

**New England Society of American Foresters - Annual Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2002**  
**Center of New Hampshire, Holiday Inn, Manchester, NH**  
(correction copy)

12:46pm - NESAF Chair Bob Edmonds calls the meeting to order.

**Welcome: Bob Edmonds**

**Antitrust Rules: Bob Edmond** reminds membership of antitrust rules.

**Introduction of NESAF leadership:** Bob E introduces the Vice-Chair, Tom O'Shea. Tom then introduces Secretary Ray Toolan, Treasurer Larry Rousseau, Maine State Rep Ken Laustsen, Vermont State Rep Sara Packer, Rhode Island State Rep Marc Tremblay, Connecticut State Rep, Peter Connorton, Massachusetts State Rep (in absentia), Jennifer Fish and New Hampshire State Rep George Frame. A special thanks is given to those who have served including Chris Modisette, Jeff Ward, Max McCormack and Fred Borman. All four receive framed certificates. Max M is given in absentia via Ken L.

**Review, amend and approve minutes from the Annual NESAF Business Meeting of March 14, 2001 in South Portland, Maine - Ray Toolan, Secretary:** Brad Wyman makes a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept them as written. There is a second from J D Cullen. Motion is called and passes unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report - Larry Rousseau - review and approve:** Larry R. presents the final 2001 budget. Fred Borman makes the motion to accept as presented. This is seconded by J D Cullen. Motion is called and passes unanimously.

**NESAF News Quarterly report - Brad Wyman, Editor:** Things are going well and the Quarterly appears to be well received by the membership.

**NESAF Chair's report - Bob Edmond:** Bob E provides a broad overview of what NESAF is about and what we have been doing. He mentions the effort to break down barriers to allow a broader range of members to become involved directly with the running of NESAF. Among the things he mentions will help this effort are a good operations manual and an administrative service provider.

**Council Report - John McNulty:** John M mentions that he will serve until 2003. He addresses some of the regional differences found in New England and New York. The certification program is mentioned and he addresses the apparent drop in membership.

**We are pleased to have Bill Banzhaf with us to update us on the SAF from the national perspective. Bill is the Executive VP and Chief Executive Officer of SAF:** Bill B gives a Power-Point presentation. Bill B indicates that SAF is not in as bad a financial situation as might be feared. They are waiting on the outcome of the insurance claim. Bill also mentions that SAF has almost \$2,000,000 in restricted funds and over \$1,400,000 in real estate holdings. SAF is financially sound. Programs for the year will include connecting with our "members at risk", especially field foresters. We will better connect with the general public and we will continue to develop membership services to support our members. We, as an organization, need to provide what cannot be provided from elsewhere. An example is the certification process. Bill B also goes over some of the National programs. He indicates that we are working to get the support of the media.

**Remembrance of NESAF members who have passed away:**

**Raynor K Brown of Maine**

**Roger Sloan of New Hampshire**  
**Robert Fiske of Maine**  
**Clare Mitchell**  
**Rodney Kennedy of Maine**  
**Michael Pochan of Connecticut**  
**Dale Soloman of Maine**

**The New England Society of American Foresters at its annual meeting in Manchester, NH on March 26, 2002 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 society at large.**

Bob E asks for a motion to accept the resolution as written. Brad W so moves and a second is made by Jeff Ward. The motion is called and passes unanimously.

**Thank you to James Sewall Company for years of support and dedication to NESAF - Ken Laustsen: Ken L presents a plaque expressing NESAF's appreciation of the support provided by the Sewall company,**

**Proposed Administrative Services Contract - vote required**  
**Proposed NESAF dues increase beginning 2003 - vote required**  
**Proposed budget - Larry Rousseau - vote required.**

All three agenda items are all part and parcel of the same issue and have been grouped into one item.

Larry R goes over the proposed revised 2002 budget. Russell Reay moves to accept the revised 2002 budget as written. Leo Laferriere seconds the motion and the motion is called. It passes unanimously.

Larry Smith moves to accept the 2003 proposed budget as written. Leo Laferriere provides a second. There is some discussion. A question is asked about the proposed dues increase. Bob E and Larry R go over the issue beginning with the last increase voted on in 1985 and effective in 1986. Larry showed a series of graphs and table explaining the entire situation. It is mentioned that the dues increase will be carried with the 2003 proposed budget if the budget passes. There is a question about how many members are we likely to lose due to the increase in dues. This followed up by a concern that we are further shutting out the filed foresters with this increase.

The motion is called and passes unanimously.

**Yankee Division will host the 2004 NESAF Winter meeting - Bob Ricard will tell us of explorations of holding it in Quebec: Bob R gives a Power-point presentation and indicates that the only real possible problem is the distance to travel factor. A fall-back plan to use Lowell will be kept in reserve.**

**Revitalizing working groups - an update and invitation from Jeff Ward, NESAF Science Chair (Note working group meetings on schedule): Jeff W makes several comments around the issue of working groups and reminds everyone of the various working group organizational meetings that are occurring later today. He introduces some of the working group leaders.**

**Policy Committee Update - Jonathan "Woody" Wood: Jonathan W advises that there is a Policy Committee meeting at 5:00pm today.**

**Brief State Reports - NESAF State Representatives: (actually it is the state chairs that are asked to report)**

Maine: Ronald C Lemin, Jr: The Maine chapter supports the proposed 2004 Quebec meeting site. They have been working on communications. Programs are planned around herbicides and regeneration. They are also active with a 6<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest.

Vermont: Chris Casey: Green Mountain Division: Leo L is honored as an SAF fellow. They are working to integrate the student chapter from UVM. There was a summer meeting on GPS and a winter meeting on how to influence legislation and lawmakers. They are working to strengthen relationships with likeminded organizations. Chris invites all to join us at the NESAF Winter meeting in Burlington March 18-20, 2003. The theme is Private Land - Public Values.

New Hampshire - Stephen Najjir: Granite State Division: They are having a membership drive. They are working with students. Steve N goes over some of the upcoming programs and some position paper items.

Rhode Island: Thomas Abbott: Tom indicates that the chapter is involved with schools, Arbor Day ceremonies, "walk in the woods" and membership involvement in a variety of programs.

Connecticut: Peter Connorton (State Rep): Peter talks about the award winners from Connecticut.

Massachusetts: No report given

**Other business:** Bob E makes a few more general comments and gives great credit to the Exhibitor Chair for this meeting.

Adjourn:

Gary Salmon makes a motion to adjourn. This is seconded by Larry Safford. The motion is called and passes unanimously. 2:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by Raymond J Toolan, Secretary, NESAF.