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**New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF)  
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Friday, June 25, 2010**

Location: Cabela's, Scarborough, ME

**Members present:**

Deborah Boyer	Website Administrator
Paul Dolan	Rhode Island State Representative; Nomination Chair
Andrew Fast	Secretary
Peter Greeno	Membership Chair
James Harding	Forest Science Coordinator
Dana Hachigian	Treasurer
Mel Harder	Connecticut State Representative; Grants Chair
Ron Lemin Jr.	Chair
Spencer Meyer	Maine State Representative
Ed O'Leary	Vice-Chair
Randy Stone	Massachusetts State Representative; Awards Chair

**Guests:**

None

**Members not present:**

George Frame	Immediate Past Chair
Don Floyd	Canadian Representative
J Peter Howland	New Hampshire State Representative
Scott Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Margaret Machinist	Co-Editor of NESAF News Quarterly
Carol Redelsheimer	Council Representative
Kurt Zschau	Vermont State Representative

**Meeting opened by NESAF Chair, Ron Lemin Jr. at 9:30AM**

**A. Standard items:**

**Sign in sheet (Fast) - verify contact information:** The standard sign-in sheet was circulated.

**Welcome:** Ron L. welcomed the EC. No introductions were necessary. The next meeting was confirmed for Concord, NH. **George F. should reserve a room at the Conservation Center and let Ron L. know if there is a problem.**

**Antitrust statement:** The antitrust statement was presented. Ron L. can provide a copy of the antitrust statement to members of the EC upon their request.

**Add/Adjust agenda:** "2009 audit report" was moved up in old business and "2011 Vermont winter meeting" was added under old business.

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44 **Corrections/Additions for the March 8, 2010 EC meeting minutes (Fast):** No corrections or  
45 additions were suggested. **A motion was heard from Paul D. to accept the meeting minutes as presented; a**  
46 **second to the motion was heard from Spencer M. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.**

47 **Treasurer's Report (Hachigian):** Dana H. distributed and reviewed the NESAF Net Worth Report as  
48 of 6/25/10. Under assets, \$25,204.32 was presented in total cash and bank accounts. The CD value is  
49 \$25,448.35. There is \$1,200.00 in liabilities. Randy S. pointed out an accounting error on the net worth  
50 report. Total liabilities were added to total assets when they should have been subtracted. The correct  
51 overall total net worth is 49,452.67. **A motion was heard from Ed O'L. to approve the corrected Treasurer's**  
52 **Report; a second to the motion was heard from Paul D.**

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### 54 **B. Old Business:**

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56 **Form 990 (Hachigian/Lemin):** Ron L. has a copy of the completed Form 990 if anyone wants to review  
57 it. He mailed the completed form by certified mail, received the receipt, and NESAF's obligation to the IRS  
58 is now met. Dana H. does not expect next year's costs to complete the Form 990 to change significantly.

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60 **2009 Audit Report (Hachigian):** Dana H. distributed a packet with the "Auditor Statement, Fiscal  
61 Year 2009, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009" and supporting material. Dana H. has reviewed and signed  
62 the auditor statement in addition to Thomas Worthley, Chris Prior and Paul Gregory.

63 Dana H. reviewed the auditing process and mentioned discrepancies. They included: 1) on 4/26/09  
64 there was a check that cleared for the wrong amount; 2) the cost of replacement checks were added after  
65 the fact; and 3) a deposit was record out of sequence.

66 Spencer M. asked whether this year's process was consistent with what was done in the past. Dana H.  
67 confirmed that it was. In the past, Connecticut, Yankee and Massachusetts have all audited each other.

68 Discussion ensued about what supporting material, if an, should be included in the packet that is  
69 submitted to the EC and what documentation should be present in a file held by the Treasurer. There was  
70 concern that the documents submitted to the EC included the register, but did not include bank statements.  
71 There should either be full documentation provided to the EC or a signed statement indicating the audit has  
72 been conducted with full supporting documentation held by the Treasurer. If there are questions, the  
73 Treasurer can reference the folder with supporting documentation.

74 Spencer M. raised the question of how the register is reconciled with the net worth report. They  
75 should be consistent if all checks have cleared. After discussion, it was agreed that the register from  
76 December 31, 2009 should be consistent with a net worth report from the same date.

77 Ron L. showed the EC a copy of the auditor statement from a previous year. This year's auditor  
78 statement was reviewed. CD and other accounts are not included in the packet as indicated in the auditor  
79 statement. The checking accounts were reviewed and the CD was incorporated into the analysis. Savings  
80 account information was not included in the packet although savings account withdrawals were reviewed and  
81 reconciled with the overall total. EC members indicated that a net worth report as of December 31, 2009  
82 should be included at a minimum because that will reflect "the financial conditions of the Society as of  
83 Decemeber 31, 2009" as declared in the auditors statement. Spencer M. read to the EC what the by-laws  
84 state is required for an audit. **Spencer M. will look at what Ken Laustsen has done for past Maine SAF**  
85 **audits and forward information on to Dana H.**

86 Ed O'L. suggested modifying the operations manual to provide more detail on how to conduct the audit  
87 and present it to the EC; in short, an income and expense report, statement and balance sheet as of  
88 December 31<sup>st</sup> should be presented to the EC.

89 Moving forward, the EC will proceed as discussed, comply with the by-laws, and edit the operations  
90 manual so it provides sufficient detail for the Treasurer.

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91 Dana H. should provide information to the EC on the audit process in September so the process  
92 can be reviewed prior to next year's audit. Spencer M. informed the EC that the last operations manual  
93 update was in 2006. Spencer M. will email the most recent version to the EC. Deb B. will make the  
94 updated operations manual available on the website. The Secretary (Andy F.) is responsible for  
95 maintaining an official copy of the most up-to-date operations manual and by-laws.  
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97 **NESAF 2010 Winter Meeting Summary. (Lemin):** Ron L. read an email from George Frame dated  
98 June 21, 2010. George F. has updated the budget and added information on electronic registration for the  
99 "Meeting Planner Handbook." George F. has mailed Dana H. 2 checks. One for \$1,000, NESAF's deposit, and  
100 the other for \$4,698.19, NESAF's 50% portion of the proceeds. George F. will cut a check for the *News*  
101 *Quarterly* proceeds once he is sure everything has cleared since this will zero the account.

102 There were close to 300 individuals at the banquet, 22 walk-ins, 147 online registrants and 148 mail-  
103 in registrants. In all there were 317 participants over the 3 days. Feedback was positive.

104 George F. contacted the national office to explain his displeasure with online registration. They will  
105 look into making necessary changes.

106 Ron L. and Peter G. informed the EC there were some issues with student volunteers. The primary  
107 motivation for many of the students attending was to network and interact with professional. At points, the  
108 students were segregated. They were also served pizza when they paid for a meal. Deb B. suggested that  
109 there might be an opportunity to address student involvement in the meeting planner handbook. Ron L. noted  
110 it is the responsibility of the registration committee. Peter G. informed the EC that Kurt Zschau was  
111 informed of the concerns and that potentially Wilfred Mercier will provide a write-up about volunteers  
112 for the meeting planner handbook.  
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114 **Winter Meeting Planning Book / Template (Lemin, Meyer, Zschau):** Ron L., Spencer M., Ken  
115 Laustsen, Janice Mulherin, Susan Francher, George F. Kurt Z., Dan Kilborn, and Mark Tweery were going to  
116 work together on the winter meeting planner handbook. Some of the individuals have gone through and made  
117 comments. Ron L. will get this group together before the September meeting.

118 Mel H. asked about the origins of the planner handbook. It was originally developed based on the  
119 national planning book. It included deadlines and subcommittee responsibilities. Because the book was  
120 developed some time back, the book needs a lot of updating, particularly relating to technology and insurance.  
121 Ed O'L. added that the planning book should have ongoing edits to continue improving the process and include  
122 lessons learned.

123 Spencer M. noted that the EC should consider how to best encourage local chapters/divisions to use  
124 the book and cautioned that while critical information should be included, there should also be flexibility for  
125 planners to execute tasks as they feel is appropriate as opposed to the manual being overly prescriptive.

126 Ron L. passed out some copied pages of the handbook that GMD is using as part of their planning  
127 process. Ron L. reviewed the handouts including the structure and organization of the planning committee.  
128 The local chapter/division chair is supposed to be the general chair and he/she should receive the planning  
129 book at the beginning of the process.  
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131 **2011 Vermont Winter Meeting (Lemin):** Ron L. read a 2011 Vermont winter meeting update from  
132 Kurt Z. and Dan Kilborn dated June 24, 2010. Key general and subcommittee positions have been filled. Their  
133 first organizational meeting was on May 27<sup>th</sup> and their next is on July 9<sup>th</sup>. They have started a list of  
134 potential sponsors, exhibitors, prizes and donors.

135 The winter meeting agenda was reviewed as well as discussion about the poster session and  
136 requirements for CFE credits.

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137 Spencer M. discussed the success Maine SAF had reaching Maine students, but highlighted their  
138 shortcomings engaging students outside of Maine. Ron L. endorsed Kurt Z. as a good candidate to focus on  
139 student engagement.

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141 (The EC took a break at 10:45am and resumed at 10:57am)

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### 143 C. NEW BUSINESS:

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#### 145 Standing Committee reports:

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147 **Budget Report (Hachigian):** Dana H. circulated the "Membership Approved Budget Report for Years  
148 2008 through 2011 (inclusive) as Reported June 25, 2010." There were few changes. She revised headers to  
149 reflect membership approval.

150 Dana H. reviewed a second handout, the "Budget-to-Date, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010." Dues income and  
151 expenses were reviewed and there were questions about the accounting. Specifically, there was a question  
152 whether the \$5,062.50 in Division dues income was also counted in the \$15,789.50 of NESAF dues income.  
153 If the division dues income is included in the \$15,789.50 NESAF dues income, there should not be a division  
154 dues line item. Discussion ensued about how things were done in the past. Spencer M. reviewed an old budget  
155 worksheet and concluded that "Dues - NESAF" should only be the NESAF dues portion while "division" should  
156 be division dues. The corrected general operations account total should be \$24,769.70.

157 The membership services line item was reviewed. Merchandise sales ended up \$10 in the red at the  
158 winter meeting. Dana H. reviewed expenses-to-date by line item.

159 Peter G. informed the EC that National is asking for donations for a Boy Scout jamboree. Peter G.  
160 wanted to set aside \$50 to support the effort. After discussion, the EC determined that the \$50 should  
161 come out of membership services.

162 Peter G. noted that the membership services line item is \$289 larger than it should be. \$915 was  
163 approved in the proposed 2010 budget for membership services and \$1,500 for the membership drive. **Dana**  
164 **H. should correct this error.** Questions ensued about the overall accuracy of the approved 2010 proposed  
165 budget. After review, it was found to be accurate except the required changes above for membership  
166 services.

167 Spencer M. noted approximately \$171 missing from the proposed budget on the income side. There  
168 was a difference between the budget displayed at the EC meeting and the budget passed at the business  
169 meeting. The error was identified. \$1,500 instead of \$1,670.56 was incorporated into the \$-9,252.00  
170 general operations income/expense difference line item. This resulted in the discrepancy.

171 Spencer M. suggested seeing a corrected budget before voting on it or discussing it further. **Dana**  
172 **H. will send out a corrected budget and the topic will be revisited in September.**

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174 **Nominations and Election (Dolan):** Ron L. has not received a bill from National for electronic voting.  
175 Paul D. circulated information on the fee structure for electronic voting. With the current membership  
176 number of 1,059, it will cost \$200. Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont are looking for state representatives.  
177 NESAF is seeking a Chair-Elect. All packages need to go to Paul D. by August 1. Presently, there are no  
178 candidates.

179 Spencer M. indicated that he thought MESAF might contribute money for elections to offset  
180 NESAF's direct mailing costs. NESAF is doing chapters/division a favor by taking on the work and cost. Deb  
181 B. asked for clarification on who is responsible for notifying local chapters of deadlines. It is the state  
182 representative's responsibility to let the local chapter know when there are deadlines. If local chapters want  
183 to be included in the mailings, they need to follow the deadlines. If they are doing things differently, they  
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Ron L. is going to check with Fred Borman to see if he is interested in running for Chair-elect.

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**Membership (Greeno):** Peter G. distributed the membership dashboard membership report dated June 2010. Membership is up to 1059. Non-renewals are up from last year. Last year non-renewals would have been purged; now they are put in inactive status for a 12 month duration (Jan. - Dec.) or for an additional 6-month duration from past practices. Members who cannot afford to pay membership dues for a brief time are able to become active again when financial resources are available. Student membership is at a high of 143 and includes over 200 members across all student classes. Student retention is up but, on average, only 2 members stay on as professional members per year.

The membership drive has not started. The brochure for the membership drive is being finalized. Emma Shultz, a graduate student from UMaine, is helping. She is getting paperwork together and assisting with the mailing. Peter G. asked state representatives to inform him of the benefits that local units are providing membership so he can highlight those benefits of membership.

Student members are planning an October event in Amherst, MA. There will be a small leadership training, field tours, and participants plan to camp out. 200 students are expected to attend and NYSAF students may get involved as well.

National is trying to put together a database to track where jamboree scouts are from. NESAF is printing up baseball cards with forest types on them and each scout should be able to get a card with a forest type representative of their region. The database will help us know how many people are involved from the area, are engaged in forestry, and interact with SAF.

Spencer M. asked the difference between resignation and purge on the Membership Dashboard. Resignation represents a member who notified NESAF that they no longer wish to be a member while a purge member did not communicate with NESAF. These categories do not help NESAF decipher intent for leaving, but usually a letter means they were not satisfied.

(The EC took a break for lunch at 12:08pm and resumed at 12:52pm.)

Ron L. informed the EC that George F.'s nomination has been approved by the Fellows Committee. Ron L. thanked those who supported the nomination.

**Policy (Open):** Peter G. passed around a summary of comments from membership on the Subcommittee on Policy Process' work. 13 individuals responded. Many others had input through early stages of the process. Comments include: providing a tiered approach (e.g. membership comments for small policy issues, membership vote for larger process or more significant issues); clarifying the voting process; seeking a champion to actively engage the new process; considering more substantial reimbursement for a new policy chair; replacing the state regulatory language with broader language emphasizing current issues; an ad hoc committee process; including non-SAF expertise to vet statements; and a more versatile response (e.g. submitting comments, joining coalitions, etc.) to important issues..

The EC discussed the next steps that need to be taken to move the process forward. A policy chair could be solicited with advertisements on the website, *Forestry Source*, and *News Quarterly*. A challenge is in the details and finding someone with a strong commitment willing to do a great deal of work for minimal compensation. Supplemental funding, in addition to a \$500-599 stipend was discussed and may be found through a Forester's Fund grant. However, it would not be core funding that NESAF could depend on annually. There was continued discussion about putting out advertisements soliciting a qualified candidate with and without detailing compensation. Ed O'L. noted that if the EC agrees the position requires the most work then it should carry the largest stipend. The importance of compensation was debated and how

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232 important a few hundred or even a few thousand dollars is when the market value of the work is significantly  
233 more.

234 Spencer M. raised the point that if the policy chair is doing an excellent job, he/she will be traveling  
235 and incurring greater expenses than the EC is likely to allocate. If membership sees clear results from the  
236 policy work, they will support a line item in the budget to support it. Someone could start in the near term if  
237 they are working on a prorated basis off the \$599 stipend discussed. Peter G. will create a job  
238 description, vet it with others, and send it to the Forestry Source.

239 No votes should be required. The EC is working to get someone in the Policy Chair position to start  
240 moving forward with the recommendations. At the point when the Policy Chair and the EC determine there  
241 will be a required change in by-laws to the policy committee, the potential changes will be brought before  
242 membership.

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244 **Forest Science Coordinator (Harding):** The GMD meeting was a few months ago. An EC member was  
245 concerned about how forestry practices are portrayed on the television and how this impacts public  
246 perception. Tony Filauro from Maine and Dave Stevens from Vermont wrote a piece on "Swamp Logger" and  
247 another overview piece. Next issue, no topic is picked out for the *News Quarterly*. Jim H. is thinking about  
248 fire in New England. Jim H.'s term is up in September so the EC will need another Forest Science  
249 Coordinator. State Representatives should explore interest in the Forest Science Coordinator position  
250 from their respective chapters/divisions. Ed O'L. asked Jim H. to help find a Forest Science Coordinator  
251 replacement.

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253 **NESAF Website (Boyer):** Deb B. did not have much to report. She plans to clarify the elections page  
254 for local chapters/divisions. Mass emails were sent out. Once again, approximately, 27% of membership opens  
255 them. When mass emails address specific topics or local issues, a greater percentage of members will open  
256 them. When emails are sent out, approximately 50 email addresses kick back as undeliverable. It is the  
257 ongoing issues of trying to get members to update their contact information with National. A very small  
258 percentage of members are opting out (3 or 4 people a year). Peter G. asked if there is an opportunity to  
259 differentiate between opting out of NESAF emails and National emails. Deb B. believes members cannot  
260 differentiate. Choosing the opt out option results in no NESAF or National emails. This is a concern because  
261 emails cannot be sent about critical member issues such as voting. The website receives a number of visits,  
262 850 unique visits in one week. 418 website .pdfs were opened. Peter G. informed the EC that some states  
263 that are using NESAF's website have not updated their page in 4 years. States are in charge of their own  
264 page, and this official responsibility is supposed to be outlined in the Operations Manual. If state websites  
265 are not updated for over a year, the EC should have discretion to update basic information such as  
266 leadership. Deb B. has the ability to update pages and Spencer M. commented that there is no rule against  
267 updating a state page, but communicating with chapter/division is more courteous. Peter G. will send Deb B.  
268 chapter/division leadership information to post on the website. RI SAF has contacted Deb B. about  
269 putting more on the website, but they are uncertain whether to develop their own website or use NESAF's  
270 umbrella website.

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272 **Grants (Open):** Grants has approximately \$1,500 in the budget. There are no outstanding grants and  
273 no applications. Grants are due December 1. NESAF will vote on them at the December meeting. A reminder  
274 should go out in the *News Quarterly* and in Deb B.'s next bulk email. Mel H. should contact Scott and  
275 Maggie M. to get information in the News Quarterly.

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277 **Awards (Stone):** Randy S. has nothing new to report at this point. Nominations are due at the  
278 beginning of December. Nothing was put in the *News Quarterly* about golden members. These awards will be

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279 presented at state meetings. Ron L. would like to present them if possible so let Ron L. know when state  
280 meetings will take place. When awards are given, photos should be taken and sent to Maggie and Scott M.

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282 **NESAF News Quarterly (Machinist):** Scott and Maggie M. were not present. They provided the  
283 following: Nothing was put in the *News Quarterly* about this year's golden members. They would like an EC  
284 member to put a piece together for the *News Quarterly*. Pictures of awardees at state meetings should be  
285 sent to Maggie and Scott M. Rhode Island has done a great job of providing news. No Connecticut news has  
286 been made available for awhile. Maggie and Scott M. are still looking for Letters to the Editors. They will  
287 take something anonymous from the EC or someone else to get the ball rolling. Let them know if there is any  
288 specific information that should go into the next issue.

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290 **State Reports (NESAF State Representatives):**

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292 MA (Randy S.): On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Boles issued a  
293 Commonwealth Forest Heritage Plan immediately upon submission of final recommendations from the Forest  
294 Futures Visioning Process to DCR Commissioner Sullivan. The plan will quadruple the amount of state forest  
295 land where no commercial logging takes place, and will place a greater focus on stewardship, conservation  
296 biology, public engagement, and transparency.

297 The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences issued its "Biomass Sustainability and Carbon Policy  
298 Study", commissioned by the Department of Energy Resources. In a statement issued on June 21, 2010, the  
299 study team emphasized that a key lesson of the study is that understanding the greenhouse gas (GHG)  
300 impacts and benefits of using wood for energy is more complex than most people have assumed, and that a  
301 lifecycle assessment is needed in order to assess these GHG costs and benefits. The report can be  
302 downloaded from [www.manomet.org](http://www.manomet.org).

303 The state posted the position of Director of Forest Stewardship.

304 The MA Chapter of SAF is planning to hold its annual business meeting on August 27, 2010 at  
305 Quabbin Reservoir in Belchertown MA. The agenda will include lunch, a business meeting, and a tour of  
306 watershed management silviculture at south Quabbin.

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308 (Dana H. left at 2:00pm)

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310 RI (Paul D.): There is nothing new to report. Rhode Island SAF continues to support a suite of  
311 programs including Walk in the Forest Field Days and Biothon.

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313 CT (Mel H.): Most of the activity in CT revolves around the Forest Assessment which has just been  
314 submitted to the Forest Service, and the flow of ideas from six roundtables held January to March. The  
315 result of these roundtables were 10 vision statements. In November, CT will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Forest Forum which  
316 will bring the 10 vision statements together with the New England Forest Initiative and the Wildlands and  
317 Woodlands consideration for New England. The vision statements highlight the natural resource and social  
318 value of forests and recommend policies to: increase protected forest land; maintain healthy sustainable  
319 populations of native plants and animals; management by public agencies to enhance public benefit; support  
320 and encourage stewardship on private lands; promote public education regarding our forest lands; promote  
321 healthy urban forests; promote forest based recreational activities; support the forest products industry;  
322 and apply the best science in the management of our forests.

323 Many timber trespass laws permit penalties of fair market value or a multiple of for timber trespass.  
324 This is true in CT for private lands. But in 2006, the CT legislature passed a public act 06-89 permitting a  
325 plaintiff to seek restoration costs for protected forest land. Protected forest lands include land trust

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326 holdings and similar organization, and forest land under conservation easement. Restoration costs include  
327 tree replacement, maintenance, and reasonable legal and professional fees.

328 A summer CT SAF meeting is being planned, at which time 50 year awards will be presented to three  
329 CT SAF members.

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333 ME (Spencer M.): Maine SAF is hosting a few workshops this year; they include: "Advanced  
334 Applications of GIS/GPS and Data Collection Tools in Forest Management" (Brownville area, June), "Forest  
335 Management Diversification on Small Woodlots" (in southern Maine, co-developed with SWOAM, late  
336 summer), and "Vernal Pool Habitat Management Guidelines" (co-hosted by UMaine School of Forest  
337 Resources, MESAF and Forest Guild, May)

338 The MESAF Fall Meeting, October 19, will be centered around communications in forestry - case  
339 studies. MESAF is considering inviting Maine gubernatorial candidates.

340 MESAF has a long-standing and successful Forestry Awareness Committee that has worked closely  
341 with Project Learning Tree and Envirothon. The Forestry Awareness Committee needs new leadership. After  
342 many years spearheading efforts, Sue Aygarn is stepping down. MESAF is looking for someone to replace Sue  
343 and take it in a new direction. Congratulations and many thanks to Sue for her years of hard work!

344 MESAF has implemented a trial program to reimburse Executive Committee members for travel  
345 expenses up to a total of \$3000 for the entire committee per year. The MESAF Division Manager expenses  
346 will be reimbursed under a separate agreement based on her contract.

347 The Maine Forest Service has distributed a draft State Forest Assessment and Strategy document.  
348 This is being conducted, in part, to satisfy requirements in the 2008 Farm Bill but will have many other  
349 potential planning uses for the state's forest management.

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351 VT (Kurt Z.): Kurt Z. was not present and Ed O'L. provided the report for Vermont in his stead. The  
352 next GMD meeting is on July 9. Vermont has finalized its forest resource assessment. The Department of  
353 Forests, Parks and Recreation has a new commissioner, Sarah Clark. Ed O'L. and John Wood have been  
354 representing Vermont on New England Governors' Conference Blue Ribbon Committee on Land Conservation  
355 (detailed in 1-13-10 EC minutes). Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation is partnering with VT Audubon and  
356 Green Mountain Nation Forest (GMNF) on a \$500,000, 2-year grant to address exotic invasive species.  
357 There is a new supervisor at the GMNF. Current use legislation was passed then vetoed which required every  
358 enrollee to pay a fee to participate in the program and increased the penalty to leave it. The National Tree  
359 Farm meeting will take place in Vermont this year.

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361 NH (Pete H): Pete H. submitted the following New Hampshire update: The 2010 NESAF meeting  
362 hosted by GSD, on March 9-11, 2010 at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua was attended by 317 people.  
363 Registrations were about 50-50, online - mail-ins. GSD will be able to function very well with their half of the  
364 proceeds for the next 4 years.

365 *Good Forestry in the Granite State* has been on the streets for comments for the past few months,  
366 with public input sessions, and is in the editing stage in preparation to go to the printers. It is the hope to  
367 have it ready to hit the streets by October.

368 The forestry guide by GSD is moving along slowly, due to many of the people involved were already  
369 working on the *Good Forestry in the Granite State*. GSD plans to have it ready to go to press by the end of  
370 the year, for distribution to state legislators in the spring of 2011.

371 The NH DES's new set of wetland rules has some changes that will benefit forestry & logging  
372 operations.

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373 The GSD Winter Meeting for 2011 will be held on 2/11/2011, at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, NH.  
374 The theme is to be determined. GSD will be awarding the student scholarships at the meeting, along with  
375 Forester of the Year.

376 White Mountain National Forest projects of all types are still being slowed down by environmental  
377 groups. However, they are still planning to attempt to put out 10MMBF by 10/1/2010.

378 The market situation in the state is very upbeat for many of us in the field. Hardwood log and pulp  
379 markets are very good at the moment. Softwood is a bit sluggish in certain species and locations.

380 There will be three workshops on wetlands issues in different locations throughout the state.

381 Tree Farm inspector workshops will be run this year to bring all inspectors up to speed with the  
382 program changes.

383 GSD Donated \$1,000.00 toward the centennial celebration of the NHTOA and the founding of the  
384 White Mountain National Forest with the Weeks Act.

385 Sam Stoddard was presented with the Forester of the Year for GSD at the winter meeting.  
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387 SAF Council Report (Carol R.): Ron L. read a report sent to him from Carol R: EVP Goergen announced  
388 that the Director of Science and Education position has been filled by Carol R. Valerie Luzadis has been  
389 offered the SAF Council representative seat by rights. If she declines, the position is filled through  
390 appointment. Carol R. will start working for SAF on July 19 and will be the council representative until then.

391 In keeping with a policy approved in 1997, the council voted a 15% dues increase across all categories  
392 to be effective for 2011. This approximates an average cpi of 3% for each of last 5 years. The last dues  
393 increase was only to professional members several years ago of \$3. Carol R. will detail other pieces in an  
394 upcoming column, and will forward it to Ron L. when it is written.

395 Membership numbers look good and Christopher Whited is projecting a potential modest increase by  
396 years end.

397 The auditor's report was accepted.

398 The new database testing is in progress and should be online any day. One benefit is that it allows  
399 members to schedule monthly dues payments via credit card. This may help retain members, but could affect  
400 state society cash flows.

401 Although not budgeted, the council voted to approve a task force to update the position on carbon  
402 accounting and related issues. The market has jumped way ahead of science and this has large national policy  
403 implications. Too much is running ahead and as an organization that relies on science for our policy input, the  
404 council felt the position update was necessary.

405 George Frame was unanimously elected a Fellow without discussion. This was because the nomination  
406 packet from District Fellows Committee was flawless. George F. has been notified.

407 Carol R. is willing to field any questions the EC has. Her email address is

408 [carol.redelsheimer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.redelsheimer@gmail.com).

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410 Canada (Don F.): There was no Canada report.

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412 **Chair Potpourri (Lemin):** Ron L. and Ed O'L. will be at the HSD meeting in Albuquerque. If there are  
413 items of concern, EC members should let Ron L. know. George F. has requested that the online registration  
414 issue be raised. National is already aware of the issue so Ron L. does not plan to raise it at the meeting.

415 Ron L. is still looking for success stories.

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417 **Other items for the good of the order:** Bill VanDoren said Yankee Division organizers are looking  
418 for a representative to the EC. They are speaking with existing representatives from Yankee states.

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420 **Calendar: The NESAF EC will next meet on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 9:30am at the**  
421 **Conservation Center in Concord, New Hampshire.**

422 Wednesday December 15, 2010 at the Conservation Center in Concord, New Hampshire: 9:30am

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424 A motion to adjourn was heard from Ed O'L. A second was heard from Jim H. The question was called and the  
425 motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

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427 Respectfully submitted,

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429 Andrew Fast, Secretary