

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
November 20, 2009
Conference Call**

Attendance: Jake Metzler, Ron Lemin, Ken Laustsen, Spencer Meyer, Wil Mercier, Dave Maass, Henry Whittimore and Laura Audibert. Tony Filauro joined at 1:16 PM.

Jake opened the meeting at 1:02 PM.

Fall Meeting Recap

Bill sent an email earlier stating that we netted \$6261.07 from the meeting, \$3261 over the budget amount.

The group discussed perhaps reducing the Maine members' dues, since we have enough money in our account. Jake would like to get a real benefit back to the members. Ken said that in the late 1990's the dues were increased to pay for the Division Manager position. Ken also noted that 16%-20% of our total income is from dues. The group decided not to eliminate the division dues, since it would be difficult to reinstate them at a later date if needed. It is best to lower the meeting registration fees for members.

Ron suggested donating some of our funds to NESAF to help with Peter Greeno's membership initiative.

NESAF Award Nominees

These awards will be presented at the NESAF meeting in March.

Ken has started two packages, one for the Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award and the other for the James W. Twomey Award. Jake will start one for the Technology Transfer Award. Dave may work on one for the Integrity in Conservation Award. There were no recommendations for the Distinguished Service Award. Ron will put together a team package for the Molly Beattie Award.

Fellow nominations need to be in hand at the end of January 2010.

Goals & Standards

Earlier we had talked about electronic documentation of policy statements. Spencer suggested having someone write a summary of each annual fall meeting and put it online or distribute it internally or externally.

It was mentioned that Peter Greeno may need a communications person for his policy review initiative to help get the information around.

Perhaps we should try to get a committee together and try to get some NESAF funds.

The policy document prior to the Goals and Standards was printed in 1974. Tony will make a copy for Jake. Jake asked for names of people who would want to be on the committee.

Jake thanked Wil and Henry for their service to MESAF this past year (years, in Henry's case) and handed the leadership over to Dave. Dave will talk with Laura and choose a meeting date for the new Exec. Comm. in January.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Submitted by

Laura Audibert