

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call
February 17, 2010

Minutes

In Attendance: Whitney (Chair), Weisshaupt, Lopez, Conn, Todd, Bryant, Fritz, Hanna, Gubrud, Nickels, Piirto, and Giacomini

Officer Reports:

Chair's Report (Whitney)

I am looking forward to being Chair for this current term. I hope to get a lot accomplished this year. Thank all of you for your continued support. Let's have a great year!

The Environmental Education Fair (E-Fair) is on March 13 from 9-4 pm at the LA County Arboretum. Whitney, Lopez, Hanna plan on attending the fair. For those that plan on attending, bring the conformation letter because it will give you access into the arboretum.

A Spring meeting is being planned at the USFS Technology and Development Center in San Dimas. It is tentatively scheduled for April or May. More information will be forth coming.

Secretary's Report (Conn)

The December Minutes were approved.

A dissatisfaction letter for closing the Magalia nursery is being composed. It will be sent to CALFIRE and to various California representatives, including the Governor and CA Senators.

Treasurer's Report (Hanna)

Hanna sent out a draft budget for 2010. She has also released a Year- End Financial Statement for 2009 and a three year comparison (2006-2008) Year- End Financial Statements. As a reminder, each Chapter needs to have their Year- End report turned into Hanna by March.

Committee Reports:

Nominating (Gubrud)

As is traditional, the past Chair (Marty Gubrud) is now in charge of the Nominating committee. A ballot will be sent out to have Brad Weisshaupt officially nominated and elected to the position of Chair-elect.

Communication/ *Sundial* (Lopez)

Brad Weisshaupt has volunteered to help J. Lopez with publicizing the *Sundial*. If any one has a story or information to share, please contact J. Lopez at (818)890-5783 or jlopez@fire.lacounty.gov. For those who went to the National Convention in Orlando, Fl. last year, J. is looking for pictures and a little blurb for the *Sundial*.

Education/ C.F.E. Updates (Todd)

John Todd and John Bryant along with the Advisory Board for Cal Poly San Louis Obispo have put together a 10 week class, "Careers in Natural Resources". Every week there will be speakers brought in from every field to talk about job opportunities and careers. This class will also focus on interview skills and resume writing. Many of our SoCal members have been invited to participate as a guest speaker. The class has begun and so far it is a great success. The students are very enthusiastic and are learning a great deal about the different opportunities available to them upon graduation.

Chapter Reports:

San Gabriel Chapter

The San Gabriel Chapter is looking into a Spring meeting, but no details have been worked out as yet. They are also going to try for a Summer field trip to Fort Tejon.

Doug Nickles has recently discovered four boxes of old archived chapter information. Doug will be going through the boxes and trying to merge all the old paper files into a digital medium that can be placed on the SoCal webpage. This will take some time and will be done when Doug has some free time. If there is anyone that would like to help him out you can contact him at dnickles@yahoo.com.

Cal Poly

The student chapter chair is Kyle Giacomini, a senior. Kyle will be working with next year's chapter chair to keep him up to speed on pertinent projects and information.

New Business

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their centennial this year. In May they will be hosting a camporee at Bonelli Park. It is their intention to plant a centennial grove at Bonelli Park. This will be a three day event with an expected attendance of 10,000 scouts. We have been asked to volunteer at this event. Details will be forthcoming.

This year's National Convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico October 27-31. So far seven individuals have expressed interest in attending. This year's convention theme is: Forests and People- a Watershed Event. The National Conventions are a great opportunity to network and to gain new information. There are keynote speakers, technical sessions, and workshops to attend. It is highly recommended that those who can should this year since it is so close.

The 2011 National Convention will be held in Hawaii. Although the SoCal Chapter has not been officially asked yet, we believe that the Hawaiian Chapter will be requesting our help in planning this convention, since we have already helped hosted a convention in 2008. J Lopez is taking the lead in getting in contact with Hawaii and NorCal.

2010 Calendar:

CA Licensed Foresters Spring meeting – March 4-6

Environmental Fair - March 13

National Convention - October 27-31

Meeting adjourned at 1015 hours

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Conn
SoCal SAF Secretary