

**Southern California
Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, October 18, 2002
California State Polytechnic University
San Luis Obispo, CA

Minutes

Call to Order – 8:40am by Tamara Hanna

Attendees:

John Bryant
Craig Cowie
Wesley Cruzen
Tamara Hanna
Fritz Koepp
Doug Nickles
Doug Piirto
Jeff Reimer
Elaine Sahl
Mick Sears
Gina Thompson

Officer Reports

Chair Report - Tamara Hanna

- Joint Meeting has a few updates, but is ready to go.
- Banzhaf is leaving the SAF National office.
- Nominations are needed for SoCal SAF Vice-chair and Secretary.
- SAF Code of Ethics has been revised – comments will be accepted through October 25, 2002. Questions were raised as to what prompted the revision.
- National elections are underway.
- Hanna mentioned that the State Society policy is unclear as to the distribution and use of revenue generated from the Fall Meeting raffle. It was clarified that the Society has committed to provide \$200 per year to the Cal Poly Student Chapter to offset the costs for student officers to attend the national convention. Revenue generated by the raffle, which is to be organized and administered by the student members, will go toward convention expenses. If the total is less than \$200, the State Society will provide the balance.
- Piirto will provide information to the State Society on tax-deductible donations to the NRM Department for student scholarships and/or Student Chapter support.

Past Chair Report - Doug Nickles

- SoCal SAF web site is available to disseminate information. Submit items to Jeff Reimer.
- The Yahoo Groups Email system is working well. Any member can submit a message – it is a moderated system requiring approval by the Moderator (Nickles).

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Craig Cowie

- The Chair-elect and Secretary positions are open. The Chair-elect must be elected, the Secretary position may be appointed.

Policy-Legislation – Fritz Koepp

- Koepp stated that 2002 has been a very interesting and dynamic year for forest policy issues, mainly stemming from the emphasis on hazard reduction for wildfires.
- Executive Committee directed Koepp to send a Land Use Planning letter to Ron Pugh, USFS, based on the August 28, 2002 letter sent by William Smith, SAF President to Robert Byrd, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. **(Amended 12-13-02)**

Programs – Craig Cowie

- Planning for the 2003 Spring Meeting should get underway shortly.

Membership – Tamara Hanna (for John Todd)

- The Executive Committee would like to get additional input from the membership using the survey mailed out earlier this year. Issues of concern were number of State Society meeting per year, increasing State Society dues and if the services provided through national membership is all that is expected.
- Concern was also expressed at the lack of member registrations for the Fall Meeting.
- The SAF National Office is now offering administrative and logistical support for developing regional multi-state society meetings.

Chapter/Region Reports

Cal Poly SLO

- New Student Chapter officers for the 2002-2003 school year are:
 - Chair – Daniel Dresselhaus
 - Chair-elect – Wesley Cruzen
 - Treasurer – Alex Ihle

Los Padres Chapter – Jeff Reimer

- Reimer indicated that Chris Dicus would be nominated for 2003 Chair.

San Gabriel Chapter

- Hanna mentioned that Vice-chair Larinda Pontes would be Chair next year.

Pierce College – Mick Sears

- Sears announced that a field trip is planned for March 2003 to observe timber salvage operations from the Pines Fire in the Julian area. SAF and other colleges/universities are welcome.

Next Meeting – Friday, December 13, 2002 – location TBA

Adjourn - 9:55am