

**MESAF Executive Committee Meeting**  
**September 5, 2008**  
**Buchanan Alumni House Library, UMaine Campus, Orono**

Attendance: Ken Laustsen, Jake Metzler, Dave Field, Laura Audibert, Henry Whittemore, Ron Lemin, Sue Aygarn, Tony Filauro (arrived at 9:27 AM), Spencer Meyer (arrived at 9:49 AM) and Bill Livingston (arrived at 10:10 AM).

Absent were: Gary Bahlkow, Jack Lutz (in the process of moving to MA) and Dave Maass.

Henry opened the meeting at 9:08 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

**Secretary's Report**

Laura had sent the minutes via email after the June 10 meeting. Dave F. motioned to accept the minutes as written, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**2009 NESAF Winter Meeting Update**

Ken is still getting volunteers for committee chair and other positions. Ron L., Spencer and Ken have been working on the registration package and the cost will be around \$125 for members and \$200 for non-members. The one-day fee will be \$80 and the student fee will be \$40. The title for the meeting is "BIO: Mass, Fuel, Products, Diversity—Resource Management in a Changing World."

NESAF, SWOAM, and Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society are hosting the meeting and finding speakers. The International Society of Arboriculturists will provide some speakers, but they did not want to have a direct link. The Forest Guild (Andy Schultz) will be approached to host speakers as well. Members of any of the above organizations will receive the member registration rate.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland on March 18, 19, 20, 2009. The room rate will be ~\$99 per night, this figure will be finalized by October 1. The NESAF ExComm will be meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the regional Leadership Academy will be held for a full day on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well.

The plan is to use national's credit card payment system. They charge \$5 per credit registrant, which has been built into the registration price. Ken will get Laura the info on how the credit registration names are received from national. National sends NESAF the registration money in two payments.

Sue will help Laura at the registration table. Laura offered to mail the NESAF meeting notice to Maine LPFs next spring, if the group chose to do so.

*<Tony arrived at 9:27 AM>*

Ken asked for possible keynote speakers. Names suggested were Les Otten, Eric Kingsley, Russell Reed and perhaps someone from the Madison Forest Products Lab or SUNY.

**NESAF Update**

Ron asked for time at the Fall Meeting to present Ancyl Thurston his 50-year award. He will also recognize our newly elected Fellows: Carol Redelsheimer, Bob Seymour and Ken Laustsen.

Ron made a plea for Leadership Academy attendance. He asked that each state division sponsor 4-5 attendees. The division would pay their registration and the extra night of lodging. The cost has not yet been set for this regional Academy. The group gave Ron the following names of possible attendees: Bart Plourde, Dave DeGruttola, Bob Chandler, Jr., Dan McConville, Chris Fife and Katie Manende.

<Spencer arrived at 9:49 AM>

Maine, NH and NESAF are the only NESAF divisions who chose to have their elections done electronically. Member will be emailed a URL to vote. The list of undeliverables will go to NESAF and a paper ballot will be triggered. The list of undeliverables and no-email members will go to Paul Nolan at NESAF, who will send them to **Spencer**, who will send them to **Laura** for a paper ballot mailing. The Maine ballots will be returned to someone on the Tellers Committee for counting. Lee Stover, Wally Robbins and Steve Coleman volunteered to be on this committee. Since the excomm felt that having email was essential to the process, Lee and Wally will be notified that they will be replaced at least for this year, since they do not have email contact. **Laura** will call them to explain the situation. **Ken** and **Tony** will replace them and join Steve on the committee. **Laura** will email the committee and cc Henry with the instructions.

<Bill arrived at 10:10 AM>

### Treasurer's Report

Bill reminded the group that our fiscal year ends September 30. The budget amount for dues income is \$2300 and we have only received \$2188.50. Bill feels that this will be it for this year. The field meeting line item includes income and expenses for all three meetings, although the income and some expenses for the Nature Tourism tour have not been received yet. It appears that we will break even, as in past years.

The UMaine Student Social is scheduled for September 26, 2008 from 1:30 – 6:30 PM at Leonard's Mills. They will work on trail maintenance and have supper. All forestry students are invited and Bill will send an email inviting the MESAF membership. The MESAF budget item for this event is \$250.

Bill has made two payments to the Holiday Inn for the NESAF meeting. There is concern about making the final hotel payments, since some of the registration money will be tied up at national through the credit card payments.

**Bill** will send the Tree Foundation donation of \$750 before September 30, 2008.

Jake motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report noting that the Tree Foundation payment should be made by September 30. Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

It was brought up that Manomet is sponsoring a forestry meeting and they asked to use our MESAF mailing list. Spencer motioned that the excomm grant the ability to send notices of educational opportunities to MESAF members via email without giving out our mailing list. The motion was amended to require MESAF chair approval for each request. Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

### Field Meeting Recaps

Tour 1 and 2 were reviewed at the June meeting. Dave Field reported that the August 28 tour on Nature Tourism had 20 participants and great weather. The Sugarloaf Grand Hotel provided the meeting room and snacks for free. The group toured the Poplar Stream Hut, which has a mix of hydro, solar and wood for energy sources. They met with Steve Swatling at the Bigelow Preserve.

The group discussed the field meeting frequency for the future and agreed to continue with multiple field meetings. The net cost of multiple vs. single field meetings is the same, roughly breaking even in total. The group agreed that "content is king".

### 2009 Elections

Laura listed the names of those on the ballot for 2009. We should be all set.

### **Licensing Board Task Force Update**

Gary was absent, but Henry had talked with Carol Leighton and Don Mansius and they extended an invitation to MESAF to attend all board meetings. The board is looking at a sunrise commission for new licensees. This commission would screen the needs for forester licensing to identify strengths and weaknesses. There is an outline on the licensing board website with 13 criteria listed. It was mentioned that perhaps MESAF could form a subcommittee at the Fall Meeting to do this. Ken mentioned that the SAF Certification Review Board (CRB) submitted info to the Maine board on CFEs. Ken will attend the next board meeting on October 30, 2008.

### **Forestry Awareness Committee**

Sue would like to somehow recognize the regional coordinators and presenters at the Fall Meeting. At the meeting, Sue will outline the work they have done and ask them to stand up. Sue will give them all a copy of the new Forest Trees of Maine booklet and they will have their picture taken before lunch.

Tish Carr is planning a Fall Field Day for high schools on October 15, 2008 at Range Pond State Park to get students interested in the Envirothon. Bill asked if we could help with lunch or transportation costs. The group will try to get a field day in Orono in 2009. Henry motioned to allocate the FY08 FAP \$1000 budget item to FY09, to use for the field day and Envirothon. Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

Bill mentioned that the grant work will begin next week with a planning meeting. FIG plots will be established at Edward Little school in Auburn and Lewiston High School. Tony offered Bill his help.

### **Communications Committee**

Ron and Tony met in May with the BDN. The group also manned our booth at the All Things Wood Expo in Portland. A group also participated in the China School Forestry Field Day. Tony commented that the Field Day was very good.

### **Student Chapter**

The chapter did not have a rep at the meeting.

### **2008 Fall Meeting**

The meeting will be held at the Corbett Business Building on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. The theme will include biomass, wood energy, silviculture and habitat. There will be one morning session and two afternoon sessions.

The group felt that MESAF should claim ownership of the silviculture component.

There will be three sections: Demand, Supply and Synthesis of the info. The Demand session will have three speakers, possibly Ron Lovaglio, Eric Kingsley or Eric Dumond. The Supply session will have three speakers as well, possibly Peter Triandafillou, Bob Linkletter, Steve Hanington, Don Mansius or Alec Giffen.

An introductory statement on silviculture will be made, likely by Max. The Synthesis session will include a panel of the previous six speakers answering audience questions. The moderator for this session will be either Bob Wagner or Lloyd Irland. Spencer and Ken will handle the question box. Laura will put pencils and notecards in each registration packet.

Laura reminded the group that all speakers and elected MESAF excomm members do not pay the registration fee.

The organizing group (**Dave F.**, **Spencer** and **Jake**) will get the agenda to Laura before the mailing date of September 12.

Dave F. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM. The group then had lunch.

Submitted by

*Laura Audibert*