

INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (IESAF)

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Phil Aune called the September 18, 2015 Executive Committee (EC) meeting of IESAF to order at the Coeur d'Alene Casino.

In attendance were Phil Aune (Chair), Lynn Kaney (Councilor), Keith Blatner (District 1 Board Member), Bill Love (Chair Elect), Kirk and Madeline David, Norris Boothe (Secretary), Lisa Naylor (Treasurer), Ron Mahoney (Awards) and Steve McConnell (Past Chair/Membership). Lori Rasor (Northwest Office) called in.

June 1 EC Minutes - The minutes of the 6/1/15 EC meeting were reviewed and amended to clarify that Bill Love will be the second signature for the bank accounts.

Motion: Lynn moved to accept the minutes as amended, second by Ron; motion carried.

Northwest Office Report – Lori Rasor reviewed the SAF Northwest Office (SAFNWO) Report, which was emailed to the EC. She reviewed the makeup of the SAFNWO committee and the 6/11/15 meeting. The next meeting will be on 11/17/15 to decide on the 2016 budget, strategic directions committee work, website and communications and progress of integrating Inland Empire and Alaska into NWO structure and activities. Western Forester themes were reviewed, and Lori asked for contacts for the Urban Forestry theme for the next issue. The NWO is sending a monthly membership newsletter to Chairs and Chapter Chairs to track trends and provide tips and ideas. Lori participated in the first SAF Business Manager's meeting on 9/8 to discuss roles, responsibilities and challenges within the SAF regions. The group will teleconference periodically and meet face to face at the National Convention. Lori will also help staff the membership booth at the convention and with Steve McConnell will give a presentation on about the NW Office and regionalization at the Friday :SAF Matters" session. She is also working with Jim Johnson, Mike Cloughesy and John Walkowiak on another presentation on the Oregon/Washington Leadership Conference for Jim to present to the same session. Lori is contracting with the National Office to work on membership. She hopes to increase advertisements in the Western Forester, adding 2 pages of advertisements. Several meetings are on the Northwest calendar for fall through spring. Get the information about any other meetings to Lori.

House of Society Delegates Convener Call – Phil participated in a call, but thought it was less useful than the NW Office Committee call. He thinks other regional discussions would make more sense. The main national issue was the SAF website. Keith noted that revising the website has been slow, because they are trying to integrate so many services and update the membership database. A new electronic email policy will be coming soon.

SAF Board Report – Keith Blatner was disappointed that IESAF has not nominated anyone for the Field Forester award recently, perhaps because nominations are due earlier in the year. Ron is willing to ask for nominations, and suggested discussing it at chapter meetings. Keith asked Lori to organize a conference call for new chapter chairs to get them on track. The role of the SAF Board of Directors has changed a little from the old Council. The Board has approved long deferred maintenance to the National Office after the sale of Wild Acres. The proceeds also allowed investing \$12 million for income and a minimum \$500,000 set aside for emergency cash flow. Staff received minor raises for the first time in years, to make salaries closer to competitive. A major expense was big changes to software for the website and member database, streamlining functions for efficiency and improved communication. The Board has 3 meetings and 3 conference calls per year. Renewals for new members will be due a year after they join, rather than 12/31, and monthly payments will be an option. Other revenue sources include the Journal of Forestry and Forest Science. Regional journals had been losing \$45,000 per year before termination. The list of vendors for the Convention is 25% ahead of last year. Membership structure is still a concern, with too many categories,

limitations on technician members that are not helpful, and the need for better service to urban foresters and natural resource majors.

Treasurer's Report - Lisa Naylor is using Chuck Lorenz's spreadsheet for the budget and income statement and 3rd Quarter Statement of Activities. As of 9/18/15, the net operating funds total \$11,878.74 and dedicated funds total \$25,525. Income for the quarter was \$764.85 for the Leadership Conference and 2nd quarter dues. Expenses of \$6,172.60 include reimbursing the NW Office for work on the canceled spring meeting, the National HSD Assessment, 3rd quarter assessment to the NW Office, 2015 awards, and reimbursement for Lutherhaven facilities for the Leadership Conference. Pending costs for the annual meeting include additional awards, printing and gratuity on dinners. Travel to the Convention will be a bit less than budgeted. Phil suggested that Bill audits the books to close out 2015, and volunteered for the audit committee.

Annual Awards – Ron Mahoney reported that the awards are ready for tonight's award banquet. He noted that nominations for 2016 national awards need to start next month to allow time for preparing the forms.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting 2016 - Kirk David reported that the steering committee met yesterday, including Phil, Bill, Kirk and Madeline for IESAF. The Idaho Forest Owners Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service and forest industry were also represented. They worked on the agenda for the main meeting on Monday and Tuesday. An optional Sunday workshop called "Ties to the Land" will focus on planning for land ownership succession. The Wednesday training for tree farm inspectors is also optional. Tuesday morning the IFOA holds its annual meeting, and IESAF could hold the business meeting at the same time. Awards are Monday after lunch. Matt Menashes could be invited as the keynote speaker. *Lynn moved that IESAF join forces with IFOA for the Family Forest Owners and Managers Meeting, second by Steve; motion carried.*

Committee - Roque Nalley Estate Phil had emailed drafts of the Charter and Bylaws and Kirk suggested good revisions. *Norris moved that the EC adopts the Bylaws and Charter for the Roque Nalley Fund as amended, second by Steve; motion carried.*

New Business:

Proposal for Mentoring Award – Phil proposed a mentoring award would be more effective in encouraging mentoring relationships than repeating the "match-making" program that was not successful several years ago. *Lynn moved that Phil draft guidelines for a mentoring award, second by Bill; motion carried.*

Round Lake Stewardship Trail – In response to a request for support for renovating the trail and signs, IESAF sent suggestions, and Bill heard that IFOA also commented. A good proposal should be eligible for a Foresters Fund grant.

IESAF email account – Phil wants to establish an email account, such as iesaf@gmail.com that he can pass on to the next chair, so less updating is required to get messages to the new chair. Since an account would be free, a motion was not needed.

Chapter Reports - Delayed because the time allotted for the meeting was drawing to an end.

Next Meeting – Phil will set up a conference call in late November or early December.

Announcements for the Good of the Order - Lisa announced a field trip around Dayton on 10/8 with pathologists and entomologists from the LaGrande Research Station. More information will be emailed.

Meeting adjourned at 1455.

Respectfully submitted by Norris Boothe, Secretary.