

Southern California
Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, June 21, 2002

Minutes

Attending: Tamara Hanna-Chair, Craig Cowie-Vice Chair, Mick Sears-Treasurer, Doug Piirto, Jeff Reimers, Ron Morrow

Called to Order 0930 hours.

Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting with minor changes.

Officer Reports:

Vice Chair: Submitted by Craig Cowie - The majority of time spent on this meeting was toward the planning of the upcoming fall meeting, "California SAF Summit: North & South Unite", scheduled for October 18-19, 2002 in San Luis Obispo.

Past Chair: A written report was submitted by Doug Nickles regarding the results of the recent survey sent out to the membership.

Treasurer: Submitted by Mick Sears - The financial report for the Spring Meeting held in Palm Springs has been posted to the web site.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Submitted by Tamara Hanna - Two new members: Marcia Narog (signed up at the spring meeting) and Jay Gruenfeild (transferred in from another state society).

Awards & Recognition: Submitted by Tamara Hanna - Awards will be presented during the dinner portion of the fall meeting. Awards will be given to: Doug Nickles-past chair, Theodore Wadell-golden member. On the national level, J. Lopez has been nominated for SAF Fellow Award.

Chapter Reports:

Cal Poly Student Chapter: Submitted by Jeff Reimer - Josh Soderlund did a very good job with scheduling regular speakers. He received the Department Head Recognition Award and was in the running for Forestry Student of the Year Award.

Los Padres Chapter: Submitted by Jeff Reimer – Continues improving and updating the website; for website current and of value to users, transfer of information to be posted needs to be done in a timely fashion (ie minutes and newsletter info are outdated).

New Business & Announcements:

Doug Piirto brought up the issue regarding the closure of the Meteorology Section of the Riverside Fire Lab. He requested a “letter of concern” be written regarding this closure and is there any thought of shifting functions. The letter should read something like...it has been brought to our attention and we are seeking information regarding the proposed closure of the meteorology unit at Riverside Fire Lab. The lab has and is providing significant value to research in fire in California and the United States. As any such closure of a significant unit within the fire lab is of concern to us. We are seeking additional information pertaining to the following: the rationale for the closure, how will functions of the unit be covered elsewhere, how will the closure affect the Riverside Fire Lab ability toward research and field operations of fire issues....

It needs to be determined to whom the letter should be addressed to.
The letter should be written by the chapter secretary and signed by the chapter chair.

Amended 12-13-02 ...this letter is now a moot issue since the closure of the Riverside Fire Lab Meteorology Unit is no longer an issue.