



**WSSAF Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2010
Call-in Meeting**

1. Roll Call

On the call:

xJohn Walkowiak, WSSAF Chair
xTom Hanson, Secretary
xLori Rasor, NWO
xAdrian Miller, Chair-elect
xChris Lunde, SW WA Chapter Chair
xHarry Bell, North Olympic Chapter Chair & WSSAF Policy Committee Chair
xSteve Ricketts, Chair Admiralty Inlet/WSSAF Historian
xDrew Paganucci, Chair Green River CC Student Chapter
xDoug St John, Past WSSAF Chair
xNancy Peckman, WSSAF Membership Chair
xBetty Burton, SPS Chapter Co-Chair-elect
xDon Hanley, WSSAF Communications Chair
xKevin Zobrist, WSSAF Education Chair
xPaula Kaiser, SPS Chapter Co-Chair-elect
xChuck Lorenz, treasurer
xMorrie Boles, WSSAF Awards Chair
xSamantha Chang, WSSAF Sec-elect

Proxies:

pTodd Bates, Grays Harbor College to John W
pAlicia Sullivan, SPS Chapter Chair to Tom H.

18 of 22 members are attending; there is a quorum

2. Motion to approve the 10-12-2010 meeting minutes – Tom

- a. Kevin Zobrist, moved to approve; second, Drew Paganucci
- b. The motion passed

3. Motion to approve the 10-02-10 Treasurers' report – Chuck

- a. Moved to approve, Doug St. John; Second by Morrie Boles
- b. The motion passed
- c. Don Hanley suggested that the video fund be put into the foundation, to be discussed at the next meeting. The video fund has no apparent purpose. According to Chuck, these funds are the net proceeds from a series of educational videos WSSAF produced several years ago. They were held as “seed money”

against future video projects could draw from. Discussion item for Dec 7th WSSAF ExComm Meeting.

- d. Doug St. John, asked for clarification of the difference between the cash asset fund, and net operating funds. Any differences is due to bills being paid and checks clearing at the bank. WSSAF has petty cash on hand. Chuck reported that WSSAF does not have a petty cash account; all assets are held either in a checking account of a money market account. Net worth 1/1/2010 = checking + savings at beginning of year. Current operating funds = checking + savings at date of report; less amounts in dedicated funds.

4. HSD and National Convention Feedback (John)

- a. National SAF Executive Council has proposed a dues increase for 2012 of \$20 for members and \$5 in student/retired membership rates. The last general dues increase was in 1997, with professional members - \$130, retired members - \$105, new members - \$85 and student members - \$35. The last professional dues increase was 2003. New proposed membership rates effective in 2012 would be: professional members - \$153, retired members - \$121, new members - \$98 and student members - \$40. National Staff has decreased from 26 to 16.5. HSD suggested that the EC should produce a "marketing plan" to explain the need for the increase and improve transparency, and publicize how members who are financially challenged can maintain membership, through reduced dues structure. National SAF Council has not yet approved the dues increase and it will be discussed at the Dec 2010 meeting. .
- b. For 2011 membership renewal members may select "electronic only" the Journal of Forestry, Forest Science, Northern, Southern and Western Journals of Applied Forestry at no additional costs.
- c. The national conference in Albuquerque NM had over 1,500 attendees., with the break even point of 1,200
- d. Green River CC was named national chapter of the year, AND won the quiz bowl. Dick Hopkins was honored with SAF Fellow recognition.
- e. The 2011 conference will be in Hawaii. 2012 will be in Spokane.

5. Update on Member Survey (John)

- a. John asked for feedback on the membership survey.... Doug St. John stated that this type of feedback method is needed to stay in touch with the membership.
- b. To date 106 responses on line and one hard copy have been received. The time to submit the survey is until November 19th.
- c. Results may be transmitted back to the membership via Constant Contact and the Western Forester.

6. Update on Trial Membership Program (Nancy)

- a. Nancy stated that 81-84 people are on the Trial membership list and they will be receiving complimentary copies of the WF and the Forestry Source through March 2011.
- b. John will be sending out the trial membership list to all Chapter Chairs and asks that not only that Chapter Chairs add these trial members to their communications and newsletters, but extend personal invites to future chapter meetings
- c. In March they will be contacted again to join SAF.
- d. Nancy reminded the group that other potential members could still be added.

7. Policy Update (Harry)
 - a. WF policy comment request did not create significant responses
 - b. Harry has been working on Biomass field trips, and 60 people have signed up for this Wednesday Nov. 10th event, however only 6 SAF members are on the list. Many of the attendees will be local government officials.
 - c. Lori reported that the Biomass Position statement based on the online ballots the policy was being approved 132 to 9, with final count due Nov. 16th.
 - d. John stated that an updated national SAF biomass policy statement will be out this spring.
 - e. John W. will put information on the 9th circuit court recent ruling about logging roads and point source pollution/permitting. Both in Constant Contact messages and in the upcoming WF, additional info will be presented to members.
8. Update on Foundation (Adrian)
 - a. Scholarship information is about to be distributed to forestry departments and scholarship coordinators at Universities and High Schools. Awards will likely occur in January.
9. Update on Joint Website (Adrian)
 - a. The trial (beta) version has been completed. Editing is underway.
 - b. The website will link to WSSAF Facebook page if one is developed.
 - c. There needs to be coordination with chapter Facebook pages.
 - d. The site so far is unique to Oregon and Washington and Inland Empire is still being considered.
10. Officers (Adrian)
 - a. Samantha Chang (NPS chapter and USFS employee) has agreed to be secretary for 2011.
 - b. A treasurer is still needed.
11. NWO Report-- Lori
 - a. Dec. WF is being proofed for publication soon. The topic is Water Quality.
 - b. Chapter officers need to report their officers for 2011 to NWO for website updating.
 - c. 2011 Leadership conf. in Hood River, OR Jan 21-22, 2011 will be in WF and on the website by weeks end.
 - d. NWO belongs to Flash News alert--- this is a vehicle to contact media. (press releases, awards, scholarships, etc.)
12. Chapter Reports

Southwest -- will have joint meeting the Grays Harbor CC chapter in December..
13. Other Business:
 - a. Steve Ricketts reported that member, Ed Hartley passed away Oct. 14. There will be a reception on Nov. 14 at the Beach Club at Port Ludlow.
 - b. Steve reported on the WSSAF history project. Roger Harding has taken the lead on this update.

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The next ExComm Meeting will be a Conference Call on December 7th @ 1:00 PM, and will be scheduled for 1 ½ hrs.

Adjourn 2:00 PM