan and could be used as a good recruiting tool. It was MSC.**
- V. **Tree Farm Program (TFP) Update – Pete Heide-** Letter of request from Byron Loucks of WFFA requesting additional volunteer forester inspectors was circulated and a copy is included as part of these minutes. The Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) and the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) have agreed to co-direct the TFP for the state of Washington with WFFA now taking the lead position.
  - A. **Tree Farm National Convention-** will be held in Portland, OR during 2008.

- B. **Tree Farm Advisory Committee-** is forming.
- C. **American Forest Foundation (AFF)** - is the parent organization for the TFP. AFF just received a large grant from the moneys of the Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement settlement.
- D. **Forest Stewardship Plan-** in Washington can now be used as the required forest management plan in the TFP.

#### VI. **National Convention Debriefing-**

- A. **Forestry Source Article-** was discussed.
- B. **Forester Fund Auction and Raffle-** Thank you was extended to Nancy Peckman, Bill Horn and everyone else who participated as volunteers for this project. We raised over \$16,000.00.
- C. **National Student Assembly-** representatives from each SAF district selected a chair who will sit on Council (with no vote). Ideas and suggestions for student representation were presented. John McMahon and others addressed the students. More advertising of the NSA and the social which followed—Stump Town Stomp—was desired. The social was cultural and historical tour of Portland and many students missed both Friday evening events.
- D. **Quiz Bowl-** was packed and very successful.
- E. **WSSAF Luncheon-** should be scheduled on site on one of the days during future conventions so state chapter members can find each other and take time to participate together.

#### VII. **Council Report-**

- A. John McMahon reported activities from around the national SAF:
  - i. Results of the National Election: Bernie Hubbard was elected Vice President; Clark Seeley was elected as District II representative; Greg Russell was elected District V representative; and John Davis was elected as District XI representative. In 2008, it is the first time that 4 of 11 council districts will be represented by women delegates.
  - ii. 2008 Fellows- Chuck Lorenz and Dick Dunton were elected new fellows. Congratulations were given.

- iii. The Fellows selection process- will be improved further in 2008. The Council will now receive nominations. Send them to Dick Pierson and Don Theoe, our representatives on the Fellow Selection Committee. By March 31, 2008 they will be sent to our District Council Representative. By May 1, 2008, the National office will be notified.
- iv. The American Forest Foundation has recently received a \$100 million endowment from the settlement of the Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement. These were from the countervailing duties that have been held in escrow throughout the negotiations of the settlement. The U. S. Endowment for Sustainable Forest & Communities has been formed and received a \$200 million endowment. This Endowment will be asking for RFPs from individual non-profit organizations for potential distribution of these endowment funds. There are three goals that RFPs should consider: 1-Retain and restore American Forests; 2- Capture multiple streams from ecosystem services; 3-Leadership in Sustainable Forestry. The SAF is interested in this future process!
- v. SAF Finances look good. The National Convention was a financial success. 2008 budget was approved with a \$40,000 distribution available from the Forester Fund. For the first time there was a Student Executive Council representative present at the Council Meeting.
- vi. Committee on Forest Policy has approved a position paper on Forest Tree Biotechnology.
- vii. The Climate Change Task Force recommendation was presented to the Council in draft and will be finalized for the March Council meeting.
- viii. The insurance questionnaire was helpful in the new insurance policy discussions. Thanks to all chapters who participated in this survey.
- ix. There will be a National Leadership workshop again in 2008 after a one year absence.
- x. The Committee on Professional Recognition will give 9 awards and nominations are open. There was a By-Law so the committee can nominate candidates themselves.

- xi. CFE update- a new system for evaluation and recording of credits will go into effect 1/1/2008. It is on-line, see website.
- xii. President McMahon was asked what he found most intriguing about SAF during his tenure as President. He mentioned that two things stood out: 1- throughout his national travels, he was impressed to see how much volunteer talent we have; 2-also, he was amazed with the influence SAF has nationally in many forums.
- xiii. Ken Jolly is now chair-elect for the House of Society Delegates and Gary Vanderwiess is Chair of HSD.

VIII. **NWO Report-Lori Rasor- Handout**

- A. **Western Forester-** themes for 2008 were reviewed.
- B. **Advertising-** Lori and Michelle are working hard on 2008 advertiser contracts.
- C. **Forestry Experts-** project will be functional by the end of January 2008.
- D. **Chapter Newsletter Policy-** was adopted (see handout).

IX. **Financial Report- Chuck Lorenz**

- A. **Electronic dues payment option-** has not been used by many members during this first year and the national office waited a longer period of time before hard copy invoices were distributed via US Mail Service. Therefore, our revenue from the state society share of dues will be late coming to us and will not be reflected in 2007 revenue.
- B. **IRS Tax Form 990-** Internal audit at the SAF National Office during 2005 found that three different member societies were inappropriately filing tax returns. The Oregon Society (with the NW Office) is one of these societies. Societies and Chapters that routinely receive in excess of \$25,000/year in revenue must file their own Form 990. **MSC (moved by Scott Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Horn) that the WSSAF Chapter share in the cost of the creation of a template for the Form 990 use by an accounting consulting firm at \$100/hour (share split as follows: Washington 40% and Oregon 60%).**

X. **Committee Reports**

- A. **WSSAF Foundation-** Previously given.

B. **Policy-** Bob Dick and Doug St. John (co-chairs) –

- i. Bob Dick recently sent a letter of resignation as co-chair, effective 12/31/2007.
- ii. Doug asked for comments on each position paper that was developed/reviewed and circulated. Please comment soon.
- iii. **Memorandum of Understanding- with the Washington Association of Conservation Districts was approved and signed.**

C. **Membership-** Rob Sjogren- an idea was developed to rebate student dues back to the state chapter and use that money to continue recruitment of students within that state through the use of school faculty. It was also suggested that graduating students should keep their alumni designation so that faculty can help keep track of continued participation in the Society. **Action: email suggestions to Kirk David by Rob Sjogren for Council consideration.**

D. **Education-** John Bergvall

- i. **Western Washington Fair in Puyallup-** We enjoyed our new location for the SAF display in 2007 and will keep it for this next year.
- ii. **25<sup>th</sup> Natural Resource Youth Camp-** in June 2008. “Tree top-Lap tops” visit [www.nryc.org](http://www.nryc.org) for more information.
- iii. **WSSAF Display-** should we redesign this display during the next year. Should we move towards computer design with more easily updated display panels? Current frame is too heavy. Should we consider incorporating a 60” flat screen television, an internal DVD, a laptop compatibility and go wireless for website interaction? We need to decide to use appropriate technology, at a level we can afford.

E. **Foresters’ Fund-** See announcement pertaining to auction earlier in minutes.

F. **Science & Technology-** George McFadden-No report.

G. **Historian & Tree Farm-** Pete Heide for Don Theoe- previously given.

H. **Continuing Education-** Ellie Lathrop – no report.

- I. **Strategic Plan-** Pete Heide- previously given.
  - J. **Communication-** Don Hanley reviewed the all-member email notification process. This service is through the U of W and only Don Hanley and now Zoanne Thomas has access to its use. Doug Rushton has worked with Leslie Batten to update the information on the WSSAF website.
  - K. **Awards- passed resolution in support of Oregon SAF's proposed naming the national Communication award after Bill Hagenstein.**  
Scott Swanson moved and Chuck Lorenz was the second on the motion.
  - L. **Forester Licensing-** Bill Horn reported that discussion continued with the Inland Empire leadership. No strong mandate for supporting licensing in the state unless there is a strong mandate from the public themselves. They will continue to monitor the situation. North Carolina and South Carolina chapters have position papers on licensing.
- XI. **Chapter Updates-**
- A. **Longview-** Zoanne Thomas-No report other than mentioning that Cesar Carrion is moving from Pacific Cascade office to the WaDNR South Puget Sound Region office in Enumclaw, WA. He is now living in North Bend and will be part of the SAF SPS Chapter.
  - B. **Admiralty-**No report.
  - C. **Central WA-** No report.
  - D. **South Puget Sound-** Scott Swanson- Next chapter meeting is being hosted by the UW student chapter on January 10, 2008.
  - E. **SW WA-** John Trobaugh- Next meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> and Keith Aubrey will be speaking. There will be the annual Log-A-Load-For-Kids silent auction. Last year over \$3,000.00 was raised for the Children's Hospital with over 45 people in attendance.
  - F. **Mid-Columbia-** No report.
  - G. **North Olympic-** No report.
  - H. **North Puget Sound-** No report.
  - I. **UW Chapter-** Alicia Sullivan & Lindsey Malone-No report.
  - J. **GRCC-** Dick Hopkins-The chapter has been extremely busy.

- i. **Wildfire Display-** set-up and torn-down in September at the Western Washington fair.
- ii. **Co-Hosted student activities-** 17 GRCC attended
- iii. **Giving from the Heart-** organized student giving to students and families in need.
- iv. **Replacing the roof** on the cabin at the **Pat Cummins** Managed Forest.
- v. **Natural Resource Competition-** will host in February 2008. Last year 20 different high school teams participated.
- vi. **Firewood cutting-** fund raiser for chapter continues well.
- vii. **Display of National and State Awards-** won by chapter and displayed on campus has given the chapter positive notoriety.

**XII. Announcements-**

- A. **State Chapter Officers for 2008-** Chair, Zoanne Thomas; Chair-Elect, either Doug St. John or John Trobaugh; Treasurer, Chuck Lorenz; Secretary, vacant.
- B. **2008 Leadership Conference-** Friday January 25, 2008 & Saturday, January 26, 2008 in Kelso, WA. See flyer in PDF format as an attachment to an email to you during the next few days. Register soon after you receive the flyer please. We are hosting the conference for the Oregon chapter this year.
- C. **2008 Washington State SAF Annual Meeting-** will probably be held next fall. SW WA chapter be hosting the event. (The Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting is May 7-9, 2008. WFFA Annual Meeting is the end of April 2008.

**XIII. Roundtable-**

- A. **Rob Sjogren-** Veterans Conservation Corp (VCC) is working with GRCC and they are interested in projects and future jobs.
- B. **Correspondence-** Ann Forrest Burns sent us a thank you note for the certificate of appreciation that was sent to her by the chapter. Also, a note from Michael Lazara was read and it was decided replace a lost pin.
- C. **2008 Golden Members-** Jerome Davis, August Storkman and Boyd Wilson.

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- D. **Pete Heide-** In 2008, we need to increase our effort to reactivate all eleven local chapters.
  - E. **Chuck Lorenz-** During 2008, the State Society By-Laws will be reviewed and updated.
- XIV. **Future Executive Committee Meeting-** Friday, January 25, 2008 in the afternoon at the Leadership Workshop in Kelso, WA.
- XV. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 2:58PM

Minutes are respectfully submitted by

Scott Swanson, WSSAF Secretary