

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
February 19, 2008

Minutes

In Attendance: Gubrud (Chair), Koepp, Eckardt (Chair-elect) (3)

Location: Huntington Beach, California

Time: Meeting called to order at 1010 hours.

Opening Comments:

The agenda was provided by M. Gubrud, and the meeting arrangements/location was provided F. Koepp. Chair Martin Gubrud prepared the agenda and led the meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. M. Gubrud reviewed his notes from the 2008 Annual Winter Meeting held on February 1 and 2, 2008 in Reno, Nevada. Topics of discussion included:
 - a. Changes to CEU requirements
 - b. A review of 2008 Convention Planning
 - c. A discussion of moving technical tours to Wednesday to accommodate more participation
 - d. Appropriate division of \$10,000 contribution from National SAF between NorCal SAF, SoCal SAF, and Intermountain SAF
 - e. \$10,000 contribution to be divided between the three Chapters based on a weighted average of attendees present at National Convention from each Chapter

2. A discussion followed regarding reimbursement for M. Gubrud's travel-related expenses to the February meeting in Reno.
 - a. F. Koepp proposes that M. Gubrud submit a detailed expense claim to Executive Committee (EC) for approval and re-imbusement.

3. Discussion: SAF Leadership Academy (Maryland, April 26-29, 2008)
 - a. Cost issue and financial constraints discussed
 - b. Question: should EC authorize additional funds for Chair-elect to attend?
 - c. S. Eckardt expressed potential lack of availability to attend due to job requirements
 - d. F. Koepp moved to authorize \$600 for Chair-elect to attend Leadership Academy, M. Gubrud seconded, unanimous approval (with caveat that it will be discussed with Treasurer).

4. Discussion of upcoming Summer 2008 meeting

- a. Summer meeting to take place of typical Spring meeting due to National Convention involvement in Fall 2008
 - b. San Gabriel Chapter to arrange meeting and dates (July or August)
 - c. Suggested location: Ventura/Camarillo area
 - d. Suggested topics: LA County Nursery, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Fire Research
 - e. S. Eckardt to provide contact with SMNRA Fire Ecologist, as necessary
5. EC Meetings for 2008
- a. Suggested: May, July/August (coordinated with Summer meeting), and October
 - b. Agreed that meeting during Reno Convention not appropriate due to other responsibilities during that time.
6. Committee Reports
- a. Nominating: All EC members encouraged to make suggestions to F. Koepp
 - i. Suggest J. Bryant to handle nominating (F. Koepp to contact)
 - b. Teller: S. Eckardt elected as Chair-elect for 2008
 - c. Membership: Lists sent to EC by M. Gubrud via e-mail on Feb. 4, 2008
 - i. F. Koepp to send lists to all Chapter Chairs (except Student Chapter)
 - d. Secretary: M. Gubrud to contact J. Todd for suggested people to fill this role
 - e. Treasurer: M. Gubrud reviewed financial information, currently average \$5,078 balance with average over past 4 years of approximately \$5,100
 - f. F. Koepp moved to accept the Treasurer Report and accept budget proposed by T. Hanna (sent via e-mail to EC on Jan. 25, 2008), S. Eckardt seconded, unanimous approval.
 - g. F. Koepp moved to increase award budget for 2008 to \$200, S. Eckardt seconded, unanimous approval.
7. Policy Review
- a. No policy action by SoCal SAF
 - b. F. Koepp to fill this role for 2008
 - c. Suggestions for others interested in this role welcomed by F. Koepp
 - d. No National, State, or Local issues this year so far
8. Discussion: financial constraints of travel to National Convention and associated Fall 2007 meeting
- a. S. Eckardt moved that SoCal SAF to compensate Chair and Chair-elect (or authorized substitute) for National Convention registration fees plus a percentage of appropriate travel, lodging, and meals on a case-by-case basis, F. Koepp seconded, unanimous approval.

- b. F. Koepp moved to authorize Chair M. Gubrud to submit an expense claim for travel expenses related to 2008 Reno Convention Planning Meeting in February 2008, S. Eckardt seconded, unanimous approval

9. New Business

- a. FIT Program: M. Gubrud proposed idea to hold FIT in a Southern California location, run by LA. Co., with professor involvement
 - i. Potential revenue source for SoCal SAF
 - ii. M. Gubrud suggested tabling this discussion until next meeting when more EC members are present to discuss
 - iii. Would need to discuss with NorCal SAF
 - iv. M. Gubrud to contact NorCal SAF FIT Chair to discuss
- b. 50+ Year Member Recognition
 - i. F. Koepp moved to hold a luncheon honoring these members at upcoming Summer 2008 meeting, S. Eckardt seconded, unanimous approval

10. Old Business

- a. By-laws
 - i. Need to make changes to our by-laws for electronic voting
 - ii. So Cal SAF needs to modify its by-laws
 - iii. NorCal SAF has come up with an approach that was sent to T. Hanna
 - iv. EC needs to edit NorCal SAF language, as appropriate, and put out to a vote by EC
- b. Program Chair
 - i. Discussion: should this be filled by someone other than Chair-elect?
 - ii. Agreed to keep things the same for now

Other:

Congratulations to Tamara Hanna on her promotion this month!

Meeting adjourned at 1330 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Eckardt, Chair-elect
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