

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
December 4, 2015  
Conference Call**

Attending: Jessica Leahy, Laura Audibert, Wil Mercier, Anna Schwarcz, Brian Roth, Bob Cousins, Ken Laustsen, Kris Hoffmann, Kirby Ellis.

Absent: Bill Livingston, Tony Filauro, and Brian Renfro (Student Chapter).

Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

**Agenda Changes**

None.

**Fall Meeting Debrief**

Laura reported that 139 people attended the Fall Meeting—26% non-members, 55% members, 19% students. It was good that the UMFK students were able to attend. There did not appear to be much mingling among students and professionals during lunch. The Social at Pat's Pizza afterward was attended by ~25 members, but only 3 students.

The discussion of student fundraising at future meetings was tabled until an in-person EC meeting.

**Appointments to EC**

Jessica noted the Maine election ballot mess-ups. Wil motioned to appoint Bob Cousins as the Chair Elect for the upcoming year, January 1—December 31, 2016, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Congratulations Bob!

We have one Member-at-Large (MAL) position to fill by appointment and three individuals who have expressed their willingness to serve: Karl Honkonen, Ron Lemin and Dave Parker. Ken motioned to appoint Dave Parker as our third MAL for the 2016 calendar year. Wil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian mentioned that Ron Lemin already has a tour planned for up north and will likely be okay with proceeding even if he is not officially on the EC. Wil proposed an amendment to Ken's motion that the appointment be contingent on Dave's acceptance. If Dave doesn't accept, we will deal with it via email. The amended motion was approved unanimously. **Jessica** will call Dave and let us know the result.

**Maine Tree Foundation**

Traditionally our Maine TREE Foundation donation has been split 50/50 between PLT and the Teacher Tours. Pat Maloney requested that the total PLT amount be allocated specifically for the FIG website work. Pat is planning a one-day workshop in March for teachers, foresters, etc. to plan the website and she would like the funds to go toward that workshop. Kris motioned to allocate the 50% PLT donation specifically to the FIG workshop, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval. **Jessica** will let Bill know so he can issue the checks.

## 2016 Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were chosen for 2016:

- Friday, February 26 in Fort Kent;
- Friday, April 15 in Orono;
- Friday, July 22 in Ashland (followed by Allagash Bridge Memorial Ceremony);
- Friday, September 2, Orono

Fall Meeting—Friday, October 28, Orono—pencil this in for now.

The focus of the February 26 meeting will be to plan the Field Tours and talk about the Fall Meeting.

The Joint Canadian/Maine Meeting is scheduled for February 17-18, 2016 in Edmunston, NB. Ken reported that Day 1 will be panel discussions and speakers on hardwood management and Day 2 (half day) will be on primary processing of hardwood at a sawmill site. Maine SAF involvement will be minimal—likely just an email announcement to the membership with the flyer.

## Welcome new MESAF Chair

Jessica officially welcomed Kris as our 2016 Maine SAF Chair (Congrats Kris!) **Jessica** will get the official gavel to Kris soon.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 AM.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*