

## INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (IESAF) Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Tera King called the October 26, 2014 Executive Committee (EC) meeting of IESAF to order at 1600 at the Palouse Divide Lodge.

In attendance were Tera King (Chair), Terrie Jain (Councilor), Kathy Mattson (Palouse-Snake River Chair), Phil Aune (Chair Elect), Ralph Cornwall (Selkirk Chair), Norris Boothe (Secretary), Steve McConnell (Past Chair), Lynn Kaney (Councilor), Mark Swanson (Leadership Fund & WSU Advisor), Lori Rasor (NWO), Lisa Naylor (Treasurer) and Bob Alverts. John Walkowiak participated by telephone.

**August EC Minutes:** Because the Secretary was late, the minutes of the 8/6/14 EC meeting were dispensed with and copies were available after the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Naylor presented the Treasurer's Report. M-S-P that the EC received the Treasurer's Report.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Northwest Office (NWO):* Lori went through the written report provided by email. The November/December Western Forester issue is with the graphic designer, and will focus on "Non-timber Forest Products". Themes and deadlines are set for 5 issues through March/April 2016. Area Chair-elects updated the NWO strategic plan and work plan via conference call on 10/21. The draft plan will be presented to the full committee on November 21. Lori dropped her duties as editor of Northwest Woodlands to join the SAF National staff on a contract basis for 12 hours per week. She will continue to serve the NWO. NWO is testing a new web based conference registration system called 123 Signup, which allows online registration. The 2015 Leadership Academy will be held January 16-17 in Silverton, OR.

*District 1 Council Report:* John reviewed the Council report he had sent by email. The joint IUFRO World Congress, 2014 SAF Convention and Canadian Institute of Forestry Conference was a fantastic event. An Honorary Membership was awarded to Ed Lester of Spokane, a retired MD, long time tree farmer and member of the Washington Farm Forestry Association. District 1 Field Forester of the year was Gene McCaul, DF with West Fork Timber Company, Mineral, WA. HSD met on 10/7, discussing several topics with SAF officers, staff and Council. The new HSD chair for 2015 will be Tim Phelps of Tennessee, and Tera King, IESAF Chair will be Chair Elect. John reminded us to vote and discussed the referendums. The revised Articles of Incorporation are required to reincorporate under the new DC Nonprofit Corporation Act of 2010, as directed by referendum in 2013. The revised Bylaws will replace the old Constitution as the governance document of SAF. A Policy and Procedures manual will cover items in the current Bulaws that can be changed by Council vote. The Mission Statement adds wording about sustainable management of forest resources and broadens the scope to attract natural resource managers who also work to manage forest resources. After extensive member comments on the consolidation of membership categories, Council voted to remove referendums addressing membership categories from the ballot. Candidates for SAF VP are Mike Eckhoff with the Colorado State Forest Service and Clark Seely, retired from the Oregon Department of Forestry. Candidates for District 1 Council Representative are Keith Blatner with WSU and Roger Burnside, retired from the Alaska Division of Forestry. Bill Love's Fellow nomination was approved. Nominations for 2015 are due on February 28.

*Forest Policy Committee:* Jay O'Laughlin reported that he is retiring on 10/31 and moving to Florida. He recommended David Jackson to chair the Policy Committee. Two joint position statements with Washington State SAF deal with maintaining working forests and restoring the forestry degree program at WSU. Mark Swanson and Keith Blatner are on the committee to bring the forestry curriculum back next fall.

*Leadership Development Fund:* Mark reported that the auction tomorrow is ready, and part will help send students to the Leadership Academy in Silverton, OR and Leadership Retreat at Lutherhaven.

#### **Old Business:**

*2015 Leadership Retreat:* Phil scheduled Lutherhaven for February 13-14, and cost will be about \$85 per person. He needs to pay a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the cost of 25 attendees in advance. He discussed several speakers, including Lynn Sprague and Anne Heisenbutal.

*2015 Officers:* Tera reported that Bill Love and Bill Berrigan agreed to run for Chair-Elect. Dick Reid agreed to run for Councilor; Terrie Jain's term will expire on 12/31. Lori needs the ballot information by 11/15.

*Membership Strategy Update:* Steve is still working on a strategy and notes that the SCC chapter has been relatively inactive, although 3 members came to the Leadership Retreat in 2014.

*National Convention:* Phil thought it was well coordinated and Terrie liked having the plenary sessions spread over 3 mornings instead of one day. SAF attendance was about 1200, with about 3800 overall attendance. Canadian Institute of Forestry is interested in co-sponsoring every 5 years, rather than 10. That could reinvigorate working groups.

*2014 Annual Meeting:* Tera expects to break even or make a little, thanks to \$700 in sponsorships. Registration is at 54, with 27 for the field trip. Speaker for the Awards Banquet is Jim Peterson, editor of Evergreen Magazine. Andy Schmidt will replace Rick Brazelle.

*2015 Meeting:* Phil asked each chapter to discuss whether we should change back to a spring meeting, which would be difficult for this spring.

*Roque Nalley Estate:* Tera reported that \$25,000 is in the bank with the NW Office. A committee drafted Foundation Bylaws and Charter and recommended a scholarship fund. A Board of Trustees will be needed to manage investments and grants. Outreach will seek applications for scholarship and more donations. The income from the portfolio will fund scholarships to worthy forestry students. Lori cautioned about wording that may restrict the opportunity to award scholarships to community college students. Lisa noted that SE Washington has a foundation, now at \$26 million and growing through donations and investments that fund a wide variety of grants. The estate lawyer may be able to forward a thank you note to Roque's daughter.

#### **New Business:**

*Annual Business Meeting:* Tera reviewed the agenda.

*EC Officers:* Anyone who cannot continue should contact Phil, hopefully with a suggestion for replacement.

#### **Chapter Reports:**

*Palouse Snake River:* Kathy Mattson reported plans to schedule a breakfast meeting in November and have Anthony Davis show the new building at the Frank Pitkin Forest Nursery. She hopes to recruit Megan McEldery for a chapter officer.

*Panorama:* Bob Marshall presented photographs and spoke to about 40 in Colville, including some non-members and Selkirk members.

*Selkirk:* Ralph reported that Lynn, Bill, Ed and he met in August to set up the meetings for November to May. In 2015, Ed Morgan will be Chair and Jim Nichols will be Chair-Elect.

*UI Student Chapter:* Ron sent a report to Tera saying about half the chapter is graduating this semester. The Chair and Chair-Elect are set for 2015. Multiple fund raisers raised thousands of dollars to send members to the National Convention.

*WSU Student Chapter:* Mark reported the chapter is building a woodshed with lumber donated by a west side tree farm and portable mill. Bonfire meetings are a popular activity. Mark has put on Saturday seminars on topics like variable radius plot sampling. He invited his silviculture class to the meeting tomorrow. Respectfully submitted, Norris Boothe, Secretary.