



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20 – 2:00 p.m. EST

### Agenda

- Welcome & antitrust statement - Harrell
- Approval of minutes from last meeting
- Treasurer's report – Watson/Lutowski
- Council report - Elliott
- Historian's report - Consoletti
- Chapter reports – GASAF Chapter Chairs
- 2010 calendar items
- New business

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### Handouts & Attachments

- GASAF minutes (August 24, 2009)
- GASAF 2009 financial report

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### GASAF Attendees

Joshua Harrell, Tim Lowrimore, Todd Mullis, Gail Lutowski, Becky Watson, Bill Consoletti, Steve Jack, Nathan McClure, Susan Reisch (via phone)

### Guests

Mark Elliott (via phone)

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### A. Welcome & antitrust

- Harrell highlighted the standard SAF anti-trust statement and emphasized compliance to all meeting participants.

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### B. Approval of minutes

- GASAF Executive Committee minutes from August 24, 2009 annual meeting were read aloud and reviewed by participants.
- Motion: Lowrimore, Second: Mullis, Vote: Unanimous consent of GASAF members present reached on the following resolution –  
*Approve minutes as they so stand and enter into record.*

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### C. Treasurer's report

- Watson presented the treasurer's report, including current balances and outstanding items.
- **Wachovia Money Market:** As of December 31, 2009, the balance of the money market account is \$6,261.31. \$2,000 was transferred to SunTrust checking account after the 2009 annual meeting to cover related expenses.

- **SunTrust Checking:** As of December 31, 2009, the balance of the checking account is \$3,731.14. After miscellaneous expenses items in January, the balance as of January 20, 2010 is \$3,247.
- Decision made to transfer \$1,000 from SunTrust checking account to Wachovia Money Market to help replenish \$2,000 pulled out for the annual meeting.
- Discussion around statement from new national SAF CFO, whereas dues rebates will be distributed back to local divisions on a monthly basis.
- Motion: Lowrimore, Second: Mullis, Vote: Unanimous consent of GASAF members present reached on the following resolution –  
*Seeing how the Wachovia Money Market account charges a service fee, the GASAF Treasurer should close this account and consolidate to SunTrust savings or comparable money market, with the goal of banking with one institution and eliminating the unnecessary expense of a service fee on our balance.*

#### D. Council report

- Elliott provided an update from the last SAF Council meeting held this past December. The full, detailed report is available on the SESAF website and in the *Southeastern Forester*.
- Despite financial turmoil, SAF ended the year with a fairly decent market value of the endowment.
- On the revenue side, membership is up for the third consecutive year. The biggest decrease occurred in advertising, annual meeting sponsorships and miscellaneous items.
- The Competitiveness Task Force, as directed by the Committee on Forest Policy, does not have funding at the present.
- Anyone with membership thoughts or concerns should direct comments to Elliott. Next Council meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on sale of property in Bethesda, Maryland. Obama administration might pursue it given the historical designation and need for additional government space.

#### E. Historian's report

- Consoletti provided a report on recent Historian activity.
- The GASAF archive was established at the University of Georgia in 2007. Everyone is invited to submit minutes, notes, etc. to Consoletti for inclusion with the caveat that items may not be returned.
- PDFs are available of all GFA magazines dating back to the 1940s.
- Consoletti is willing to visit with Chapters to present an interview DVD.
- Discussion around "How Forestry Came to the Southeast" book.

#### F. Chapter reports

##### Northwest

- Absent from participation in meeting.

##### Oconee (Nathan McClure)

- 2010 Officers:

*Chair – Bob Izlar*

*Program Chair – Pat Hopton*

*Secretary/Treasurer – Dick Rightmyer*

- 2010 meeting schedule will be posted on GASAF website. Non-SAF members are charged \$10/year dues to participate in Chapter meetings.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Warnell School's Flinchum Phoenix in Athens, GA. The program is "Loving trees is not enough" by Dr. Brooks Mendell of Forisk Consulting. A meal will be provided by UGA SAF student chapter.

##### Augusta

- Absent for participation in meeting.

**Flint River (Steve Jack)**

- 2010 Officers:  
*Chair – Steve Jack*  
*Secretary – Greg Finley*  
*Treasurer – Russell Fowler*
- Chapter attendance comprised largely of consultants and non-SAF members. Charge \$20/meeting for participants to receive CFE credits.
- Next meeting scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> around mid-morning through lunch. The topic is “Global warming” presented by Vince Dubianski of Albany, GA.

**Flatwoods**

- Absent for participation in meeting.

**Brunswick**

- Absent for participation in meeting.

**Pine Mountain (Becky Watson)**

- 2010 Officers:  
*Chair – Becky Watson*  
*Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Consoletti*
- Meetings scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month.
- The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and will involve a presentation by Bill Gibbs from the MWV-Mahrt mill.
- **Consoletti will provide a 2010 meeting calendar, which will be posted on the GASAF website.**

**Savannah (Todd Mullis)**

- 2010 Officers:  
*Co-Chair – Jonathan Braswell*  
*Co-Chair – Todd Mullis*
- Oyster Roast scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Warnell Farm in Groveland, GA. The cost will be \$10/person with first oysters coming off around 6:30 PM.
- Sporting clays shooting tournament fundraiser in Spring to benefit a trust for the family of the late Rick Simonin, who lost his battle to cancer on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Chattahoochee (Josh Harrell)**

- 2010 Officers:  
*Chair – Susan Reisch*  
*Chair-elect - Vacant*  
*Secretary – Chung-Hong Fu*  
*Treasurer – Chad Lincoln*
- Discussion around Walk in the Forest event held last November. Harrell will check to see if an article was published in *Forestry Source*, *Southeastern Forester*, etc.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Forest Investment Associates' office. The program will be a recap of the 2009 Walk in the Forest event and discussion of the 2010 event.
- **2010 meeting schedule will be posted on GASAF website.**

**Ocmulgee (Tim Lowrimore)**

- 2010 Officers:  
*Chair – Tim Lowrimore*  
*Secretary/Treasurer – Brian Stone*
- Charge \$10/meeting to cover costs of meals.
- Will hold an organizational meeting next week to plan 2010 meetings.

## G. 2010 calendar items

- February 7-9: SESAF Annual Meeting/ Organization Effectiveness Workshop (Auburn, AL)
- February 15: Foresters' Fund grant application due
- February 25: UGA roundtable (Athens, GA)
- April 1: *Southeastern Forester* articles due
- June 15: Foresters' Fund grant application due
- August 23-24: GASAF Annual Meeting (Lake Blackshear Resort, Cordele, GA)
- September 15: Foresters' Fund grant application due
- October 27-30: SAF National Meeting (Albuquerque, NM)

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## H. New business

### Billy Lancaster Youth Camp

- Will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Watson is Camp Coordinator; Consoletti is SAF Liaison; Lutowski is Curriculum Coordinator; Lowrimore is Camp Director.
- Volunteers needed for Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> for the dendrology session.
- Cost per student is \$120 with a cap of 60 students. Chapters should mention the camp at their meetings and solicit student applications, volunteers and sponsorships.
- Lowrimore will visit with Claude Yearwood and inquire about assisting with fund raising.
- Decision made to table GASAF contribution to Billy Lancaster Youth Camp until the SESAF business meeting, which allows the Camp leadership to determine operating budget on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Hall of Fame Committee

- Harrell appointed Bob Izlar to replace Dave Mitchell rotating off.
- Consoletti is 2010 Committee Chair based on seniority.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline to submit Hall of Fame nominations based on instructions posted on GASAF website.

### By-Laws Committee

- Decision made to revise and ratify GASAF Bylaws.
- Committee members include Harrell, Lowrimore and Consoletti.
- Committee will go through, make mark-ups and then reconcile by March 31<sup>st</sup>. At that point, when comfort is reached with revisions, the draft By-laws will be posted in the *Southeastern Forester* and on the GASAF website for review and vote on at the annual GASAF meeting (or proxy vote).

### Annual Meeting Committees

- All Executive Committee members (including Chapter Chairs) encouraged to participate in at least one of the Annual Meeting Committees. As GASAF Chair, Harrell will serve as ex-facto member of all the Committees.
- Program committee members include Lowrimore and Jack.
- Sponsorship committee members include Mullis.
- Silent auction committee members include Lutowski and Chapman (tentative).

### Awards Committee

- Need to find a Chair and members of this Committee to coordinate nominations of awards at National SAF, SESAF and GASAF level. Volunteers are welcome.
- January 31<sup>st</sup>: Deadline for SAF Fellow nominations to Alan Long. Drop-deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> for Mark Elliott to receive from Alan Long.
- February 28<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for SAF National award nominations to National office.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline to submit Field Forester nominations to Representatives.

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**Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m. EST**  
**Next scheduled GASAF Meeting – TBD**

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