

**SoCal SAF Executive Council Meeting
Romano's Family Italian Restaurant
Riverside, California
March 18, 2005**

Attending: Tamara Hanna, J. Lopez, Fritz Koepp, Gary Nakamura, Doug Piiro

Guests: Michelle Dennehy, Cheryl Rubin

Agenda Topics:

1. Spring Meeting 2005 Final Coordination of Items
2. Congratulations
3. Fall Meeting 2005 Planning
4. Upcoming Leadership Conference
5. VOS Report
6. Update on SAF Happenings
7. SoCal Policy Matters and Action Items
8. Next SoCal Executive Council Meeting

Spring Meeting 2005 Coordination

- The itinerary was reviewed for the March 18 and 19, 2005 Spring Meeting
- No last minute needs were identified

Congratulations

- Doug Piiro issued a big thank you and congratulations to J. Lopez for a job well done on both the Spring 2005 Meeting announcement and the Spring 2005 Sundial Newsletter.
- Doug Piiro also congratulated J. Lopez, John Todd, and Fritz Koepp for the excellent planning work they did for the 2005 Spring Meeting at PSW Riverside Fire Lab, San Bernardino County Museum, and the LA County Arboretum.

Fall Meeting Planning

- It was agreed that we would still plan to hold the 2005 Fall Meeting on September 30 and October 1, 2005. J. Lopez will contact the Jet Propulsion Lab to get us reserved for that date.
- Our back-up meeting date will be October 7-8, 2005. Fritz, John, Tamara and I will assist with the meeting planning.
- Doug Piiro suggested a title for the meeting "Forestry and Rocket Science."
- J. Lopez also indicated we might want to look at a Monrovia site during the Fall Meeting also.
- J. and Fritz will check things out and get back to us with tentative plans during our June 13, 2005 Executive Committee Conference Call.

Leadership Conference

- SAF's National Leadership Conference will take place June 11-14, 2005 in Nebraska City, Nebraska.
- A motion was made by Fritz Koepp and seconded by Tamara Hanna to offer \$500 to Chris Childers asking him if he would attend with the understanding that he might run for either a Chapter or SoCal officer position. If Chris cannot do this, then we would ask Mike Fleischer to attend with the same understanding.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Follow-up—I checked with Chris Childers. Chris is not certain he can attend the Leadership Academy. He is checking to see. But he did mention that he would only like to consider a nomination as a possible Los Padres officer role at this time. I am asking John Todd to check with Mike to see what his interest might be.

VOS Report

- Gary Nakamura discussed the VOS Report. He indicated that the proposed changes focus on: 1.) HSD will be maintained and enhanced; 2.) There is concern about how region boundaries would be redrawn etc.; 3.) Student membership and participation would be enhanced; 4.) The role of science in SAF activities would be enhanced.
- Letter from the national SAF office is forthcoming on the VOS report. Doug Piirto will forward the letter as soon as he receives it.

Update on SAF Happenings

- Char Miller will be making a presentation at the Mission Inn in Riverside on March 28, 2005 starting at 1:30 PM.
- The Forest Service film "The Greatest Good" will be presented by the Cal Poly SAF Student chapter, Xi Sigma Pi, and the NRM Department on April 14, 2005 at 8 PM in location: bldg. 3-213. This room holds 200 people and is a smart room. The film is 2 hrs. The public is invited. It is hoped SAF members will attend.

SoCal Policy Matters and Action Items

- A motion was made by Fritz Koepp and seconded by J. Lopez to develop a letter similar to that of NorCal's letter to California Attorney General Lockyer regarding the Giant Sequoia National Monument lawsuit. The motion was passed. Fritz will develop the letter for Doug Piirto's signature by April 2, 2005.
- J. Lopez along with Derek Young voiced significant concerns to Doug Piirto regarding certain political actions that are occurring regarding issues involving the Monrovia FireSafe Council. Doug Piirto directed Fritz Koepp to collect information from Derek Young for a letter Fritz will develop expressing SoCal SAF's concern regarding the need for representation of foresters and fire officials on the Monrovia FireSafe Council. The letter is needed by March 28, 2005 for a meeting that will be held that week. Fritz will sign the letter for me given that I will be away in Michigan that week.
- J. Lopez will continue working with Jeff Reimer to work out the SoCal SAF web page arrangements with Cal Poly.

- Fritz Koepp will follow-up on: 1.) Distributing petitions for John Todd's Fellow nomination; 2.) Craig Cowie field forester nomination.
- Fall SunDial articles are due to J. Lopez August 15, 2005
- The Fall Meeting announcement will go out on August 1, 2005.

Next Meeting

- A conference call is planned for June 13, 2005
- Craig Cowie--we are counting on you to make the arrangements for the conference call
- The Fall Meeting will be our main agenda topic along with the VOS report.