

OSAF MEETING
March 17th, 2006 (Happy St. Paddy's Day!)

Summary of Action Items

Everyone needs to:

- Mark your calendars with these dates for 2006 OSAF meetings:
Tuesday, April 25, Coos Bay (prior to Annual Meeting)
Friday, September 15 in Central Oregon
Friday, December 8 in Roseburg
- Drum up support for the Annual Meeting
- Get education project ideas to the OSAF Foundation Board by April 30th
- Get support (and golfers) for the golf tournament on May 19th in Corvallis

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
Lena Tucker	OSAF Chair	Sue Bowers, Jim Rombach, John Herbst
Judd Lehman	OSU Chair	
Erin Kelly	OSAF Secretary	
Elissa Wells	Umpqua Chair	
Ed Keith	Central Oregon Chair	
Jeff Grogan	Tillamook-Clatsop Chair	
Angie DiSalvo	Portland FF Chair	
Ara Andrea	Capital Chair	Julie Woodward
Gary Springer	Marys Peak Delegate-at-large	Keith Reynolds
John Prendergast	OSAF Chair-elect	
Mike Cloughesy	Portland Treefarm/National Convention Liaison	
Rick Rogers	Emerald Chair	
Eric Kranzush	Emerald	
George Chesley	OSAF Treasurer	
Bob Deal	Portland Chair-interim	
David Zahler	Marys Peak CFE Chair	
John Nesbitt	Portland Delegate-at-large	
Greg Filip	Portland Science and Tech. Chair	
John Tillotson	Tillamook-Clatsop Delegate-at-large	
Lori Rasor	Portland SAF Northwest Office	
Rick Barnes	Umpqua Council	
Shaun Harkins	OSAF Membership Co-chair	
Bob Thomas	Coos Membership Co-chair	
Paul Adams		

Welcome, Introduction/Announcements

Awards were handed out to several members: George Chesley, Tom Ortmann, and Fred Hall.

The new secretary, Erin Kelly, was introduced.

Minutes – edits and approval

Lena shared the minutes from the January 20th meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes: Ara Andrea

Second: Gary Springer

Vote: Approved (unanimous)

Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters

George Chesley shared handouts with the 2006 Budget Update and the Activity-Year to Date and said that dues were in great shape. The income is almost \$16,000 and expenses are at \$7,000.

- *Letter-writing Campaign*

Lena asked for an update regarding Sue's letter-writing campaign. George said we're at \$1765 and still getting checks, 220 letters have been sent out, with responses from 42. Lori Rasor asked if the letter money was earmarked for student support, and George replied that the budget has a \$1000 line item amount for student support. David Zahler asked if the letter said that the funds were specifically for student support, and John Prendergast said that the letter *referenced* student support, but not exclusively. Lena mentioned that the letters could be part of the "assessment" and could possibly research into what that would mean, but the letters could be used for fundraising.

- *Reserve Fund*

George said that a reserve fund was started with \$21,000 to fund operations for the NW office if "everything went bad." There is now \$28,700 in the account, and funds over \$21,000 are available.

- *Guidelines for Finances from Annual Meeting*

Lena asked that we revisit guidelines for finances, and John Prendergast said that no decision had been made about how to split the annual meeting revenue (revenue) with the Coos chapter (no one from Coos had yet arrived). He handed out a form showing OSAF's guidelines for the annual operating budget:

Membership dues:	45-50%
Annual meeting revenue:	30-35% or \$10,000
Fund raising:	15-20%

Shaun, speaking for Coos chapter, entered at this time, and said that the agreement was \$4000 flat to OSAF, \$4000 to the chapter, and 50/50 above that. They'd been targeting larger companies and had had a great response because of key people and that arrangements with motels had been made, speakers confirmed, and vendors coming on line, but attendance was low. Lori said it was currently at 23. Shaun said that companies would like to be contacted in the future and he's creating a spreadsheet so a fund-raising chair has something to work with. Rick Barnes was concerned about the local chapter getting everything over a certain sum, rather than spending the money more generally. There was discussion about the sharing risk and responsibility and the benefits of flat feeds versus splitting revenue down the middle. Lena asked if people were helping

Shaun because we're all OSAF and we don't want money for nothing. John P. said that we should hammer out a proposal for a guiding principle after the annual meeting and the final numbers have come in. George said that whatever the policy is, next year's an aberration because it'll be a short state meeting preceding the national meeting. Ara asked if we could hear from other chapters about how their funding formula worked out to give a better overall sense. George said each year's unique, but because we rotate between chapters, the formula should work out over time. Rick Rogers said that we should share risk, profit, and responsibility. Shaun said that if the work was spread out among this group, smaller chapters may take on the annual meeting. Lena noted some failures and said that she couldn't ask for money from a chapter that hadn't made enough money at the annual meeting. Lena said to stay with the profit-sharing agreement as approved in January and we could hash it out afterward to see what works. Judd brought up the idea of getting forest land to provide a steady stream of revenue and Gary joked that we're too risk-averse to get timber land.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Jeff Grogan

Second: David Zahler

Vote: Approved (unanimous)

- *Passing on Knowledge*

Lena said that we need to have a consistent protocol so we don't debate this every year, especially because the leadership changes and we should spend less time debating financial matters and institutionalize this policy. Gary Springer agreed. John P. said that when the Siskiyou hosted, the revenue was split 50/50 up to \$6,000 and over that went to SAF; he thought that the agreement would carry forward. George noted that there was 60% turnover and we needed to pass on corporate knowledge. Shaun said that it would help to come up with a platform (established vendors and national fundraisers) and have the local chapter just come up with speakers and local business support; he said that we could take principles and guidance from the national SAF meeting. Lena said she was hearing a need for a fund-raising committee. Eric K. said you can't get a person, you need a committee because of the workload. Lena said that maybe the financial committee could expand its role and create a guidebook/database. Rick Barnes said to make a list of companies statewide and the local chapter could look and add local companies.

Lena said there was no official archives and we rely on individual people who've been here a long time.

- *Tax returns*

Rick Barnes said that the national office just completed an audit and some state societies aren't filing tax returns. George thought that the national office did this, but Rick Barnes said this wasn't the case.

Golf Tournament

Eric said a golf tournament is fun, ties in the student chapter, and brings in new members. The Emerald chapter had proposed a golf tournament to benefit the OSAF foundation on May 19th at the Trysting Tree in Corvallis. The price is \$60, including green fees, a cart, and a BBQ catered dinner. There's a 12:00 tee time and a shotgun start; from 4:00-5:00 is a social hour mixer and the BBQ begins at 5:00 on the patio. The College of Forestry can tie in its alumni weekend (100th year), and the golf tournament will receive free publicity from them. Individuals are welcome to compete (mix-in groups) and volunteers are needed. there are now about 15 teams of four, but 36

teams is the ideal. You can sponsor a student; both OSU and community college students are encouraged to play.

Regional Leadership Conference

John P. said that Washington hosted the last leadership conference in January and that Oregon holds the next one. The traditional location is Hood River, but historically they've been held at Silver Falls State Park; Silver Falls is not farther for most Washington folks. George said to check with Washington people and Lena said that ideas should be sent to John P. Mike C. mentioned that Silver Falls is very affordable.

Northwest Office Report

Lori gave the report, starting with a summary of recent Western Forester magazine topics and articles. She provided a handout that listed upcoming issues and said that she would like suggestions for articles. She said there was a need for a guest editor for some issues to provide ideas and topics; send an email to Lori if interested.

Lori said there's an expert database being established, with 80 experts in the database. Mike C. said the primary audience are experts. Lori said that the database needs a few modifications, and the database project committee will meet to review the final product before its implementation. Once it's been approved, OFRI will go to the media to advertise the database.

OFRI media training is planned for May 23rd in Roseburg and May 24th in Salem.

Old Business/Updates

- *Annual meeting activities*

Shaun said there are two field trips planned for the Annual Meeting: 1) silviculture; 2) forest products. There is also a two-day spouses' tour that includes trips to the bay, a shipwreck, the botanical gardens, shopping, museums, and downtown Coos Bay. Ralph Duddles will be the tour guide. Thursday night is casual night with a D.J.

- *Annual meeting: student attendance*

Judd said that 12 students are planning to attend and are already covered. Lena said the Umpqua chapter will sponsor two students, but other sponsors are needed and that we should include all the schools (OSU plus three community colleges). She said OSAF should support students, Rick Rogers said Emerald will, and Bob Deal said Portland will also support students. Dave said there may be a motion to sponsor the chair and chair-elect from the student groups for each accredited campus to leadership conference and two total to the national conference.

- *National Convention*

Mike C. said that there is no theme for the Portland National Convention (2007) and we would love ideas; the manual will be developed after the Pittsburgh National Convention. Lena is keeping a list of people who want to be involved (for tours, registration volunteers, etc.). Profit-sharing was discussed; Rick Barnes said he thought it was \$10,000 flat plus 50/50 for states (Oregon and Washington). Lena said the state meeting would be hosted by Central Oregon next year, in the spring.

Post-fire Restoration Debate

- *Medford Field Hearing*

John P. gave a presentation about the Siskiyou chapter's tour of the Timbered Rock fire; the SAF was approached to lead this tour, which was an honor. Congress relies on the SAF for information and work with them. The tour visited private and public lands, compared tools available and on-the-ground results. Staffers said the Congressmen were very happy with the outcome.

- *OSAF Response to Debates*

John P. went through Congressman's Baird's letter and the SAF Code of Ethics and asked how the SAF should proceed. Rick Rogers said to look at the other studies (hundreds of articles) to illustrate what SAF supports. Ara said to show pictures and address what is on the ground. John Nesbitt said that even if we base our response on science, it may look like we're jumping on a side.

At this point, Lena brought up a letter addressed to the OSU provost and Lena said she didn't want to sign the letter because it is a little hard. She said the appropriate response may be to focus on why SAF members spoke up against the article in *Science*, because of the SAF Code of Ethics and SAF members' responsibility to accuracy. Paul Adams said to be clear about who we're speaking for, it is fine to write letters and op-ed pieces on your own, but make it clear who you're speaking for. Lena said the letter was currently written as the view of OSAF. Greg Filip and Gary Springer both said that time was of the essence. David Z. said we may as well send it out over email (to Executive Committee). There was discussion about the role of SAF and OSU in this debate. Lena said the letter could go out as signed by the Executive Committee of the Umpqua Chapter. Both Paul and John P. asked whether the letter would carry more significance if it was signed by the OSAF (rather than just the individual or the chapter). Lena said another letter could be written that focuses on the SAF Code of Ethics and the six members' actions. Bob Deal said that Lena could send out the revised letter and vote one month from now and Lena said she'd respond to the letter writers; she also said she would send out both the original and revised versions to the committee members. Gary said that the chair shouldn't be given a letter to sign (awkward position), but Paul said that providing a draft can be helpful.

Paul said we should play to our strengths – we represent forestry, rather than BLM or OSU; we're speaking as foresters. Lena said that we want people to come to us as the professional voice for forestry; if we don't speak out, people will go elsewhere.

Corporate Memory

Greg Filip moved that the chair appoint a four-person committee to appoint a person (historian/archivist) to be the keeper of history. Bob Thomas said we used to have a by-laws chair for continuity over time. Bob Deal said there's no archives for Oregon and George said they're at his house. Motion is for a short-term committee to come up with processes for archiving, record keeping, corporate memory, and recommendations for the Executive Committee.

Motion to create an Archive Committee: Craig Filip

Second: Gary Springer

Vote: Approved (unanimous)

Volunteers: John Nesbitt, Bob Deal, George, and possibly Ralph (?) and Al Petty.

Chapter News

Chapter news followed, but Secretary's hand hurt at this point.

Committee Reports

- *Awards*

There is a new student award, to be decided by OSU advisor and Mary's Peak chapter rep.

- *Policy and Legislation*

Paul said that each chapter should have policy chairs. He handed out a sheet with information about the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act (H.R. 4200) and said that it was important to have bipartisan support for the legislation. He said to speak as a forester and to draw from our position statements. SAF is taking a break from position statements; professional responses (op-eds and letters to the editor) can be useful; be visible and active in public comment situations.

- *Science and Technology*

Bob Deal said that the *Roots of Forestry* website carries any old Journal of Forestry article and WJAF articles from 1980 to 2001. These are available to SAF members.

- *Communication/Education*

Lena, speaking for Julie, said that Oregon Arbor week is April 2-9; there are statewide and local events (tree planting, nursery events, walks).

- *Foresters' Fund*

There will be raffle prizes at the Annual Meeting, and Angie told everyone to bring their checkbooks. Raffle money will go to the foresters' fund. The foresters' fund grants are available for financial support to local SAF units. Angie said she would help write grants and that they're available for education and archiving. There are \$40,000 in grants and the next deadline is June 15. Ideas for grants: updating the state fair booth, media tours through fire areas, server space for archiving materials (Angie will inquire).

- *Membership committee*

Bob Thomas indicated that we have gone from 1032 to 1036 members but 17% of membership will fall off the list in June; we should target the 35+ year members. Lena said that if somebody is struggling to pay dues, they should call their local, state, or national SAF.

- *CEF (Continuing Forestry Education)/CF*

David Z. talked about a new CEF handbook: new criteria and process for credits will change.

- *Tree Farm System*

Mike? provided a handout detailing changes and upcoming Tree Farm Certifier sessions. Mike C. said there are 850 certified tree farmers who need recertification every 5 years, so that's 170 people/year.

ETC.

Lena mentioned that we already pay for the server space for a web page: *use it!* Put up golf information, other announcements. Finally, she read a message from Marvin Brown about the image of SAF and the need to stress that we're the people who take care of the forests.