

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Washington State Society of American Foresters**

July 20, 2007

DNR Pacific Cascade Region Office- Castle Rock, WA

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS and MOTIONS- noted in bold in text**

- I. **Opening-** Chair Doug Rushton called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Introductions were made. Attending: Nathan Davis, Bob Dick, Nancy Peckman, Dick Hopkins, Bill Horn, Doug Rushton, Don Theoe, Zoanne Thomas, George McFadden, Doug St. John, Ellie Lathrop, Lori Rasor and Scott Swanson.
- II. **General Announcements-**
  - A. Zoanne Aylesworth announced that as of June 30<sup>th</sup> she is now Zoanne Thomas due to her recent marriage. The entire committee wished her well and congratulated her on her great news!
  - B. Nathan Davis, an officer in the SW Washington chapter, mentioned that the SW WA chapter was providing scholarships from chapter funds for eligible college students. He wondered if there was the potential of the state chapters providing scholarships for natural resource students of institutions within the state. It was mentioned that other SAF chapters also provide scholarships to UW, GRCC and Evergreen State student chapters. Nathan also asked if the Foundation could be involved in a scholarship program. It certainly could be but in the past, individual chapters provided scholarship money and not the state chapter.
  - C. Bob Dick announced that Ann Forest Burns became the new Executive Director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association recently. She started July 15<sup>th</sup> and will live in Rheinlander, WI (population 7,000). We will wish her well on her transfer to a new chapter.
- III. **Agenda Additions/Changes-** None
- IV. **MOTION to approve the minutes** as submitted from the June 1, 2007 Executive Committee meeting was moved by Bob Dick and second by Bill Horn. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **WSSAF Foundation-** Nancy Peckman

- i. Marketing brochure for the Foundation. Final draft was presented.
- ii. Will complete and print brochure for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> National Convention.

B. **Policy-** Bob Dick and Doug St. John (co-chairs) –

- i. Bob Dick distributed a draft article entitled '**On Science**' written by him. It may be a future 'Perspective' piece in the *Journal of Forestry*. Bob sent a draft to Doug Rushton, John McMahon, Doug St. John and a few others for review and has incorporated some edits. The article was briefly discussed. Nathan Davis thought that Bob should consider including the positive nature of the extension services bringing scientific results to foresters. It was moved by Don Theoe, seconded by Scott Swanson that the Executive Committee endorses this article. **The Motion carried unanimously.** The article will be submitted to both *Western Forester* and the *Journal of Forestry*.
- ii. Position Statements are being reviewed and updated. The committee hopes to present draft revisions to seven different position papers to the Executive Committee by year end.
- iii. Kevin Zobrist and Doug St. John attended a meeting on Urban Interface planning.

C. **Membership-** Rob Sjogren- no report

D. **Education-** Bill Horn for John Bergvall

- i. **Western Washington Fair in Puyallup-** September 7-23, 2007
  - 1. **Hands-on Activities-** we expect greater participation this year. SAF has two separate dates.
  - 2. **NW Outdoor building-** There has been a request for funding. **It was MSC that WSSAF contribute \$50.00 for the NW Forest Education Foundation.**
  - 3. **SAF Booth-** will be moved away from the Puyallup River Watershed display and the Washington Audubon booth to the other end of the building. Need you to volunteer!

E. **Foresters' Fund-** Joe Heller. Nancy Peckman reported that the National Forester's Fund needs auction items for the National Convention auction.

SPS chapter member, Bill Horn, donated hand-crafted wood wine bottle stops. It was asked how many volunteer hours need to be given to reduce the registration for the Portland convention for a volunteer.

F. **Science & Technology-** George McFadden announced that there is now a DLP projector and computer available for SAF chapters. Contact George for its use (it is basically an HDTV).

G. **Historian & Tree Farm-** Don Theoe began his report by announcing that as the Washington Farm Forestry Association president, he wanted us all to know that their annual meeting will be April 25-26, 2008.

i. **Tree Farm-** Much activity recently. Mainly due to lack of enough inspectors, they have stopped re-inspecting all the member ownerships and are now inspecting on a 1 in 20 sample. There is a meeting scheduled next Monday on the Washington Tree Farm Program (7/23/07 at 1PM at the NRC building, room 461). **Bob Playfair of Chewelah, WA** is this year's tree farmer of the year.

ii. **History-** UW Library has the Washington SAF archives. You can store local chapter records there, too (including electronic items- VHS, CD, DVD).

H. **Continuing Education-** Ellie Lathrop distributed a handout entitled 'Understanding CE'. It included the following topics:

- i. CFE for Certificate of Continuing Education
- ii. Recertification Requirements- from the national SAF website.
- iii. Certified Forester Standards of Professional Practice.
- iv. Role of the CFE Coordinator.
- v. Proof of attendance- This is a very important part of the CE program. A signed attendance roster should be kept by the chapter and made available to a chapter member if audited.
- vi. When submitting a request for CE credit for a chapter event, you should include a summary of the topics discussed; and the length of time of the presentation and following discussion. Chapters should request credit from coordinator at least two weeks in advance of the event.

I. **Strategic Plan-** No report.

**J. Communication-** No report.

**K. Forester Licensing-** Bill Horn reported that discussions with the Inland Empire chapter and with Gretchen Nicholas of DNR on previously completed work by her and her office. The Inland Empire representatives want consulting foresters to be registered. The DNR opinion is to us SAF CF designation instead of a Registered Professional Forester program. The question that is being discussed: Is it going to be the registration of consulting foresters or the licensing of all foresters?

**VI. Chapter Updates-**

**A. Longview-** Zoanne Thomas-The chapter is volunteering for the Cowlitz County Fair.

**B. South Puget Sound-** Scott Swanson

i. September 27th-next meeting is Mentoring Night at GRCC.

ii. Puyallup Fair plan

**C. SW WA-** Chuck Lorenz

**D. UW Chapter-** Alicia Sullivan & Lindsey Malone

**E. GRCC-** Dick Hopkins

i. **GRCC** is co-hosting the student portion of the Portland National Convention with the Oregon State University chapter. There will be a student reception, quiz bowl, and 'Stump Town Stomp'

ii. **Wildfire Display-** the GRCC chapter has set it up at the Lewis County visitor center, King County visitor center, Forest Land Owner's Field Day and will do it at the Puyallup Fair and the National Convention.

**VII. Northwest Office-** Lori Rasor-handout.

**A. Western Forester-** July/August "So you think you want to be a forester?" was printed yesterday. September/October will cover Environmental Education. No issue in November/December due to the National Convention activities. There will be six issues in 2008. January/February will cover Invasive Species. A sub-committee is developing topics now. The following ideas were given by members of the Ex Com: Lidar, Aging Work Force, Water Quality, Political/Legal themes.

- B. **Forestry Expert Database-** office still needs help from chapter members to complete this start-up of this program.
- C. **NW Office committee-** approved a deficit budget of \$4,000.00 for 2008. Good advertising revenues should reduce that deficit to \$1,000.00. After January 1, 2008, there will no longer be hard copy newsletter services. This will be a \$5,000.00 savings.
- D. **Registration Services-** provided for 3 outside organizations for their events this past spring.

VIII. **WASAF Financial Update-** Zoanne Thomas for Chuck Lorenz.

- A. Savings balance as of June 30, 2007 is \$4,259.00
- B. Checking account balance as of June 30 is \$19,370.00
- C. Balance of \$23,629.00 in the bank.

**Motion to accept Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried.**

IX. **Roundtable-**

- A. Lori Rasor-Annual Meeting and Leadership Workshop dates need to be set for 2008.
- B. Nancy Peckman- Need ideas for organizations that Forester Fund can approach for donations.
- C. George McFadden-There is a problem with technical writing these days. Technical papers are being pre-published before peer-reviewed; electronic availability is causing problems because scientific findings are available before any review is done; So far there has not seemed to be a solution to this problem. We need to continue to demand peer-reviewed science not just pre-reviewed findings.
- D. Bob Dick- Less people are reading newspapers than ever before. The media is becoming even more sensationalistic. Younger generation seems to want 'info-tainment'.
- E. Lori Rasor-Electronic nominations for 2008 officers should be to the NW office by September 4, 2007.

X. **Future Executive Committee Meetings-**

- A. **October 5<sup>th</sup> - Olympia**

**B. Annual Meeting- October 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon-1:30PM during National Convention.**

**C. December 7<sup>th</sup> - Webster Nursery-Olympia**

**XI. Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM

Minutes are respectfully submitted by

Scott Swanson, WASAF Secretary