

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 15, 2001**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT – EAST COUNTY TRAINING CENTER

Attendance: Doug Nickles (Chair), Tamara Hanna (Chair-elect), Ron Durbin (Secretary), Mick Sears (Treasurer), Jim Asher (Inland Empire Region), John Bryant, Craig Cowie (San Diego Region), J. Lopez (Communications)

Doug Nickles called the meeting to order at 0915 hours.

Minutes approved for Mar. 9, 2001 and April 5, 2001.

OFFICER REPORTS:

From the Chair:

Executive Committee Vacancies:

- Reviewed SoCal SAF organization chart.
- Standing Committees that must be filled.
 - ✓ Executive (Doug Nickles)
 - ✓ Nominating (Craig Cowie)
 - ✓ Tellers (Mick Sears)
 - ✓ Auditing (John Bryant)
- No volunteer for Awards and Recognition Committee
 - ✓ **ACTION ITEM:** Doug Nickles to ask John Todd to fill A & R Committee position.
- Executive Secretary will be a special appointment by the chair.
- Public Outreach should work with Communications Chair.
- Ballots should be sent out in Sept/Oct. for nominations of Chair-Elect.
- Discussion on term for Chair and delegation of responsibilities. Term should be stated in bylaws for one or two year commitment. John Bryant suggests Past Chair should be on Nominating Committee.
- Training is key to success of new Executive Committee members.

HSD Report:

- Discussion of HSD convener call re: issues and actions and agenda items.
- Issues and Actions form can be used to address problems or opportunities.
 - ✓ **ACTION ITEM:** Tamara Hanna, to put form in newsletter with explanation on how to use. Send to Jay Lopez.
- Discussion on voting weight for each chapter.
- Discussion of Continuing Education Credits for Certified Foresters – 30 CE's/ 3 yrs.
- Requirement of CE's can increase attendance at SAF meetings and functions.
- Major issue on HSD Agenda is Certification and Licensing of Foresters.
- Discussion on SAF filling gap for Licensing of Foresters.

2001 National Convention:

- Information on-line in *The Forestry Source*.
- Doug Nickles, Tamara Hanna, Craig Cowie plus 2-3 students will be attending.

2001 Leadership Academy:

- Need to select member for attendance.
- Have Jeff Reimer provide 1 page basic write-up on academy and post on website. Jeff responsible for announcements, updates and links.
- SoCal SAF Website funded by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Chapter. Website not up yet.

From the Chair-Elect:

- Discussion on newspaper articles – work with Kathleen Edwards
- Oregon has 30 new members. Consider researching their recruitment strategies.
- Discussion of Spring Meeting – All felt it went well.
- Discussion on upcoming Fall Meeting.
 1. Camp Stevens is filled and unavailable.
 2. Whispering Oaks is more expensive and has less rooms, also no weekend availability.
 3. Camp Marsten – out of consideration.
 4. Angels Landing, Julian. Thursday 18th – Fri. 19th. Entire facility is available for use.
 - a) Check-in at 3:00 PM. May arrange for earlier check-in. Open for Wed. check-in.
 - b) Cost of rooms is \$828.94, includes 2 days, 1 night; can accommodate 64 people.
 - c) Three meals B/L/D are \$25.00/day. Cost should include 4 meals. Add Fri. morning breakfast.
 - d) Discussion on menus.
 - e) Contact Woody Barns for tour of apple farm.
 - f) Notification required 10 days in advance for #'s and menu.
 - g) **ACTION ITEM:** Nick to forward 50% deposit, balance due at meeting.
 - h) Assignment of rooms by Tamara Hanna.
 - i) Discussion on theme for meeting. How does Julian fit in with NF Policy/ planning? How does local forest interact w/ community? How does NF planning effect economics in Julian? What can be assimilated into our everyday work? Take a holistic approach? i.e.: watershed issues, fire, economics, wildlife, recreation, etc. Public impressions of what we do?
 - j) Programming: Speakers Thurs., BBQ- social event thur. Night, Field trip Friday.
 - k) Invite county rep., John Helms, John Heissenbuttel.

Report from the Treasurer:

- Funding for convention is no problem.
- SoCal SAF is in black and looking good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Centennial Liaison:

No report

Communications:

Discussion of newsletter requirements. Jay Lopez reinforced notification of deadlines as posted on yahoo website at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/socalsaf>. Asking for regional issues/submittals to include in newsletter.

ACTION ITEM: Tamara Hanna to include write-up on how to get involved in SAF.

ACTION ITEM: John Bryant to ask Jeff Reimer to send Leadership Report to J.

Public Outreach:

No report

Education:

No report

History/Archives:

Doug Nickles contacted Louise Murgia regarding SAF historical records AT Forest History Society.

Membership/Nominations:

Wrote letter to delinquent members. John Helms must receive name(s) for District III Field Forester Award by June 30th. John Bryant nominated J. Lopez, second by Mick Sears. Jim Cowie needs nominations for 2002 slate in fall.

Policy & Legislation:

No report

Science/Technology:
No report

CHAPTER/REGION REPORTS:

Cal Poly SLO:

New Chair is Josh Soderlund. Will hold F.I.T. 2 at SLO. UFEI Academy is July 17-20, and July 24-27, also at SLO.

Selecttree on Cal Poly website is becoming an international service. There is no charge for the service. All questions on plant pathogens and disease can be submitted.

Inland Empire:

Meeting in September – Chapter is still formational.

Los Padres:

No report

Pierce College:

Discussion on National Resource Management Program. Bringing in arborists, tree workers, equipment from CDF, etc., to develop a solid waste recovery center and workshop. John Bryant has equipment available to lend.

San Diego:

Craig Cowie sponsoring meeting in Laguna Mountains.

San Gabriel:

- Discussion on planning meetings.
- Events vs. meetings.
- One primary event vs. meetings.
- Possible chapter workshop regarding new expanding Oak tree ordinance.
- Increase membership by including as many outside organizations as possible, links with ISA, ASLA.
- Address fees to recoup costs and develop chapter.
- Continuing Education credit to increase attendance.
- SoCal may front money for events.
- Habitat For Humanity dates in Glendale, at 1256 S. Orange St. on July 21 and September 8, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on adoption of SoCal Bylaws:
- Doug Nickles included specific sections to Southern California reduced down to SoCal Area.
- Discussion of bylaw sections: Standing committees, Special Committees, Recall, Amendments, Charters.
- SoCal SAF must hold at least one business meeting of no less than 5% of the voting members to consider business of sufficient importance per year.
- Meeting must be announced.
- Bylaws should be reviewed for comments and approval.
- Bylaws must go to members for a vote.
- Voting members must have a hard copy, by e-mail or newsletter.
- Put bylaws on business meeting agenda.
- Covered summary of responsibilities, committee responsibilities.
- Suggestion of Conference call for Sept. meeting. John Bryant and Mick Sears to work out details of conference call. Possible link at Pierce.
- Discussion on 2001 Leadership Notebook and Workshop.
 - a) Invite all Chapter Chairs and Chair-elects.

- b) Include leadership notebook covering history, contacts, bylaws, geographic areas, etc. Notebook presented by Doug Nickles.
 - c) Cover expectations of leaders.
 - d) **ACTION ITEM:** John Bryant to get binders for notebook.
- Develop regional workshops for Chapter level membership enhancement.
 - Discussion of council notes from John Helms – handout.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion on recognition of “seasoned” members – 25-30 years of service?
- J. Lopez has found historical SAF Plaque’s.
- **ACTION ITEM:** J. Lopez to contact Sam Alfano regarding records.
- Doug Nickles trying to get in–roads into LA Times with resource contacts.
- Funding for newsletter re: district-wide communication. How much can SoCal contribute to a district-wide newsletter. Coordinate with John Helms.
- Review of Calendar.
- There are 5 certified foresters in CA. National is looking for items for the Foresters Fund Foundation. They need 500 items to raise approximately \$25,000.
- CLFA website noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- John Bryant needs a reviewer for an article in the Journal of Forestry re: understory burning.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Craig Cowie will review.
- All articles on fire go through John Bryant. He needs a new editor to keep the review in the Southern California Area.
- UFEI Academy, SLO, July 17-20, and July 24-27, 2001 San Luis Obispo.
- Habitat for Humanity, SGC, July 21 and Sept. 8, Glendale.
- Fall Meeting, SoCal SAF, Oct. 18-19, 2001, Julian

Meeting Adjourned at 1310 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Ron M. Durbin