

Society of American Foresters
 OSAF Executive Committee meeting
 January 19th, 2007 Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
John Prendergast	OSAF chair	
Marc Vomocil	OSAF chair-elect	
Dan Clough	Capitol chair-elect	
Bob Thomas	Membership Co-chair	
John Nesbitt	Protocol	for Portland Chapter Chair
Mike Cloughesy	Tree farm liaison	
Rob Titcomb	OSU Education	
Mick Sears	Central Oregon Chapter Chair	
Steve Cafferata	Emerald Chapter Chair-elect	for Mike Tucker
Stuart Otto	Central Oregon Chapter	
Stephen Fitzgerald	Central Oregon Chapter Chair-elect	
Greg Filip	Science and tech chair	
Jim Rombach	Recognition/awards chair	
Julie Woodward	Education chair	
Steve Pilkerton	Mary's Peak Chapter Chair	
Judd Lehmann	OSU Student Chapter Chair	
David Zahler	CF/CFE chair	
Rick Barnes	District 2 Council Rep.	
Mark Buckbee	OSAF Delegate-at-large	
Angie DiSalvo	Foresters' Fund Chair	
Lori Rasor	SAF Northwest Office Manager	
Darren Mahr	Coos Chapter Chair	
John Pine	Tillamook/Clatsop Chapter Chair	
Paul Adams	Policy and legislation chair	
Maggie Grosenick	Siskiyou Chapter	
Matthew Krunglevich	Siskiyou Chapter Chapter-elect	
George Chesley	OSAF treasurer	
Erin Kelly	OSAF secretary	

1. OSAF Goals and Priorities 2007

1.1. Policy

- a) Want to continue the tradition in OSAF with a strong policy emphasis
- b) work with Terry and Paul to develop a communication strategy so position statements don't just sit on the shelf

1.2. Finances

- a) financial solvency for both OSAF and the NW office

1.3. Membership

- a) stop the bleeding; finish the year with no net loss; this will mean recruiting more members (because loss is inevitable)

1.4. Chapters

- a) this is where the work gets done; a number of chapters are in trouble and helping chapters out will be a priority

- 1.5. Additional goal: to make the 2007 SAF National Convention in Portland a success
2. Review and approve December meeting minutes
Approval of the minutes from December meeting:
Mick Sears: moved to approve
Julie Woodward: second
Minutes approved
3. Budget (**handouts: 2006, 2007**)
 - 3.1. Budget 2006 overall total: +2,839.40
 - 3.2. Budget 2007
 - a) Income
 - objective to end the year with \$6000 cash balance
 - from investment account: policy is to maintain about \$22,000, and funds above this level are to be spent; it's our goal to have money to do things (transfer of income)
 - OSAF meeting vs. national meeting: \$1500 from state meeting, \$9500 from national
 - b) Expenses
 - NW Office: instead of \$18,800, should be \$19,190
 - Chapter dues: instead of \$1500, should be \$1100
 - Is there reason to think that we will need the full \$3,000 budgeted for OSAF Chair and chair-elect travel for the national convention since it's here?; there will be no air travel, but there may be more participants (agreement that the number is sufficient)
 - Leadership conference: total of \$600 donated for student registration and lodging (thanks to Tillamook and Siskiyou chapters for their donations)
 - We had \$1000 for the three schools for the leadership conference, to be split three ways; anything that wasn't spent remained in the student account for the national convention
 - we need to both raise money for the national convention and people need to go
 - National Leadership Training Academy: instead of \$1250, should be \$0

Approval of the 2007 Budget

George Chesley: motion to approve

Bob Thomas: second

Budget approved

4. NW Office Report (**handout and PowerPoint**)
 - 4.1. Chapter chairs and state chairs decide what goes online (sent through Leslie Batten)
 - 4.2. Darren: there is outdated information online; chapter chairs should go online and check the accuracy of information
 - 4.3. It costs NW office to have people link through their website
 - 4.4. The website is a powerful tool that hasn't been utilized enough
5. 2007 executive committee meeting schedule (**handout**)
 - 5.1. accepted by everyone
6. Scaled-back annual meeting
 - 6.1. budget issues: how to split annual meeting revenue (why do we reinvent the wheel?)
 - 6.2. committee formed at December meeting to come up with a consistent formula, which will be presented and voted on at the March meeting
 - 6.3. why didn't we use the formula that we came up with 2 years ago last year in Coos Bay?
We need something settled and put into the by-laws; committee will look back and see what has been agreed to in previous years and come up with a proposal; more of a discussion about this at our next meeting
7. OSAF annual meeting (Bend): changing faces and facets of the forestry community
 - 7.1. Speakers: political, social, business-oriented, to show what is going on in the eastside

- 7.2. agenda will be finalized by the end of the month and published, on the website
- 7.3. about \$125 registration for the blanket cost; River House Inn
- 8. New Business: OFRI and ODF Proposal for State Fair Display (**handout**)
 - 8.1. challenges: time to develop a booth, getting enough volunteers & having them educated
 - 8.2. opportunity to have one forestry building, combining ODF, OFRI, tree farm and SAF
 - a) need to agree on the themes, posters with general forestry information, bulletin board with information from each of the organizations, non-political messages
 - b) the Capitol Chapter is supportive of the idea; this will be something that can be used over time (rather than rebuilding the display every year)
 - c) political messages: what if someone asks an SAF member a political question, could they answer it? People could say that “as an SAF member ...” and answer the question reflecting the SAF view.
 - d) George: we should spend money for this, education funds; Julie: spend money on educational signs
 - e) Julie is the official liaison for this group

Approval of the State Display Plan

John Nesbitt: motion to approve

Bob Thomas: second

Display approved

- 9. Fifty-year golden member certificates
 - 9.1. chapters should have these framed and then present them to members in a ceremony; photographs are welcome to Joe Smith, editor of the Forestry Source
- 10. Chapter reports
- 11. Committee reports
 - 11.1. Awards (Jim Rombach): know the awards; recognition is a key to any organization
 - a) April 6th: due date for state award nominations (to Jim Rombach)
 - b) fellows nominations to Rick Barnes no later than the end of June
 - 11.2. Policy/legislation (Paul Adams)
 - a) final results of credentialing survey: 1/3 of members completed the survey (mailed in with the voting and may have helped the voting turnout: numbers were much higher than in previous years)
 - b) Most common choice: Option 2 (31%)
 - c) If you lump #1 and #2 together (voluntary, SAF member-oriented) = 44.2%; if you add #3, #4, #5 together, there's a majority of people who want to pursue a legislative option
 - d) recommendations:
 - don't stick with the status quo, the comments reflect some dissatisfaction
 - at a minimum, look at a new and stronger communication strategy to promote Certified Foresters
 - policy group will look into option #3 more closely with people in Virginia
 - chapter discussions about the options are encouraged and results will be shared on the website
 - e) latest draft of the Commercial Harvest Statement: not quite ready to be voted on, need to mention the trade deficit and rural county payments

Steve Pilkerton: Motion to extend the approval of the existing policy until March 16th and vote on final version at that executive meeting

Lena Tucker: second

Vote: 7 for, 11 against. Motion fails.

Argument against: the county payments issue is pressing and should be included in a new policy statement; also, this policy statement has been floating around for a few

months, so it may not need extensive discussion. Decision: Paul will have the policy statement finalized within 2 weeks and vote will be via email.

- f) **Handouts:** Oregon legislative committees for 2007 session; criteria and process for Oregon SAF review of legislation or other policies (draft version)
- 11.3. Science/technology (Greg Filip)
- 11.4. Education (Julie Woodward)
 - a) Promoting the website: all documents that would've been on a CD are on the website
 - b) funds SAF put together for high school classes: more workshops with forestry teachers and FFA teachers who do forestry; workshops every few months with teachers
- 11.5. Foresters' Fund (Angie DiSalvo)
 - a) deadline for foresters' fund applications is: February 8. Lots of good ideas that are being discussed at this meeting (state fair display, etc.)
- 11.6. Membership (Bob Thomas)
 - a) **handout:** numbers rose to 1010 in Oregon, which is encouraging; what we need to do is retain members, not just recruit them – tell members what SAF does for people
- 11.7. CEF/CF (Dave Zahler)
 - a) solicited information from SAF national about CF: South Carolina now uses the CF exam; Maine may adopt CF exam as their state exams; several SAF societies are talking about CF as their state standard; Michigan is discussing a bill which would require foresters register with the state or be CF – we may learn from nationals
- 11.8. Protocol/historian (John Nesbitt)
 - a) tell John Prendergast if there is something to capture from this meeting for record
- 11.9. OSAF foundation (Steve Cafferata)
 - a) **handouts:** OSAF Foundation update; ONREF SAF sub-fund update
- 11.10. Tree farm
 - a) Only six counties submitted for tree farmer of the year (out of 20 counties that can submit for the awards) – led by the Oregon Small Woodland Association chapters

John Prendergast: motion to approve Eric Geyer for the open delegate-at-large position on the OSAF Foundation Board of Trustees

**Mark Buckbee: second
motion approved**