

California SAF BOD/Executive Committee Conference Call  
December 4, 2019, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- 1) Call to Order 11:06
- 2) Introductions/Establishment of Board of Directors Quorum (\*) – Josh Soderlund\*, John Todd\*, Jane LaBoa\*, John Bradford\*. Also on the call Julie Lydick, Tamara Hanna, Nick Dennis, Thibault Hoppe-Glosser; Dave Bakke, Kevin Locke, Mike DeLasaux, Alex Flores. Quorum established.
- 3) Approval of August 2019 Minutes – Motion to approve minutes by Jane LaBoa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Todd, minutes approved.
- 4) SAF Board of Directors Report – Nick Dennis  
Successful convention 1400+ registrants, Sac will be 2021 convention. New SAF vice pres Gene Kodama. Steven Glover hired as director of membership services. Headquarters under contract to sell 2.2 mill . If it goes thru it will ne next year. New financial management planning tool being used. Membership continutes to decline, CF program audited this year and findings being considered by the board. Problems with computer database being used at headquarters. Ethics committee completed its first complaint in many years. Member has been stripped of awards and membership.
- 5) Chair Report – Josh Soderlund  
Good experience at the National Convention and House of Society Delegates. Discussed issues brought up at HSD.
  - a. 2020 Officer Election. John Kessler’s responsibility. Kevin will need to send out electronic and paper ballots. Nick reminded the BOD/EC that the Education Chair and Policy Chair will be added to the BOD per the August meeting. Discussion about the ballot and addition of the two new BOD members (reference minutes of August meeting).
  - b. Outstanding Forestry Journalism 2020 nomination candidate. Has to be nominated by a State Society. Due in February. Package will be sent to the BOD for review.
  - c. 2021 convention in Sacramento discussion. Tamara Cushing from the national office is scheduled to attend the winter meeting in Folsom.
- 6) Executive Officer Report Kevin Locke  
Kevin won’t be renewing his contract at the end of the year. Has been in the job for 5 years, time to move on. Leaving on good terms. He is willing to extend his contract for transition, but he won’t be able to attend the winter meeting. John Todd wants to have somebody in place by the winter meeting (announcement for the WM will be sent out right after the new year; save the date was sent out by Rick Standiford last week). Accounting current as of 1 November. Summer meeting lost money, but previous winter meeting was positive revenue. John Todd and Josh thanked Kevin for his work as executive director.
- 7) Treasurer’s Report – John Bradford – see handout  
Budget current through 1 November. The spreadsheet shows a deficit, but 2 major grant reimbursements that just came in are not in the spreadsheets, plus we have reserves. The CA SAF name change has been a big problem with Bank of America. All new accounts need to be opened. Discussion about switching from BofA and issues with them that we would like to change. Tamara suggested US Bank, which they use for the SoCal Chapter.
- 8) Secretary’s Report- Jane LaBoa  
Thanked Julie Lydick for taking notes at the August meeting. Questions about how draft and final minutes should be handled, including review, approval, and posting on the website. Kevin suggested sending out draft minutes to the BOD for review and approval. Get minutes sent out within 2 weeks to BOD, e-approval within 1 week and then send to full EC and Thibault (website posting) once approved.
- 9) Committee Reports
  - a. Policy/Legislation Josh (John Kessler not on call) – Josh will contact John about policy issues
    - i. SB 632 (signed), Galgiani. California Environmental Quality Act: injunction: vegetation treatment projects.
    - ii. AB 38 (signed), Fire safety: low-cost retrofits: Fire Hardened Homes Revolving Loan and Rebate Fund: regional capacity review
  - b. Membership – Tamara Hanna  
Doug Nicols retired as SoCal historian and J Lopez has the records. Thanked Julie Lydick for following up on a FaceBook message request for a speaker. Committee is moving ahead on planning items that involve students, young professionals, and the transition phase. Alex Flores mentioned that by the 2021 convention he will be in the transition phase. Tamara discussed the membership survey and difficulties dealing with national SAF due to staff changes. Nick Dennis mention discussions he has been in regarding the

membership transition phase. Tamara asked for funds to subsidize student attendance at state meetings. The discussion segued to state meeting topics or events that would better engage students, which John Todd noted.

- c. Education (see Mike Delasaux handout)
  - i. Education Coordinator Search – John Todd  
Considering combining the Executive Director and Education Coordinator contracts and filling at the first of the year. Thibault is also leaving his webmaster position.
  - ii. FIT – Mike DeLasaux: 4 sessions anticipated next year
  - iii. FCD – Reedley College was the major supporter. Attendance was slightly down (900), as was SAF volunteers. FCD is funded in 2020.
  - iv. Workshops
  - v. Grants – Foresters Fund grant for USFS State & Private Forestry grant is continued for 2020 with remaining funds allocated to FCD. UCCE has proposed a FIT Endowment Development Proposal (Ricky Satomi) managed by UC. Discuss in greater detail on Winter meeting. Issues with society name change and grants (DUNS number, etc.).
- d. Communication – Josh (Thibault Hoppe-)
  - i. Website Update and Communication Plan – website overhaul went fairly well, most of the work is complete. Platform for student chapters needs improvement. George Gruell video and book. Josh said the website has improved greatly. Thibault is willing to continue, but at a lesser time commitment (6 hours). Thibault is not receiving some information, including the BOD/EC meeting agenda. He needs to be included on emails.
- e. Awards – Julie Lydick  
Golden Members names sent to current chair and Julie needs them. Josh will forward to Julie. No nominations for awards have come in yet. Especially need nominations for Forestry Achievement Award. Geri Bergen BOF award ceremony was successful.
- f. Special Sub-Committee Reports
  - i. California SAF Position Statements Sub-Committee – Nick Dennis: BOF appreciated the CA SAF position papers. They may be used in formulating new regulations.
  - ii. BOF Presentation Summary

#### 10) Chapter Reports

Dave Bakke – Bay Area Chapter had a recent post-convention meeting with UC Berkeley students. They have several meetings or field events planned.

Josh Soderlund- Reedley College Student Chapter – recent joint meeting with SSJ chapter went well.

#### 11) New Business

- b. 2020 Winter Meeting Report (covered earlier)
- c. Strategic Plan (5 years) – defer to next meeting
- d. Website - deferred
  - i. Website additions (requested by Membership):  
'Governance' topics: bylaws, procedures, purpose, mission, meeting minutes, financial documents, budgetary information, strategic plan, future initiatives, direction to local chapters, and adding Chapter Chairs to 'Officers' tab.
- e. California SAF Governance Issue

12) Motion to adjourn by John Todd, 2nd John Bradford. Motion approved, Meeting adjourned at 13:20.