

Oregon Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2007

The May 17th minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's report was presented by George Chesley. He distributed copies of a 2007 Budget Update dated September 20, 2007 and a 2007 Activity Update. George announced the need to start the budget process for 2008. He would like committee chairs to present budget requests to him by November.

Lori Rasor distributed the Northwest Office report. The September/October issue of the Western Forester has been mailed. There won't be an issue for November/December due to conflicts with the National Convention. Work on the Experts Database is progressing. The next Northwest Office committee meeting is November 14 in Portland. Lori emphasized the need for more theme suggestions for 2008 Western Foresters. She wants them set by the end of September, 2007. A discussion was held regarding ideas. Suggestions included lidar, climate change, future of forest ownership, and response to various issues by different landowner groups.

Rick Barnes gave a report of the June Council meeting. Issues regarding insurance coverage were evaluated but remain unresolved as many SAF events are not covered. It will be discussed at the HSD meeting at the National Convention. This may impact the 2008 OSAF meeting including the field trips.

Old Business-

- Foresters fund split proposal. A committee met in July. Jim Rombach is chair of that committee. A proposal is being developed by Jim's committee. This will be brought to the excomm meeting in December.

- Revenue sharing from Chapter conferences as a way to general revenue for OSAF. A motion was made by Jim Wick to develop a \$5.00 per attendee assessment that goes to OSAF for Chapter workshops when there is a registration fee. Significant discussion was held regarding pitfalls, logistics of implementing, and the potential drawback of the fee being a disincentive to conference attendance. The fee would not apply to OSAF Foundation fundraisers like the golf tourney, the OSAF

annual meeting, and the Annual OR-WA Leadership Conference. The motion passed with 2 nay votes. John appointed Mark Buckbee and Marc Vomocil to flesh out the logistics and process to implement the \$5.00 fee.

- Update regarding the election process. Neither OSAF nor any of the chapters met the September 4th deadline to make electronic balloting. Ballots will be in the mail by mid-October for OSAF. Candidates for delegate-at-large are Mick Sears, Central Oregon Chapter Chair and Angie DiSalvo, Foresters Fund Chair. Candidates for Chair-elect are Mark Buckbee, Delegate-at-Large and Tim Keith, director of the Emergency Fire Cost committee.

- Status of John Day Chapter. Shaun Harkins gave a report describing contacts that have been made with Stan Benes, who wants to try to resurrect the chapter. Currently it has eight members.

- Annual meeting re-cap by Mick Sears. He passed out a meeting summary. He pointed out only 66 members attended, about 7% of current membership. Mick presented OSAF a check for \$784.84. Mick thanked OFRI for their support of the buses for the field trip.

- 2008 Annual meeting. Steve Cafferata, meeting chair, presented an update. The location will be at the Valley River Inn. Work has been done on the program. Steve expressed some concern about a conflict with the National Convention in October regarding attracting sponsors. Steve Akehurst, program chair, presented an overview of the two day program on May 7-8 with field trips on May 9.

New Business

- Treasurer George Chesley gave a report on Form 990 reporting requirements. The bottom line is more reporting will be required including filing a 990 Form. This will include a portion of the Northwest Office financials. OSAF will probably need to file a 990 Form for tax year 2007.

- Chapter newsletter mailing costs. John Prendergast announced a change starting January, 2008. For chapters to use the Northwest Office for mailing newsletters, they will be charged for the postage costs. The recommendation is that chapters use email as much as possible to distribute newsletters. This is motivated by an attempt to reduce costs at the Northwest Office.

- Status of Columbia Gorge Chapter. John Prendergast reported that the Columbia Gorge Chapter is struggling and may not be a viable chapter any longer. Ole Helgersen, a member of that chapter and last active officer, recommends that the chapter be dissolved. Mark Buckbee, Shaun Harkins, and Bob Thomas will attempt to contact the 23 current members to see if they can jump start the chapter. Paul Adams recommended being creative with ideas on how to involve members of small chapters from sparsely populated areas. The subject will be re-visited at the December meeting.

- Website information maintenance. Leslie Batten is the website coordinator. She will put information on the site as she receives it. It is not her role to keep the website current. Send information for posting via State Chair John or Lori Rasor.

- Future of the OSAF Foundation Golf Tourney. The Emerald Chapter has hosted it two years. Next year they are hosting the annual meeting so another chapter should host it in 2008. A good structure is in place including a donor base. Two options include rotating the Gold Tourney to various chapters and the other is to establish a standing OSAF committee to manage the tourney. A third option is to have the Foundation Board lead the effort.

- John Prendergast announced that he has appointed Jim Johnson to the OSAF Foundation Board of Trustees. Jim will serve as the new treasurer for the OSAF Foundation, replacing Tom McLain.

Chapter Reports -

- Jay Walters, Umpqua Chapter - They will host the 2009 annual OSAF meeting. They are working on setting up a program to support college student members who call Douglas County home.

- Terry Droessler, Capital Chapter - A joint meeting with Portland and Marys Peak Chapter will be held at the Oregon Garden. A field trip emphasizing how to make better products than just firewood from salvage logs was held this summer.

- Craig Richards, Coos Chapter - A chapter meeting was held in Curry County to stay connected with members who don't live in the Coos Bay area. Their Spring 2008 workshop is set for the third Thursday in April.

- Mick Sears, Central Oregon Chapter - Will have a meeting with COCC students on how the chapter can support them.
- Larry Brooks-Shasta-Cascade Chapter - A meeting took place to review the BLM W.O.P.R. plan. A workshop was held last spring.
- Steve Pilkerton, Marys Peak Chapter - Their mixed species workshop was very successful with 120 participants. Member Ben Stout passed away in July. Next Wednesday's meeting will be to tour lower campus at OSU looking at multiple tree species. A tour for community leaders will be held next Friday that includes a mill stop and forestry stops.
- Jim Wick, Portland Chapter - The chapter visited the Magnus Tree Farm. They participated in a joint meeting with the Capital and Marys Peak chapters at the Oregon Garden.
- John Pine, Tillamook/Clatsop Chapter - Many members volunteered to help at the National Convention. They are planning a conference as a fund raiser.
- Steve Armitage, Siskiyou Chapter. They held a meeting in Grants Pass with over 30 in attendance. The chapter hosted an educational activity for kids. They are planning a conference on biomass for next spring.
- Mike Tucker, Emerald Chapter - A field tour on Giustina lands took place in June that included a dinner hosted by Steve Cafferata and his wife. The chapter hosted the OSAF Foundation golf tourney. The Fall meeting schedule is set.

Standing Committee Reports -

- Terry Orton - Communications. He is in touch with Policy Chair Paul Adams.
- Paul Adams, Policy & Legislation. Policy leadership at National office has changed recently to Mike Mortimer. Paul wrote and distributed a paper titled Forestry: An Objectives Oriented Profession. Paul announced that five position statements will expire in the next few months. The one on landslides will be allowed to expire and it will be replaced by a broader statement on forest management on steep lands. Paul advocated for OSAF to provide input to the BLM in response to W.O.P.R. A letter will be drafted to submit reflecting OSAF positions.

- Julie Woodward, Education - OSAF participated in the Natural Resources booth at the Oregon State Fair. Julie had to work at getting enough volunteers to staff the booth. Julie highlighted several educational resources made by OFRI that are available to SAF members to distribute to schools. Julie reported on classroom K-12 education programs. Eric Kranzush explained that the SAF sub-fund in the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund (ONREF) endowment is under the umbrella of the Oregon Community Fund. An anonymous donor has put forth a challenge grant that will donate \$500, if OSAF will contribute \$1,000 to the ONREF sub-fund.

- Angie DiSalvo - A Forester Fund report was passed out.

- Bob Thomas, Shaun Harkins, Membership. Total membership has dropped below 1,000 to 989. The goal is to end the year at 1,000. Shaun has new updated membership applications.

- John Nesbitt, Protocol/Historian. John developed a by-law change that reflects the 50/50 revenue split between OSAF and host chapters for regular annual meetings.

- Eric Kranzush, OSAF Foundation. Endowment has grown to over \$300,000. The Foundation held the Fellows lunch in June where 3 scholarship recipients were hosted. OSAFF is working on a new strategic plan. A proposal has been made to expand the Board of Trustees.

- Mike Cloughesy, Tree Farm Program. A conference is being sponsored by OFRI on November 19. The State Tree Farmer of the Year will be awarded. The National Tree Farm Convention in 2008 will be in Portland.

- Mike Cloughesy, National Convention report. Registration is going well. Several K-12 teachers are planning to attend the first day of the convention to hear the keynote address by Richard Louv. Volunteers are still needed to help at the convention.