

Final July 12, 2006 Meeting Minutes
WSU King County Extension Office in Renton, WA
Executive Committee of the
Washington State Society of American Foresters

SUMMARY of ACTIONS

1. Received \$925 check from the Mid-Columbia chapter. Consensus was to put these funds into the budget as “seed” money for “annual meeting advance” for next annual meeting, if needed.
 2. Sign-up for volunteering at the Puyallup fair on the website [Washington State Society of American Foresters | Western Washington State Fair](#).
 3. Bob Dick lead in preparing a proposal for formal consideration of the WS SAF executive committee on “credible science” so we can weigh-in where science and forestry is an issue, like the Donato article in *Science*. .
 4. For forestry experts data base - Get ideas of experts (people) to D. Hanley for more participation in Washington state. [dhanley@cfr.washington.edu].
 5. Don Hanley re-appointed Peter Heide as the SAF representative on the DNR Forest Health Strategy workgroup.
 6. “Suggestions for Increased Support to Chapter and State Societies” - concerns or ideas to Don Hanley. [dhanley@cfr.washington.edu]
 7. Nominations for executive committee are due September 1.
 8. Don Hanley will send an e-mail to the WS SAF ex comm asking their views on having a meeting on Portland in conjunction with the National Convention, or a separate meeting for WS SAF 207 annual meeting.
 9. Next WS SAF Executive Committee meeting is October 11 in Olympia.
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I. Opening

- A. Chair Don Hanley called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- B. Attendees introduced themselves. Attendees: Chair Don Hanley; Treasurer Zoanne Aylesworth; Bob Dick; Dick Hopkins; George McFadden; Lori Rasor; Doug St. John, John Trobaugh, Don Theoe, and Doug Rushton, secretary.
- C. Approval of minutes by consensus for the April 6, 2006 meeting in Chelan with corrections to two misspelled names.

II. Chapter Updates

- A. SW WA – John Trobaugh
 1. July meeting features NCASI.
 2. August meeting features SAF national chair and OR state forester, Marvin Brown.
- B. Longview – Zoanne Aylesworth
 1. Teacher tour – about 12 teachers attended. Emphasized streams and riparian as related to small landowners.
 2. Need brochures on natural resources careers for fair. Send to Zo.
 3. “Knowledge Bowl” event next month.
 4. Chapter wants to be involved in national convention.
- C. Mid-Columbia – Don Hanley for Jerry Gutzwiler
 1. 2006 state convention at Chelan is pretty much wrapped.
 2. The chapter donated one-half their profits from the state convention to the stat association – a much appreciated \$925. Secretary Rushton will send a thank you note.
 3. Jerry missed the meeting due to injuries using an ATV. Secretary Rushton sent Jerry a get well card on behalf of the WS SAF executive committee.
- D. North Olympic – Don Hanley for Gordon Gibbs

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- 1. Chapter is working with Canadians.
- E. UW Students – Don Hanley for Eric Turnbloom
 - 1. Resurgent interest by the student chapter. They have elected officers.
- F. Green River Students - Dick Hopkins
 - 1. Have applied for National SAF Outstanding student chapter.
 - 2. Will be setting up display at Puyallup

III. Treasurer's Report - Zoanne Aylesworth

- A. Consensus was to reimburse Kirk David for his OR-WA leadership participation costs.
- B. \$220 donation to the Foundation from raffle at annual meeting.
- C. Received \$925 check from the mid-Columbia chapter. This was one-half the profits from the Chelan Convention. **Consensus** was to put these funds into the budget as "seed" money for "annual meeting advance" for the next annual meeting, if needed.
- D. Dues change membership feedback – Don Hanley
 - 1. A member offered to pay up to \$100 for members who might complain about the \$5 dues increase - no takers.
 - 2. One member complained about the cost of SAF in general.

IV. Foundation – Don Hanley for Dave Yates

- A. A draft brochure has been produced.
- B. Dave is seeking others to assist him in the Foundation work.

V. Membership – no report.

VI. Awards - no report.

VII. Education – Dick Hopkins for John Bergvall

- A. Dick will send Don Hanley information on display availability which Don will send to the e-mail list.
- B. George McFadden suggested getting a computer so folks could look at their property on aerial photos. Don suggested assessing the RTI display (Luke Rogers) for "wildlife game" where you guess which species are from which habitat. There would be security issues with a computer.
- C. Sign-up for volunteering at the Puyallup fair on the website Washington State Society of American Foresters | Western Washington State Fair Dick will send information to Don Hanley about signing up to volunteer for the fair.

VIII Policy – Bob Dick and Doug St. John

- A. HR 4200 support – D. Hanley letter to Congressman Baird (and all the congressional delegation) supporting FERRA. Quick turn around was needed.
 - 1. Our letter was consistent with National direction.
 - 2. Delegation prefers receiving e-mail.
 - 3. HR 4200 passed House but no Senate action yet.
- B. Science X – Bob Dick.
 - 1. Donato et. al. study (From Oregon State University) on the Biscuit Fire said, in essence, if you log within 2-3 years of an event, you will affect seedlings. Baird (who has a statistical background) looked at the statistical analysis in the Donato report and said the analysis did not support the conclusion. The situation went political at OSU – there was a positive vote of confidence for Dean Salwasser *Science* seemed

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- to publish the Donato article quickly, which some felt had inadequate peer review.
2. Bob suggestion is that this situation points out that media quotes “studies” when they do not have a clue as to what is “good” science. Bob proposed setting up a group to look at the topic and come up with an approach on how to proceed. Goal would be a white paper showing, in the opinion of WS SAF, what good science looks like.
- a. Discussion
 - Don Hanley – look at the situation in a broad sense. Has ramifications for many SAF activities. Don’t tie the paper to a specific subject. Need a committee with broad background.
 - Bob Dick – global warming is another example.
 - George McFadden – How does “science” fit into adaptive management, in general? Need to define the link between science and adaptive management. Probably need to call it “credible” science or “not credible” rather than “good” or “bad”. Because of the political nature, some SAF members may not be able to participate as representing their employer.
 - Doug St. John – not just a forestry issue, but a “science” issue.
 - Doug Rushton – The “problem” is here, now and will continue to recur. After we get the white paper developed, look at submitting as a Journal of Forestry article.
 - b. Committee - Bob Dick to chair; need to have John McMahon (who would be a valuable link to National), George McFadden (if available) as science chair, Doug Rushton, and others.
 - c. Process - Need a proposal for formal consideration of the WS SAF executive committee. D. Hanley will ask for ex comm’s views.
- C. WA Board of Natural Resources - adopted policies for sustainable forestry.
[Sustainable Harvest for State Trust Forestlands homepage](#)
- D. General Discussion – Doug St. John
- All but two of the policy statements on the website are expired.
 - How do we get SAF policy statements more exposure? Doug suggested three areas:
 - 1. Focus on science
 - 2. Forest land conversion
 - 3. Update web page
 - Doug will Assess site and make recommendations to D. Hanley who will distribute to ex comm.
- IX. **Experts Data Base** – Lori Rasor
- A. Powerpoint presentation for media training.
 - B. Developed by SAF and OFRI (Jerry Anderson – Forest Capital; Mike Cloughesy – OFRI; Lori Rasor – SAF NWO).
 - C. Is aligned with NOW’s strategic plan.
 - D. Purpose of the data base: provide media and electeds with credible, reliable forestry information.
 - E. Attributes of the data base:
 - Qualifications of forestry experts defined
 - Responsibilities and expectations of the forestry experts
 - Data base organization – by areas of expertise (in terms the media understands), geographic areas, and employment types.
 - Will have a “hot topics” section which will change as needed.
 - F. Access limited to journalists rather than the general public. Refinement on access is

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still needed. Will also include electeds (and their staff) later on. Trying to avoid using it as a resource for school kids doing term papers by calling up the experts while still being aware of the need for education.

G. Discussion

- Don Hanley – need to look at including Inland Empire and need more Washington participation. Get ideas of experts (people) to D. Hanley for more participation in Washington state. [dhanley@cfr.washington.edu]
- Discussion on specifying employer because even though a forester may state they are speaking for themselves, the reporter may not make the distinction and the forester would be linked in an article with their employer.

F. Cost to build data base - Cost is about \$22,000. OFRI provided \$10,000. Paul Bunyan Foundation gave OR SAF \$5,000 to support the project. Lori will go to OFRI in August asking additional support.

G. About 80 experts in the data base so far (mostly from OR.)

H. Success measures: use of the data base by partners, number of users, full slate of trained experts, continued relations with media.

I. <http://experts.forestry.org/> and <http://experts.forestry.org/admin>

X. **Foresters' Fund** - Don Hanley for Joe Heller

- Two handouts on Foresters Fund grants: 1) \$1,500 North Puget Sound chapter – Forest Owners Field Day; 2) \$4,000 Mid-Columbia chapter on “Trail of Fire and Forests” signs.

XI. **Forest Health** – Don Hanley for Peter Heide. Don noted he had re-appointed Pete as the SAF representative on the DNR Forest Health Strategy workgroup. Hand out - copy of letter from Doug Sutherland to Peter Heide.

XII. **History/Tree Farms** – Don Theoe

- Tree farm program
 1. Need inspectors and so it is hard to put together inspection teams.
 2. Group inspections are occurring; but could do better.
 3. For certification, looking at inspecting only a portion of the tree farms.
 4. Relationship to SAF is not as strong as it has been historically.
 5. Don Hanley has historical documents from Kelley Duffield McCarter to get to Don Theoe.

XIII. **Science/Technology** – George McFadden

- Looking to put together photos for presentations. Some photos available from RTI, Department of Fish and Wildlife, but they are not specific to forestry.

XIV. **Continuing Education** – No report.

XV. **HSD Prioritization** – Don Hanley

A. Don Hanley is WS SAF's HSD representative (as state chair). Nation-wide there are five HSD area conveners – Don's is out of New York. Convener call is how they stay connected. The next call is 7/13.

B. Chuck Lorenz is current HSD chair and is looking at changes in HSD operations.

- Potential change is to have a chair-elect, which is not now the case. As the chair is elected each year rather than having someone as a chair-elect for a

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years and then move into the chair position. This proposal would increase continuity. There would be a financial impact because the proposal would have travel and registration for the national convention costs for both the chair and chair-elect paid and not just the chair (as in now the case).

- C. "Suggestions for Increased Support to Chapter and State Societies" handout – contain Don Hanley's comments. If you have concerns on the ideas or Don's responses, let Don know. [dhanley@cfr.washington.edu]

XVI. Northwest Office (NWO) Report – Lori Rasor

A. *Western Forester (WF)*

1. Lori reviewed the content of upcoming issues and the schedule.
2. May/June 07 – focus on 2007 National Convention in Portland.
3. A column will begin in Sept/Oct on the 2007 Convention.

B. Need contract assistance for forestry expert's data base.

C. The June NWO meeting to look at the strategic plan will be rescheduled.

D. OR SAF Foundation

1. \$250,000 in account, which allows for the use of about \$15,000 per year (2 - \$4,500 OSU scholarships and several \$1,000 "scholarships" for Oregon chapters.)
2. Fellows Luncheon – at Peavey Hall at OSU. Sponsored by Starker Forests. At the luncheon, Marvin Brown mentioned forester certification – maybe a future article in *WF*.
3. May golf tournament provided about \$10,000 to the OSAF foundation.
4. Discussion
 - Don Hanley – web site services costs was a topic at a previous meeting. We do not yet have numbers, but Lori was asked if we were "getting a good deal" from current provider. Secondly, should *WF* be available to non-subscribers?

E. Elections

- Newsletters for chapter elections to go out in October. Wan to combine newsletters with elections information.

F. NWO article in *WF*, sometime in the future.

XVII. Elections – Don Hanley

A. Information on elections is in the WS SAF by-laws.

B. Nominations come from nominating committee and are due September 1.

XVIII National – no report

XIX. 2007 Oregon/Washington Leadership Conference – Doug Rushton

A. Location at the Dalles/Hood River environ.

B. Need topic ideas – Send to Doug Rushton (rushton@scattercreek.com).

XX 2007 WS SAF Annual Meeting – Don Hanley

- A. By-Laws say we will have a state convention each year. (Discussion had been on whether we needed to have a 2007 WS SAF convention since we are co-hosting the

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2007 National Convention.)

- B. Idea is to focus on the 07 National meeting, but have a “side meeting” at the 2007 National Convention in Portland as our WS SAF Annual meeting.
- C. Discussion
 - Dick Hopkins – assuming we have a WS SAF meeting in Portland, make sure enough time is allocated and is during a free evening.
 - Don Theoe – (current president of the WA Farm Forestry Association) – maybe have a joint meeting of WS SAF and WA Farm Forestry Association (on the last Friday/Saturday in April)
 - Don Hanley – need to have specific agenda items for the WS SAF meeting.
 - Doug Rushton – “payout” of dollars made to the joint sponsors (i.e. OR and WA) will be based on attendance and so if more WA folks attend, WA would receive more dollars.
 - Don Hanley – will send an e-mail to the WS SAF ex comm asking their views on having a meeting on Portland in conjunction with the National Convention, or a separate meeting.

XXI. Miscellaneous

- A. Hand out – Noted conference on “Managing for Wildlife Habitat in Westside Production Forests” in Vancouver, WA on 10/18/06.
- B. Dick Hopkins is the SF representative on the DNR fire committee. Latest information is a fire strategic plan. Committee is exclusively advisory. Next meeting is in October/November.
- C. Bob Dick in incoming chair of the Alumni Association for the University of Washington, College of Forest resources. 2007 is the UW CFR Centennial. Bob needs an SAF contact.
- D. McCarters (Jim McCarter and Kelley Duffield McCarter) are moving to North Carolina. Kelley will be continuing education coordinator at North Carolina State University.
- E. 123 WS SAF members want to receive items as paper, not electronically.
- F. Next meeting is October 11 in Olympia. Doug Rushton will contact Mike Mossman to see if the Port Blakely facility is available

XXII. Chair Don Hanley adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

XXIII. Calendar of Meetings

- A. Tentative WS SAF Executive Committee meetings left in 2006:
 - 1. October 11 (Olympia at a location to be determined.)
 - 2. December 6
- B. 2006 National Convention is in Pittsburgh, October 25-29, 2006.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug Rushton, secretary.

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