



New England SAF Seeks Volunteer for Policy Chair

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The New England Society of American Foresters is conducting a search for a volunteer to serve as Policy Chair on appointment to the organization's executive committee for a two year term.

A major challenge for the next chair is to work with the executive committee to implement recommendations¹ of the recent subcommittee on policy process, forming a solid foundation for NESAF to impact New England forestry on a broader scale. Responsibilities will include working with local units to track relevant issues, head multiple projects with qualified local and issue-specific experts on short term task forces, and engage in coalitions and working groups throughout New England to expand NESAF's reach on pressing issues alongside like minded organizations.

Highly valued skills include a history of working on policy initiatives, knowledge of key players and issue experts throughout the region, and superior skills in facilitation of team projects where interests may be broad. The chair will be able to actively engage membership through contributions to www.nesaf.org, electronic newsletters and the News Quarterly. Substantial flexibility is needed to respond to time-sensitive initiatives that may require rapid response and time investment.

The policy chair is a volunteer position. The Chair will travel to five Executive Committee meetings per year. In recognition of the time investment required NESAF is offering a modest stipend and travel reimbursement. This is an excellent opportunity for the right person to have a large impact on the members of our organization, the public perception of forestry, and on forestry throughout our region. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to Ron Lemin, NESAF Chairman, at 291 Lincoln Street Bangor ME 04401, or teiron@aol.com.

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¹ See "Final Report of the Policy Process Subcommittee" on the Policy page at www.nesaf.org