



TO: Washington State Society Members

FROM: Donald Hanley
WSSAF Chair

RE: 2006 WSSAF Budget – **Actions Taken**

WSSAF Colleagues:

Back in March, I solicited your input on how the Washington State Society SAF should address its financial shortfalls. I am gratified by the response from the membership. Over 22 single-spaced pages of responses were shared with the WSSAF Executive Committee at the Chelan meeting.

Based on member's recommendations and the discussions of the committee, the WSSAF Executive Committee took the following actions:

- Raised WSSAF Annual Dues by \$5 from \$25 to \$30. The dues increase will be effective for 2007. *Exempt from this dues increase are student members and Golden members, but we hope those Golden Members will voluntarily contribute.*
- Moved the \$395 in the *Jocko Arboretum Fund* into general operations
- Moved the \$2295 from the *Dues Reserve Fund* into general operations.

The later two items helped us eliminate the existing deficit in general obligations.

WSSAF will retain the following funds:

Fund	Balance	Fund Purpose
Reserved for WSSAF Foundation	\$4960	Established as a starter fund for the WSSAF Foundation by an anonymous WSSAF member
Video Fund	\$4191	Net receipts from the sale of WSSAF reforestation video were placed in this account as a "starter" for future educational endeavors.
Operating Reserves	\$3200	Discretionary "rainy-day" fund.

While it is never a pleasant duty to raise the general membership dues, I feel that your leadership has made the best decision. The last general dues increase occurred approximately two decades ago. I realize that the \$5 represents a 20% increase, when spread over the past 20 years, the annual increase is much more tolerable. This \$5 per member increase will allow us to raise approximately \$2500 annually.

I can assure you that the executive committee agonized over this decision and will continue to be frugal with your SAF money.

I wish to hear from anyone that feels the \$5 increase is too much a burden and that this dues increase threatens your continued SAF membership. Please email me or call on the phone.

Sincerely,



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