

Executive Committee Meeting  
Washington State Society of American Foresters  
October 11, 2006  
Port Blakely in Tumwater, WA

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**SUMMARY of ACTIONS and MOTIONS**

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  6. **CONSENSUS.** Scott Swanson agreed and there was consensus for him to be secretary in 2007.
  7. **ACTION** – Bob Dick and John McMahon will frame the “good science” issue to create a document to elevate within SAF.
  8. **NEXT MEETING.** WS SAF on December 5, in Olympia area. Scott Swanson will be contacting the Washington Forest Protection Association.
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I. Opening

Chair Don Hanley opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Self-introductions were made (see attached list).

- Minutes from July 12, 2006 meeting (held in Renton) were approved with some slight corrections. **MOTION** to approve from Scott Swanson and a second from Don Theoe. Motion carried.

**II. Committee Reports**

A. Northwest Office (NWO) – Lori Rasor (**handout**)

1. *Western Forester (WF)*
  - a. Issue sent out last week.
  - b. Biomass for November/December. Mike Cloughesy and Roger Lord are writing the lead articles. Supporting articles include research needs, case studies; financial tools, Alaska work, Nature Conservancy perspective, National Convention update and “routine”
  - c. January/February emphasis will be community forestry
2. Forestry Experts data base
  - a. Getting more names into the system. About 120 in the system currently. George McFadden and Don Hanley nominated many Washington state folks. 40 persons have been added from WA.
  - b. Need a part-time person to check/verify information for probably about 20 hours.
  - c. Getting media information from Cindy Mitchell at Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA).
3. Elections

- SW WA and South Puget Sound both have a full array of incoming officers candidates. Information has to be to national by mid-December.
- 4. WF Subcommittee
  - a. Conference call scheduled before 9 am on 11/8 NWO meeting at the World Forestry Center: budget, strategic plan, hopefully to be approved at 1/19-20/07 OR/WA Leadership meeting.
  - b. Asked of the committee whether WF was meeting needs. Awaiting responses.
- B. Council Update – Kirk David (by Don Hanley)
  - Handout of article from July/August 06 issue of WF.
- C. National Update – John McMahon (National chair-elect)
  - 1. Meeting at National Convention from 1-4 p.m. on 10/25.
  - 2. Ratification of actions – generally routine and mostly SAF comments on policy/regulatory issues.
    - 8/06 John Helms testified on forest recovery legislation before the congressional committee (Walden/Baird Committee; bill passed from House to Senate. James Karr from University of WA spoke against t. Check the SAF website.
  - 3. Major new initiative - A leadership column. In the October issue of *Forestry Source*, Marvin Brown (and maybe others) is looking at reformation of joint task force with National Association of State Foresters on sustainable forestry to examine the subject in depth. We have pretty comprehensive programs in place for agriculture, but forestry is a hodge-podge. Task force will examine forestry and try to come up with approach that looks at three pillars: 1) Economics, 2) Social, and 3) Ecological aspects. Will be wary of pushing additional regulation.

Comment: Bob Dick noted that Vicki Christiansen is the new state forester for the Department of Natural Resources and could be a resource. Don Hanley asked about environmental group backlash. John replied there have been, as yet, no actions; they seem to be organizing their thoughts.

- 4. Committee on Forest Policy
  - a. Council ratified update to Society's stand on tax treatment of forest land. This one differs a little from the rest of the statements because it is more "policy approach-based" rather than specific.
  - b. Update of position statements on conservation easements. Have asked for policy group's input and results may be known by next council meeting.
- 5. World Forestry Committee and International Forestry working group – Council has asked, "Do we need both?" The two groups are cogitating on their future. The VOS report asked about bang-for-the-buck and so the role of the two groups is being examined.
- 6. Annual Update cycle of the Strategic Plan - supposed to start each year in early spring regarding changes, etc. Should have been on June Council agenda, but will be discussed at the October meeting and then "ratified" at the December meeting.
- 7. Oregon – Portland Chapter. Bob Diehl of the PNW Forest and Range Experiment Station (USFS) was asked to relinquish his SAF leadership position based on "conflict of interest". Apparently, the concern is federal people who have dual fiscal responsibilities, i.e. to their federal employer and to SAF.
  - Comments
  - Don Hanley - Concern that USFS is pulling back from SAF. The relationship to the recent letter from the Chief supporting SAF and encouraging participation and then staff not being able to take part in SAF is troubling.
  - Don Theoe - (National SAF historian) – noted that SAF was started by seven USFS members gathering around FS Chief Pinchot's desk.

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8. *Forestry Source* - working groups' annual notice on committee appointments for 2007.
9. Membership
  - a. At the end of September, 2006, there were 14,600 members; slightly down. Student numbers are increasing.
  - b. USFS membership implications (see above discussion).
  - c. Age distribution – big difference in age distribution between active SAF members and new employees. Lots of old members and fewer new members
- D. HSD – Chuck Lorenz
  1. Meetings on 10/24 and morning of 10/25.
  2. Agenda: USFS participation; implementing VOS; incorporating structure for incorporating students; success stories; proposed revision to HSD charter to elect their chair and chair-elect (so chair-elect becomes chair in 2<sup>nd</sup> year).
  3. Annual report for 2005 is on website and certification review board's presentation. <http://www.safnet.org/>
  4. Council notebook – VOS task force assigned committee responsible to president and immediate past president.
  5. National election – by-law changes to:
    - a. Update references to SAF constitution referencing an outdated version of the District of Columbia articles of incorporation. Change would allow electronic voting.
    - b. Student representative on HSD, and
    - c. Terminology regarding Forest Science and Technology Board.
- E. WS SAF – Don Hanley
  1. Communications – List-serve via University of WA. Don has arranged a non-moderated list, but limited to the executive committee (which means anyone on the ex comm. can send mail to the rest of ex comm.). The membership part is a moderated list. Which means permission is needed to post a message to the list (to avoid SPAM).
  2. Leslie Batten, web coordinator: The webpage needs updating. We have the domain name of waforestry.org which needs to be renewed. As the cost was minimal (\$10+), Don renewed the domain name.
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter updates needed – send to Don.
  4. The new executive director of WFPA is Mark Doumit, former state legislator.

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- F. Financial Report – Zoanne Aylesworth (**Handout**)
  1. Kirk David has been reimbursed.
  2. Two Forester Fund grants were passed through (\$1,200 each).
  3. New lower prices for website.
  4. Tax information was sent to National (June).
  5. National dues installment is due anytime (Bulk of dues comes in Nov.-Dec.)
  6. Converting to banking online for SAF business.
  7. **MOTION** to reimburse Kirk David for his expenses for the 06 OR/WA Leadership conference by Doug Rushton; second by Scott Swanson. Motion carried.
  8. **ACTION** Don Theoe suggested adding to WF that 07 WS SAF annual meeting will be a business meeting in conjunction with the 2007 National Convention

- (Check by-laws and see if a breakfast meeting suffices.) Don will send to list-serve and also get a small article in WF.
9. **MOTION** - Website update – budget dollars for updating our WS SAF website (at \$100 per hour.) Motion by Scott Swanson and second from Bob Dick. Carried.
- G. Membership Committee Report – Ron Sjogren
1. Chelan Discussion follow-up on Green River Community College (GRCC) suggestions (statistics show that most new members come from being students, therefore we need to engage schools.
    - a. Comments received from non-payers: costs to join SAF too high, What's SAF done for me? no time, meeting location is far away; new members don't know what they are getting.
    - b. 17-18 new member applications given to Chair Hanley.
    - c. "Jobs" is the number one driver for students – when a company has a vacancy, it would be good if it were advertised in SAF first.
    - d. Ideas: meetings at schools; "spiffy" show-and-tells at meetings – like LIDAR.
  2. University of Washington College of Forest Resources – Bob Dick.
    - a. Bob Dick is the incoming president for the Alumni Association.
    - b. Career Day at UW in Jan.-Feb., 2007.
  3. South Puget Chapter – Scott Swanson. Joint meeting coming up with students at UW.
    - Membership should be looked at as the highest priority by Don Hanley to incoming National Chair, John McMahon.
    - John Trobaugh – Universities are relying more on National Science Foundation and similar grants. TIMOs and REITs need foresters – not just "esoteric" ecosystem folks. They do not have traditional forestry professionals (e.g. entomologists, mensurationists, silviculturalists, etc.)
    - Don Hanley - Regarding "exclusiveness" for SAF job hunters; maybe it is a desirable qualification (i.e. SAF membership), but because of legal issues, especially with regard to public agencies. Maybe put in job announcements something like, "Must be a graduate of an SAF-accredited school".
    - Mentoring night at GRCC on November 16.
    - Bob Dick: What can you do for SAF? It's a vehicle.
    - John McMahon: Need "off the shelf" mentoring package for college advisors.
    - Rob Sjogren – Internships are important.
    - Chuck Lorenz: Job fair at national convention.
    - Don Hanley contacted Bart Ausland regarding a possible student chapter at Central Washington University, but no answer yet.
- H. WS SAF Elections - Don Hanley
1. Zoanne Aylesworth has agreed to run for chair-elect.
  2. Need a secretary and a treasurer for 2007. Both are appointed by the chair.
  3. **CONSENSUS. Scott Swanson agreed to serve as secretary.** Consensus for Scott to be secretary in 2007.
  4. Don Hanley will resend e-mail soliciting workers.
  5. Deadline is early November to get information to Lori Rasor to meet mailing and publication deadlines.
- I. 2007 Portland National Convention – Vicki Christiansen and Chuck Lorenz
1. Committee structure
    - a. General co-chairs – Clark Seeley (ODF) and Linda Goodman (USFS)
    - b. Program co-chairs – Mike Cloughesy (OFRI) and Gretchen Nicholson (WADNR)

- c. Arrangements co-chairs – Bob Williams (retired USFS) and Vicki Christiansen (WADNR)
2. Numerous organizing meetings since last December.
3. National has a floor figure (\$10,000) they will cover and additional revenues will be split between OR and WA proportional to registrations.
4. Theme is SAF: Sustaining America's Forests.
5. New national convention model at Portland.
  - a. All logistics done by National, but coordinated with locals.
  - b. Tours will be part of technical committees rather than arrangements. Questionnaire to be handed out at 06 Pittsburgh Convention and on the National website to get feedback on what folks want to see.
  - c. Most speakers are secured. Call for papers going out soon.
6. Arrangements
  - a. 5 subcommittees (with representatives from OR and WA).
    - i. Bob Alverts, Darrel Kenopps, (OR) and Pete Heide (WA) for publicity. Trying to get allied business sectors (retail banking, energy, insurance, etc) involved.
    - ii. Want to identify chairs and then they can recruit. Need co-chairs for Foresters Fund, on-site volunteers, student activities and hospitality. Will be OR and WA co-chairs.
    - iii. Requirements to be on committee – SAF member.
    - iv. National has a budget for how many discounted registrations are available. Need to find out where the best place is to use GRCC and how to get students there.
    - v. Names mentioned (Don Hanley will call and let Vicki Christiansen know):
      - Student activities – Rob Sjorgren and Dick Hopkins
      - Forester Fund: Joe Heller, Karen Temen, Scott Swanson
      - On-site - Jocko Burkes
      - Hospitality – maybe a golden member, Ellie Lathrop, John Keatly, Eric Wisch
7. Booth in Pittsburgh – volunteer sign-up sheet for working the 07 Portland booth.
8. "Gala Event" for Portland at the World Forestry Center. Photo contest for the Science fund and Northwest arts auction.
9. All 07 committee functions will be at the Portland Convention Center (NOT at surrounding hotels).
10. Contact [Jana.green@wadnr](mailto:Jana.green@wadnr) if you want to volunteer.
11. November 1 – website will be "live". [www.safconvention.org](http://www.safconvention.org)

### III. WS SAF Committee Reports

#### A. Foundation – Dave Yates.

- Personal situations have taken much of Dave's time.
- Would like a WF article. (OR foundation has a paid ad.)
- Brochure needs a little editing. Kelly McCarter has the brochure and need a volunteer to finish it. Julie Stangell may have the files.
- Scott Swanson -At their (SPS chapter) "goldens" meeting – have Dave give a foundation blurb.
- OR foundation has their foundation in their strategic plan

#### B. Education – John Bergvall/Bill Horn

1. Puyallup Fair was a success. Added a log round. Maybe move to a different location in the same building, for next year. Need to ensure adequate handouts. Used an increment borer on some 4' logs to draw in folks for "hands on" activity. John will

- suggest a “theme park” for the SAF area of the Fair. Wants people to leave knowing they have been at the SAF booth.
2. Natural Resources Youth Camp – Good article in the Shelton paper on forestry. Looking for a forestry person to take on the “2<sup>nd</sup>” level of NRYC – need to package program on the ground at sites (mill, hatchery, farm, etc.) and have a video and market it. Scott Swanson mentioned this could be done at Morton – as the NRYC is at Cispus.
  3. Take advantage of every opportunity to get forestry into your local press.
  4. John Olmstead - Jefferson County 4-H, visited Bill Horn at the Puyallup SAF booth and said it (the booth) was supposed to be on TV (but as yet, no one has seen it).
- C. Foresters Fund – Don Hanley. Do we want to donate something for Pittsburgh? Have not heard from Joe Heller.
- D. Science and Technology - Don Hanley mentioned that George McFadden is now with BLM in Portland but has said he will stay with WS SAF.
- E. Continuing Education – (Hand out) Ellie Lathrop provided a hand out on how to get CFE credits.
- F. Awards – no activity. For the Forester of the Year award, John Bergvall would like to see a traveling award. He will get names added.
- G. History and Tree Farms – Don Theoe. Two group certifications going on in WA - 2007 tree farm through Weyerhaeuser (near McKenna) and Tahoma Tract. Audit being conducted to ensure management is reflective of landowner goals.
- I. Policy – Bob Dick.
1. Forest Practices – “perennial initiation point” is the point where perennial flow starts on a headwater stream. Has not worked in the field because it varies. Management standards are required for that point. Forest Practices Board will likely be reconsidering.
  2. State of the Lands Report – an excellent report on DNR and Board of Natural Resources business.
  3. DNR is looking at murrelet strategy and working with the US Fish and Wildlife service and currently in the NEPA/SEPA comments period. Science-laden; so public input is difficult.
  4. DNR’s aquatic HCP – collecting information on aspects (like rafting logs from Port Angeles to Marysville).
  5. Tripod Fire (federal) – 175,000 acres and one of several big fires. What happens now, with regard to rehabilitation and salvage, is unclear. Agencies are trying to address getting timber up for sale before it deteriorates and also before bad weather sets in. Tripod Fire was very intense in places that trees were ruined, even for salvage. May be a day of reckoning for the USFS “let burn” policy and the results from this past year will likely be discussed at congressional appropriation hearings. John McMahon notes that fire costs were \$1.5 billion and 9 million acres – which was the highest in 45 years.
  6. HR 4200 (Walden-Baird bill) went through the House and is stuck in Senate Committee. “Science X” during hearing was evident. Donato was at hearing and came to his conclusions using “clever” statistics. Baird is a statistician and called the validity of the analysis into question, along with Donato’s process and the problem that Donato would not produce the data. Uncovered the misuse of “good”/“bad” science. Media focused on results, not the process issues Baird noted.
    - How to present “good” science to the public is a major question. Bob’s analysis shows:
      1. Many scientists do not want to deal with this,

2. Tendency of certain scientists to use different standard of statistics than what is normally used (they are OK with less than normal statistical rigor),
3. Bob's recommendation: Because of the above issues, someone needs to examine this issue and come up with a white paper.
  - John McMahon – Committee on Forest Policy tried to develop a one pager that was not finalized, apparently was viewed by scientists as being very muzzled. Any work in the science fields, like National Research Council of the NSF may fall into this. Dave Cleese, of the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, using evidence based research – a model derived from medicine that synthesizes research (some agreeing and some not) and tries to draw conclusions, which may have applicability to forestry. John has sent an e-mail to George Ice to see if George knows what is going on in this area.
  - Don Hanley – Should we make a recommendation to the Science and Technology Board?
  - John Bergvall - Maybe go to the HSD to work it and then go back to a policy group to develop a response. We need to ensure our documents are scientifically valid, but still communicate clearly (e.g. in plain English).

**ACTION** – Bob Dick and John McMahon will frame the issue to create a document to elevate this within SAF. Bob Edmonds at UW may be able to assist (and is an SAF member), and work with George Ice. Consensus was to have this group move forward.

#### IV. Chapters

- A. South Puget Sound – Scott Swanson.
  1. Student mentoring night on 11/16 for GRCC and UW.
  2. Coordinating and supporting UW.
  3. Have a full slate of candidates for 2007.
- B. Longview – Zoanne Aylesworth.
  1. Next meeting is 10/19 and will be a conversation with the director of the Cowlitz County Development Council.
  2. Christmas meeting, probably December 7.
  3. Cesar Carion is incoming chair.
- C. SW WA – John Trobaugh
  1. Ernesto Wagner (10/12) is the Weyerhaeuser manager for South American marketing. Big money moving in to South America, while US facilities are old.
  2. November – Scott Livingood from Oregon State on Initiatives for developing new wood products.
  3. Christmas – In Centralia on 12/14 with Hal Salwasser from OSU.
  4. Managing Wildlife Conference on 10/18 in Vancouver (a joint effort with Western Forestry and Conservation Association and the SW WA chapter of SAF).

#### V. Upcoming WS SAF and other meetings

- A. WS SAF on December 5, in Olympia area. Scott Swanson will be contacting the Washington Forest Protection Association.
- B. OR/WA 2007 Leadership Conference at Hood River. See next issue of *WF*.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Rushton, secretary.