

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Luigi's Restaurant, San Luis Obispo
December 1, 2007

Minutes

In Attendance: Bryant, Gubrud (Chair-Elect), Hanna, Lopez, Nickles, Todd (6)

Meeting called to order at 1435 hours

Opening Comments:

Chair-Elect Marty Gubrud welcomed everyone to the SoCal SAF Executive Committee Meeting and agreed to lead the meeting as Chair Ron Morrow was not able to attend.

Marty distributed copies of the meeting agenda.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Tamara Hanna):

Tamara stated that the Southern California State Society dues increase was approved and appeared on the invoices that were recently mailed by National SAF. SoCal SAF dues increased from \$6.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. Part of the reason this was done was to ensure solvency without solely counting on meeting attendance to meet our financial obligations.

Tamara added that the balance in the SoCal SAF Treasury has remained at between \$5,000 and \$5,500 for the past three years.

Bylaw Update

Unresolved Bylaw questions include establishing the Program Chair as a multi-year position and requiring electronic voting for all who have the capability.

National Convention Report

The National Convention took place in Portland, Oregon during the last week of October. Ron Morrow, Doug Nickles, Dr. Doug Piirto, Marty Gubrud, Tamara Hanna, Meghan Wilson and seven additional students from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo attended. J. Lopez was scheduled to attend but was diverted due to the southern California wildfires. The Convention had record attendance levels and many outstanding programs. All who attended said the bar has been set high for the Convention in Reno in 2008.

2008 Calendar

Joint National Convention Planning Meeting SoCal SAF, Northern California SAF, Inter-Mountain SAF, Reno, Nevada, February 1-2, 2008
Spring Meeting – Sponsored and organized by SoCal SAF

Summer Field Tour – co-sponsored and organized by San Gabriel and/or Los Padres Chapter in the Thousand Oaks or Santa Barbara area
SAF National Convention, Reno, Nevada, November 5-9, 2008

Cal Poly Advisory Council Report

Doug Nickles reported that the Advisory Council for the Forestry and Natural Resources Department met at Cal Poly on November 30, 2007. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science are raising seed money for the development of an Advanced Technology Lab (ATC) on campus. The ATC will offer the educational, research, and technological environment that will expose students to cutting-edge technology, give faculty unique applied research opportunities, and allow for unprecedented collaboration with the agricultural industry. During the Advisory Council Meeting, Doug challenged the other members of the Advisory Council to raise or donate at least \$1000. Doug made a motion that SoCal SAF should donate at least \$250.00 to the Cal Poly seed fund/building plan. M/Nickles, S/Gubrud, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

As many as five Cal Poly professors are nearing retirement age. The Advisory Council was concerned about replacing the current faculty members and maintaining the high standards that have been in place for many years. Cal Poly is developing a succession plan. If you know qualified PhDs that are interested, have them contact Dr. Doug.

Chapter Reports

Cal Poly Students

Cal Poly Student Chapter Chair is Meghan Wilson. Meghan attended the National Convention and she shares her experience in the latest edition of *The Sundial*.

San Gabriel Chapter

Doug Nickles will serve as Chapter Chair for an additional year.

Los Padres Chapter

Dr. Chris Dicus was Chapter Chair for the past several years. He is looking for someone else to take the lead in 2008.

Newsletter Update

J. Lopez just published the latest edition of *The Sundial*. Kudos to J on the new format, it looks great. The EC committed to publishing *The Sundial* more frequently even if it lacks content from all key members. Frequent short updates and photos of activities and meetings keeps SoCal SAF engaged with members that cannot always attend meetings.

Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be scheduled in early 2008. Chair-Elect Marty Gubrud will contact members of the EC to determine a date and time.

Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Todd, Secretary, Southern California SAF
(c:\md\SoCal SAF EC 12.01.07)