

GA Division SAF Executive Committee Meeting Summary

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Monday, February 9

**LOCATION: ABAC – Conference Call
Tifton, GA – In conjunction with OEW**

Welcome and antitrust statement

Treasurer's Report – Tim Lowrimore reported on Becky Watson's behalf. Tim reported the GA Division has approximately \$600.00 in its checking account and approximately \$13000.00 in its money market. Work is underway getting Becky proper signature authority on accounts since she is taking over the 2nd term of Richard Hall. Richard has relocated to South America.

Chapter Reports – Each Chapter Chair reported on upcoming year's meetings. Tim asked each Chapter to report meeting dates to Doris Jefferson at the SESAF Business office.

Pine Mt – Tour with Loggers, BMP Harvesting Hardwoods next meeting. All six meetings have been sent to Doris Jefferson and are on the calendar.

Ocmulgee – March GFA HQ – Sustainable Forestry
June – Bonner's Bob Lazenby, Ethics
September – Biomass Discussion
November – Herbicides, Silvicultural

Chattahoochee – Executive Meeting – Feb 17 to discuss year strategy – Urban Forestry, Carbon Sequestration

Flint River – Meeting late fall last year on Plant Mitchell by GA Power. Wayne Bell recommended other chapters consider contacting GA Power to put on the program for Chapters.

Flatwoods Chapter – Executive meeting last week. Scheduled to meet quarterly in 2009.

Other conversations – Steve Chapman discussed getting Bob Farris to do presentation on Sustainable Forestry.

GA Division Report

- 1.) 2009 GASAF Annual Meeting
 - a. Date, Location, Theme??? Mountains Unicoi State Park, Sea Palms in St Simons. Deadline for SE Forester, April 1st, SESAF office available negotiate annual meeting contract – determine costs. Preferred days of

week --- Monday, Tuesday. Planning to host meeting in late August or early September.

- b. Steve Chapman has agreed to serve as Chair of planning committee – Tim asked meeting participants to volunteer or to ask Chapter members to volunteer to help Steve plan the annual meeting. Steve has arranged a site visit to Sea Palms March 17,18.
 - c. Josh Harrell, Tim Lowrimore & Michael Kelly – Presenters/Speakers – Current Markets & Projections, Carbon Seq., Green Building & Green Ordinances by cities were all topics recommended to cover.
 - d. Needs – Sponsor, Exhibitors & Silent Auction Committees – These committees are needed and will be formed as subcommittees to the planning committee chaired by Steve Chapman.
 - e. Appoint committees
 - f. Wrap up all March 31 and begin marketing
- 2.) GASAF Bylaws – Review/Update – Discuss appointing Committee Amending ByLaws – Bill Conselletti, Josh Harrell, and Tim Lowrimore agreed to serve on a taskforce to review the GA Division Bylaws and to work to bring them into compliance with SESAF and National SAF Bylaws. A vote by the membership will need to occur to accept proposed amendments.
- 3.) Approval of Jim Sweeney as CFE Coordinator in Georgia – replace Ben Jackson, John Merrill Motioned, Joshua Harrell seconded – passed unanimously. Steve Chapman (current CFE Coordinator) discussed the need for an additional individual to assist with CFE approval to assist with the volume of meetings/requests being held.
- 4.) Hall of Fame Committee – Chair David Mitchell
- a. Replace Rolling off Member Bob Lazenby – Tim reported the Michael Kelly is in the process of contacting Bob’s replacement and it will be announced as quickly as possible.
 - b. Seek nominations from Chapters by May 15 – send to Tim Lowrimore Bill – This is the highest award for GA Foresters and it is for lifetime achievement. Look at gasaf.net for previous winners and nomination qualifications. Send nominations to Tim by May 15. Fellow nominations due by April 15.
- 5.) 2009 strategic initiatives
- a. Solicit involvement from Georgia Forestry Commission
 - b. Solicit involvement from U.S. Forest Service
 - c. Tim/Josh coordinate visiting Chapter meetings during 2009
 - d. Lancaster Youth Camp – 21rst year. June 14-18, 2009, Past Chair Michael Kelly will be the Camp Chair and will be needed at the camp Sunday and Thursday. Looking for foresters to help at camp on Sunday or Monday afternoon. Contact Bill Conselletti if interested.
2009 GA Camp Winner (received highest score on post camp test) is from Brunswick Chapter area. Bill will contact Rob Hicks to set up delivery of plaque. Last year GA Division voted to contribute \$5000 to the Camp from its money market account to help bolster the financial condition of the Camp and to ‘put our money to work for SAF’.

New Business

Historian Project – Bill – Made 5 DVDs of interviews of foresters in Georgia. Asked if the Chapters would like to have on copy or would like to request from Division Chair. Tim has copies of these DVDs and will send to Chapters upon request for Chapter meetings.

Job Descriptions for Chapter Chairs are online at GA Division and National SAF website. These are helpful in helping Chairs plan a course of action for their year of service.

Tim encouraged Chairs to write and submit articles (and photos) for publications about Chapter happenings or a chair's message to Doris Jefferson

2009 SAF Annual meeting – Sept 30-Oct 3 – Need for volunteers 100-125. Volunteer at Florida SAF and National SAF website.

Awards – SESAF Awards....Outreach, General Practice, Research & Technical – June 30 nominations due (90 days prior to SESAF Annual meeting)?.

Ins. Liability – Chapters need to be aware of this, what is covered and what is not permitted at a Chapter meeting. Discussion – Send out slides covered in presentation from OEW.

Mark Elliott - First council meeting in two week. Mark Thomas' recommendations will be discussed at council meeting. Elliott asked for opinions? Josh Harrell supported in concept Mark's presentation and was glad to hear that Council was taking up his recommendations as an agenda item. Mark will keep the GA Division updated on Council meetings.

Mark encouraged volunteers for national meeting.

Mark discussed that National Awards close at end of February. Information can be found at National website on these awards.

Lastly, keep in bankforester@mchsi.com in the loop. Mark is open to input from Chapter Chairs.

Tim discussed getting back together for a face to face meeting in late March or early April. Meeting time and location will be announced later.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Attendance

Tim Lowrimore, Wayne Bell, Joe Roberson, Josh Harrell, Chad Hancock, Steve Chapman, Mark Elliott, John Merrill, David Shostak