

Southern California Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call  
August 10, 2009  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Gubrud (Chair), Lopez, Conn, Whitney, Piitro, Fritz, Bryant, and Hanna

**Officer Reports:**

Chair's Report (Martin Gubrud):

The SoCal Chapter has sent off the new bylaws to National. We are currently waiting for National's response.

A suitable redwood round has been located by Doug Piitro. All that is need is to contact the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens and see if they are capable of accepting the size of the round. If not, than another possible round has been found as well.

Just a reminder that the SoCal Chapter's blog site is updated by J Lopez and Doug Nickels and they are working on getting the old minutes onto the website. Visit them at <http://socalsaf.blogspot.com/> and <http://socalsaf.blogspot.com/>

Chair-Elect's Report (Dave Whitney):

The Fall program is off to a good start. It will be held at the Mount Wilson Observatory on Friday November 6, 2009. There will be an early afternoon program sponsored by the Forest Service on the condition of the Los Angels National Forest. There will also be an afternoon tour and history of the observatory. We will be able to look through one or two of the telescopes after sunset. This will be the first weekend after the time change so sunset is around 4:13 pm. Final preparations are being made and any new information will be forthcoming. Bring the family and have some fun.

Secretary's Report:

The April minutes are in their way. July's minutes are waiting for approval.

**Committee Reports:**

Communications (Lopez)

The *Sundial* will be out soon. There are a few more articles that are coming in, and once they are in the *Sundial* will be available.

Treasurer Report (Hanna)

The current balance in \$ 7,209.39  
There is only one out standing check for \$0.75 for a Cal Poly student, and it will be resolved when the semester starts again.

Membership (Hanna):

New membership letters have gone out for everyone that has joined since 2008. This includes new students as well. A list of new members can be found in the upcoming *Sundial*.

Board of Forestry (Dr. Doug Piitro):

Doug would like to encourage everyone to attend the Board of Forestry August and September meetings. Attending is a good way of staying current with what the board is involved in such as Spotted owls and threatened and endangered watersheds. Your comments do make a difference.

At last month's meeting:

It was brought up that the Forest Service is not doing enough reforestations after a fire has occurred. The Forest Service reply was very impressive and the data suggests that they are in fact are aggressively replanting.

The Threatened and Endangered Watershed report was very remarkable in that it brought good science and real world practicality to the forest.

For more information on any one of these subjects contact Dr. Doug Piitro.

### **Chapter Reports:**

#### **San Gabriel Chapter (Doug Nickles):**

The Forestry Development Board is interested in putting on a 10 week class on career development at Cal Poly.

### **New Business:**

It is in the budget to give \$200 to the student SAF chapter at Cal Poly for the National Convention in Orlando, FL. There are 10-12 student interested in attending the convention. They are looking for \$10,000 in donations in order to reach Orlando. It was also discussed that since Marty Guburd is not attending the convention that of the \$800 budgeted for him, \$600 will go to Dave Whitney instead, who is taking Marty's place. It was also suggested that the left over \$200 go J. Lopez. This will help off set some of the cost of attending.

### **Old Business:**

The SoCal Chapter is waiting for National approval of the changes made to the bylaws.

### **2009 Calendar:**

SAF National Convention (Orlando, FL) – Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2009

Fall Meeting (Mount Wilson Observatory) - Nov 6, 2009

### **Next Meeting:**

There will be no phone conference for the months of October and November due to the National convention and the Fall program.

The next SoCal SAF Executive Committee Conference will be held at the Fall meeting at the Mount Wilson Observatory at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1020 hours

Respectfully submitted by,

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