

Annual Business Meeting of the New England Society of American Foresters
March 14, 2001
Sheraton Hotel, South Portland, Maine

Executive Committee Members and Committee Chairs present

Fred Borman - Treasurer
Robert Edmonds - Chair
Jennifer Fish - MA State Rep/ Awards Chair
George F Frame - NH State Rep
Kenneth M Laustsen - ME State Rep/ Bylaws Committee Chair
Maxwell L McCormack - Membership Chair
Christopher F Modisette - RI State Rep
Tom O'Shea - Vice Chair
Sara Packer - VT State Rep
Bob Ricard - Immediate Past Chair
Raymond J Toolan - Secretary
Jeff Ward - CT State Rep/ Science and Technology Committee Chair
Jonathan Wood - Policy Committee Chair
Bradford Wyman - Editor, NESAF Quarterly

1: At 12:15pm the present NESAF Chair, Bob Edmonds, opened the meeting.

2: The mandatory Anti-Trust statement was visited and copies were made available. Copies of the Budget Report (as amended at the EC meeting of March 13, 2001) were handed out.

3: The Chair then introduces the other members of the EC, the state representatives, the editor of the Quarterly, the former Editor of the Quarterly, the Policy Committee Chair and members of the PC and the Membership Committee Chair.

4. Copies of the minutes from the Annual NESAF Business Meeting of March 22, 2000 are handed out. The Secretary read the minutes. Some minor corrections were made and noted. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Russ Reay and seconded by George Frame. It passed unanimously.

5. 2000 Financial Report: Fred Borman begins with a quick synopsis of the Net Worth Report. He then goes over the "2000 Year Ends Report (actual)". Motion to accept the report as written was made by Brad Wyman and seconded by Russ Reay. The motion is called and passes unanimously.

6. 2001 Proposed Revisions: Fred Borman goes over those items that were amended at the EC meeting of March 13, 2001. Minor questions, no additional changes, motion is made to accept as presented by Russ Reay. George Frame makes a second. There is some discussion. Richard Carbonetti asks; "can we do everything we want with the current dues structure". Richard seemed to feel that perhaps the dues should be raised. Fred Borman responded; "Yes, we have adequate resources". Richard continues; "are there items out there that we have not done due to budget problems?" Bob Edmonds responds; "we need to take a look at our needs but right now we seem to have a good balance". Bob Ricard offers some comments on the dues structure. He points out that the ups and downs of the income figures is due to uncertainties around how much will be made at the Winter Meeting. He also explained that we charge as much or more than other professional organizations due to layering. There are SAF dues, NESAF dues, Division dues and state dues. Bob Edmonds suggests that we

are a frugal society. Hans Bergey had a question about the Pinchot fund. Fred Borman responded that there was a surplus which was given to the town to support Pinchot related items. Bob Ricard indicates that he would like to see the wording in footnote 8 changed from; "Travel for Chair and Vice-chair to HSD Meeting" to "Travel for Chair and Vice-chair to the National Convention". Bob Ricard then makes a motion to change the wording as indicated. There is a second from Mike Sikora. There is some discussion. Leo Laferriere and Howard Mason both voice support. Ken Laustsen explained that the original item was to allow the Chair and Vice-chair to be able to attend the HSD meeting.. The motion is called and passes unanimously. Bob Ricard then moved to accept the 2001 Proposed Revision as amended. A second is made by Leo Laferriere. The motion is called and passes unanimously.

7. Fred Borman next dives into the proposed 2002 budget. He covers every detail, there are no questions and George Frames moves to accept them as presented. A second is had from Hans Bergey. There is then a single question on the grants budget which Fred clarifies. The motion is called and passes unanimously.

8. NESAF Chair report:

- ◆ Accomplishments - mentions the Centennial project and Pinchot Memorial
- ◆ NESAF Grant - The Granite State Division was given a grant after revising original request. Bob Edmonds wished the GSD the best of luck with their project.
- ◆ Goals - Bob Edmonds indicated that; "we are rolling on a number of things".
- ◆ Breaking Down Barriers - Sara Packer has accepted the challenge to examine this issue and to offer solutions. She is called up to address the meeting. The issue is around a need to involve as many members as possible. The major problem with this is money as many do not have the support of their employer or are self-employed so that participation in NESAF issues becomes a financial drain on them. Jonathan Wood and Leo Laferriere are working with Sara. The issue of the Executive Director Position is broached. There is some discussion about renaming and redefining the roles of a "full time" staff person. Maybe we need to "go outside the box". Bob Edmonds asks for input from the membership.
- ◆ Stepping up policy activities - Jonathan Wood speaks to the group. He sees the opportunity to get involved in resource issues. His committee has been reorganized and they have put together a questionnaire to see what the concerns and feelings of the membership are. "We do want involvement", stated "Woody". The PC is looking at the National Forest issue. They are also looking at the massive issue of sprawl and development. The PC will be formulating position papers. They plan to be very active. They also intend to work closely with National. Bob Edmonds points out that Jonathan W has recruited a diverse group for the PC and that diversity is very important. Bob Edmonds; "get your ideas to Woody", "make ourselves known".
- ♣ (this item is not on agenda) Jeffrey Ward, Science and Technology Coordinator is asked to address the group. Jeff would like to see concurrent sessions involving working groups. He will be putting out the call to get more people actively involved in working groups.
- ♣ (this is also not on the agenda) - Bob Edmonds indicates that we need a NESAF Web Site. He goes over a list of things that could be presented in such a forum. John Brissette and Debbie Muccio will help with this project. Bob indicates, "we're going to look at it". He asks for folks knowledgeable in web sites to advise him.
- ◆ Nominate now - give a gift of a lifetime - for free - Bob Edmonds mentions that there is a board located at the NESAF booth that lists everyone that had been nominated for an award. We should nominate deserving persons. "It's free", stated Bob. Nomination forms and assistance are available at the NESAF booth. Jennifer Fish is heading up the Awards Committee. "We don't want any more blank years", stated Bob Edmonds.
- ◆ Let us know how NESAF can serve you better
- ◆ Volunteer to help NESAF - we need volunteers in a broad range of areas.

◆ Next year's meeting in Manchester, NH - we will miss NH Town Meeting. There are other possible conflicts. There is no time frame that will not be inconvenient for someone.

9. Council Report: Given by Bob Edmonds as John McNulty had to be elsewhere. The financial situation at National is severe but they are pulling out of it. They are working on more policy issue involvement and more visibility.

10. New Quarterly Report - Brad Wyman: Brad is using a printer in NH, which is less expensive than the one that had been used in VT. He suggests that everyone check the item on page 2 entitled "Members Serving You". The publication schedule is on page 5 and the deadline for submissions to the next edition is March 22, 2001. He mentions all of Gary Salmons help and support.

11. Resolutions: Remembrance of NESAF members who have passed away.

Whereas death has claimed the lives of:

*Hanna Marie Corbeil of Maine
Art Heitman of Vermont
Bob Breck of New Hampshire
Lew Bissell of Maine
Wayne Lewison of New Hampshire
Blyn Merril of New Hampshire
Bob True of Maine
Oliver Wallace of New Hampshire
Eric Wurzburg of New Hampshire*

Resolved that the New England Society of American Foresters at its annual meeting in Portland, Maine on March 14, 2001 recognizes with deep appreciation the participation, support, and dedication of the lives of these members. We honor their contribution to this Society, our profession, and the society at large.

A moment of silence follows. It is mentioned that Hanna Marie Corbeil was only 21.

12. Division and Chapter Reports:

Green Mountain Division: Chris Casey, Chair: lists other officers, mentions that their winter meeting was in January, and that it was around the issue of the Sustainable Forest. They are looking at the roadless issue, the Stewardship Fund and the Forest Stewardship Initiative which is a program for schools. It is hope to get it into the school standards. They held a legislative coffee at the Statehouse and sent an article, "A Century of Forestry" to various newspapers. Their PIC is now chaired by Leo Laferiere and their Education Committee is under Mark Twery and Dale Burgdahl. The Membership Chair is Kurt Zsau. They are working to incorporate the UVM student chapter and are working on the "Vermont Forests Forever" CD for use in schools.

Granite State Division: George Frame: lists current officers. Some issues include educational items, tax issues and forest health. Two regeneration workshops were put on, one in the south and one in the north. Policy issues include the TMDL as well as the "New Land and Community Initiative". Outreach includes Project Learning Tree and similar programs. They are in the process of using current technology to gain new members

and to keep in touch with existing members. A group took a bus to the Pinchot event. The NH Tree Farm program is well supported. It was felt that the inspecting foresters needed to be a co-sponsor of this program. The GSD became the first division of SAF to be a co-sponsor of the Tree farm program. This may be a good opportunity for other divisions.

Rhode Island: Tom Abbot (a written report was made available) he is the current chair. Hans Bergey was elected a Fellow. They sponsored the forestry section of the "Environthon" and they supported the Pinchot project. They held their 8th annual "walk in the woods" for students. They are involved in the RI "Rules Lands Coalition". They are also involved with the "Neighborwoods" program and the Lowlands Coalition. Chris Modisette is on the Governors council to advise on environmental issues.

Massachusetts: Jennifer Fish: No recent activity. Had not received dues from National. The dues are now coming in. More activity is expected.

Maine: Ken Laustsen: lists current officers. Planted trees. There has been discussion around the issue of changing ownerships in Maine. A poster contest for 6th graders was held and a savings bond is the prize. The topic was "What is green and growing in Maine?" Laura Audibert is the new manager for the chapter. The spring meeting is in June. The Communications Committee is being resurrected.

Connecticut: Jeff Ward: Winter meeting was on February 3. There was an issue on vernal pools. They were involved in the Pinchot project. There was a summer field meeting, involvement with the Tree Farm program and issues around the Tax Abatement program. There was a fall field meeting around the "state of the forest", FIE and forest health monitoring.

Yankee: Larry Brusso: panel on SFI and 3rd party certification are upcoming. They sponsored an effort between Mass and U-Conn on forestry issues.

Tom O'Shea: "Thanks for electing me".

Bob Edmonds: "Thanks everyone".

Bob Ricard moves to adjourn. Second is from Peter Condaxis and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Raymond J Toolan, Secretary