

Minutes – Cal SAF Executive Committee Meeting August 18, 2022 - Pollock Pines, CA

1. Call to Order at 10:20 a.m.
2. Introductions & Establishment of Quorum: Rachelle Hedges, Karin Linnen, John Bradford, Jane LaBoa, John Todd, Kathleen Burr, Dave Bakke, Tim Robards, Ricky Satomi, Bill Keye, Mike De Lasaux, Bill Snyder, John Helms, Tamara Hanna, Michael Goodner,. By phone: Spencer Denlien (Lake Tahoe Community College), Rob York, Erin Kelly, Cal Poly SLO students. Quorum established.
3. Review Agenda – no revisions to agenda. John Todd moved to approve the agenda by the Chair, Karin Linnen 2nd. Motion approved.
4. Approval of 6/09/2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Rachelle Hedges moved to approve the minutes, John Bradford 2nd. Minutes approved.
5. Communications & Policy (Keye / Stewart)
 - a. Updated Wildfire Position Statement review – Bill Keye and Jane LaBoa. Tamara asked if we were consistent with SAF’s national position statement on wildfire. Bill and Jane will check and reference the national position statement in Cal SAF’s. John Bradford: Question about the format. Bill Snyder: Better mention of climate change? Reference SAF’s position paper on climate change. Forest management influence vs. climate change effect. Tim: Climate mitigation and adaptation. Dave Bakke: some statements are too simplistic in trying to get attention to the fire emergency issue. Bill Snyder: expand lack of infrastructure discussion. Ricky: narrow focus to lack of forest management leading to wildfire emergency. Rachelle agreed and said the paper needs a lot more scientific citation. Bill K: boring vs. compelling. Comments back to Bill and Rachelle by Aug. 31. Goal to have another draft of the paper by early September.
 - b. Giant Sequoia Position Statement review – Rob York - position statement needs SAF formatting. Bill Keye and Bill Snyder had a couple of comments. Jane sent the SAF format template to Rob. Rob will incorporate a few of the comments, get it into SAF format, notify Danielle Watson at national, recirculate for final comments, then EC approval. Discussion about timeline. The goal is approval by Labor Day. Discussion about how to publicize and post, such as a plan developed in advance of final approval of the position statement.
 - c. Website
 - i. “Contact” Page Monitoring / Contact information available on Website (Bradford)
6. SAF National SAF Director’s Report (Todd) –
SAF Elections - Check your August copy of *The Forestry Source* for candidate statements. Voting opens September 1 and closes September 30. Candidates for SAF Vice-President are: Rebecca Barnard – 2020-21 SAF Committee on Forest Policy Chair and Tom Martin – 2021 SAF House of Society Delegates Chair
Nominations are being accepted for Young Professional Board Member -To be nominated as a Young Professional Board Member a candidate must be an SAF member, a college

graduate, age forty or younger at time of appointment. Please contact me if you have a suitable candidate as a nomination package needs to be completed. The deadline for nominations has been extended until August 28

Membership

Membership is currently 9,276 (as of 6/30/22)

In 2021, our numbers were 9,114. In 2020, our numbers were 9,572. We have 499 new members (212 are reinstated and 287 are new to SAF)

In 2021, our numbers were 348. In 2020, our numbers were 248

SAF National Convention - Will take place from September 20-24, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland. Proposal notifications for 298 speakers sent on June 30. Over 700 attendees are currently registered. Student group rates and agency group rates are available. To view registration rates, click [here](#). The advanced brochure is in the mail and the digital version is now available! Click [here](#) to view the brochure. Please encourage your local universities to compete in the **SAF2022 Quiz Bowl**. The deadline to [register](#) is September 6.

Awards Recognition at Convention. Plans are underway to provide recognition of our award winners. Fellows and Presidential Field Foresters will also be recognized.

This year's Silent Auction and Raffle will be completely in person. Auction organizers are seeking donation of items – handcrafted items are of particular interest to bidders, so if you are crafty and a maker of something awesome, consider donating one or more of your creations to SAF to help raise funds for forestry education and scientific research. Learn more by visiting the Silent Auction tab on the [convention website](#).

Cal SAF members will be needed at the Convention to staff our booth and encourage attendees to come to Sacramento for the 2023 Convention.

Foresters' Fund The June 15 deadline saw four regular and five special proposals submitted for \$29,690 in requested funds. The next deadline to submit regular grant proposals (up to \$2,000) is September 15. Don't forget that state society approval of all proposals is required for all grant requests. Visit the [Foresters' Fund webpage](#) to learn more and apply.

Leadership Academy Toolbox A Board member subcommittee has reviewed previous Leadership Academy efforts. Recommendations include better tracking of Leadership Academies and participants and to develop toolbox for use by State Societies who want to hold their own academy.

#forestproud - The SAF/#forestproud merger announcement was made on June 6. The announcement was made internally among both #forestproud and SAF's members and partners and was also published on Newswire, an online press release sharing platform, and was picked up by approximately 500 news media outlets, including AP News, Star Tribune, and International Business Times. The rollout also included a series of digital announcements on social media on both organizations' social media channels. The two-week rollout ended with an announcement on social media of TJ and Rae joining SAF's staff. A virtual Q&A with Terry and TJ was held on June 14 to showcase the purpose of the merger and highlight any comments or questions attendees may have.

Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) Event As chair of the Policy Working Group for SUFC, Danielle helped organize and host a hybrid learning and networking event for coalition members and partners held in the shared conference room of SAF's office building in DC. The diverse lineup of speakers discussed challenges, new initiatives, and upcoming opportunities related to urban and community forests and trees across the administration, natural resources agencies, and legislative vehicles. Follow-up discussions will be held during the monthly Policy Working meetings. Check out the coalition website for more information. [LEARN MORE](#)

Forest Policy Update Forestry and natural resources scored big wins in the recently passed historic Climate Bill (see email to all members from Terry Baker dated 8/12). This funding is on top of the forestry and natural resources dollars that were already approved in March's equally historic infrastructure bill. I believe much of this is built on the fact that those who work in the fields of forestry and natural resources were recognized as an essential work force during the pandemic.

Lastly, I would like to mention that there is an upcoming western states vacancy on the Committee on Forest Policy. Members of the CFP develop and update SAF's position statement at the direction of the SAF Board. If you are interested in serving in this key role, please contact me.

7. Chair Report (Hedges)
 - a. Member "Toolbox" Items Update
 - b. Position Descriptions
 - c. Google Drive
 - d. Proposed 2023 Calendar

 8. Chair Elect Report (Linnen)
 - a. 2022 Summer Meeting
 - b. 2023 Winter Meeting – Eureka/Arcata area if in-person meeting.
 - c. Student engagement – Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods
 - d. Looking ahead, initiatives for Karin's 2023 term

 9. Executive Director Report (Burr)
 - a. Fall Newsletter reminder due ASAP, publish Sept. 1
 - b. Quickbooks coordination with John Bradford
 - c. Suggests a program committee rather than one person
 - d. Supports sending a letter to new RPFs offering a one-year membership

 10. Treasurer's Report (Bradford)
 - a. Revised budget format being implemented
 - b. Mid-year budget update – reports are corrupted; accountant is fixing
 - c. Audit by Gary Brittner is in progress
 - i. Updates from 8/8 meeting

 11. National Convention (Hedges / Kelly)
 - a. 2022 National Convention – Baltimore
 - i. Manning the booth - Rachelle wants to know who will be attending.
 1. Giveaways – looking for SWAG ideas
 2. Short video or brochure on forestry in CA?
 - ii. CA Alumni Reception- asking for RSVPs for planning purposes
 - b. 2023 National Convention – Sacramento Oct. 25-29– Erin Kelly
Erin Kelly, General Chair for 2023 SAF National Convention – professor at Cal Poly Humboldt; contact: eck107@humboldt.edu, or 707-826-4150.
- 2022 convention In Baltimore, MD Sept. 20-24
- CAL SAF will have a booth with information about the 2023 Convention and about forestry in the state – volunteers welcome!
 - We'll hand out promotional materials (maybe pens, pins, sunglasses?)

2023 convention

The 2023 National SAF Convention will be at the Sacramento Convention Center – in person! The theme of the convention is Forestry: it's in our DNA.

Hundreds of foresters, scientists, and students from across the country will congregate in Sacramento from October 25-29, 2023, for workshops, field tours, presentations, and social events. This is an opportunity for California SAF to highlight what's happening here, and to learn about what is happening in forestry at a national level.

The conference has four subthemes: the evolution of forestry, which includes where we are coming from and where we are going as we maintain the relevance of forestry within shifting social values and ecological context; disturbance and resilience, exploring how forest management can help with some of our greatest challenges such as climate change, fire, and watershed health; communication, in which we'll discuss the multiple ways to reach broad audiences and who those audiences are; and forest markets, which includes conventional markets as well as the many emerging markets, from ecosystem services to small-diameter wood utilization.

We hope you'll consider being a presenter or a volunteer – the California SAF will be absolutely central to this Convention! One exciting opportunity is to help out with a field tour, where participants will visit places near Sacramento to learn about forestry in California. Likely tours include visiting forests like the Blodgett Forest Research Station and the Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest; wineries impacted by fire; and an SPI mill. The Local Coordinator team is coming together and includes: David Bakke (leading tours), Bill Keye (media), John Jue (coordinating volunteers), Diane Savin-Dukleth (forester's fund, a raffle), and Keith Gillless (fundraising). These folks will be supported by national SAF staff.

The Program Chair is Marcella Windmuller-Campione, from University of Minnesota. We'll be convening a program committee in the next few weeks to start talking about the content of the convention (presentations, poster sessions, panels, and plenaries). Ideas about all of these are welcome.

- i. Planning update –
- ii. CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force meeting coordination to be complimentary to SAF convention
- iii. Plenary session about CA forestry

12. Secretary's Report (LaBoa)-nothing to new report

13. Past Chair Report (Robards)

- a. Chair-Elect Recruitment for calendar year election migration. Election will be in October. Discussed timing and logistics for winter meeting planning.

14. Education (Satomi)

- a. 2022 FIT Recap & 2023 Planning – 2022 successful. 80+ teachers, a few dropped last minute because of Covid, 3 sessions.
 - i. In a transition period. Fairly secure funding for now. Overview of curriculum and objectives for EC. New UC coordinator will be in place soon. Need for new SAF coordinator and 24-hour on-site presence especially for unanticipated events? Core group of experienced educators but we need to look ahead to long-term continuity as those folks retire. Same group of volunteers with no backup or recruitment. Continued local support (USFS, CalFire, etc.) is critical. Discussion about recruitment, coordinator, grant writer. Kathleen thinks it should be one consolidated position (Executive Director + Education Coordinator). Person should commit to attending most/all FIT sessions. Discussion of new grant opportunities. Rachelle made a motion authorizing Mike, Tim, and others to apply for FIT/FCD (education) grants through the USFS or other entities. Jane LaBoa 2nd. Motion approved.
 - ii. Tentative 2023 Dates:

1. June 24 - July 1, Tuolumne County
 2. July 9 – 15, Humboldt County
 3. July 16-22, Shasta County
- b. FCD Update
- i. September 26 – 30, 2022 at Sequoia Lake YMCA Camp
 - ii. Volunteer form available (included with materials) – Dave will post on the website. Hard copy forms to Josh Soderlund.
 - iii. Renaldo and Kent meeting this week or next to discuss budget, etc. Mike D said this should be last year for the USFS grant.
- c. Expanding the Education Program
- i. Education Coordinator
 - ii. Expanding & streamlining FIT

15. Membership Report (Hanna) –Links for Cal SAF reports were not working. They are getting fixed now. Latest membership count:

Date	Cal SAF	National
8-18-2022	462	9313
6-8-2022	459	9228
3-17-2022	466	9226
9-16-2021	484	---

Membership type: Full, 78 Gold, 135 Golden, 110 Platinum, 3 Silver, 48 Student, 49 Transition, 39

Gender Male 284, female 46, unspecified 132

Age <20: 3; 20-29: 43; 30-39: 53; 40-49: 35; 50-59: 45; 60-60: 93; 70-79: 77; 80+: 67; Not listed: 27.

Employer type: College/university 43; Retired: 159; Fed. Gov't: 51; State/local gov't: 45; Pvt.

Industry: 63; Consultant: 54; Non Profit/NGO: 17; student: 35; other: 6.

Chapters: SoCal 70; SSJ 22; Bidwell 11; Monterey Bay 13; Peter Lassen 14; Wyntoon 48; Sac-Tahoe 99; Redwood oast 36; Jed Smith 37; High Sierra 39; 49er 13; Bay Area 71.

Student Chapters: Cal Poly SLO 3; Bakersfield 1; CR 2; UCB 1; Cal Poly Humboldt 12; Reedley 10; Mt San Antonio 0; Sierra College 0.

SAF National and CalSAF Dues Structure

National "Full" Membership (all professional members) = \$115.00 each

The membership types "Platinum, Gold, Silver" are "legacy membership types"; vary in cost and are only charged to those members who elect to maintain the legacy membership structure.

Student Member (enrolled in Forestry/NRM college) = \$40.00

Transition Member (1st 5 years post-college graduation) = \$95.00

Golden Member (50yrs+ continuous membership) = free* (nominal fees charged to continue to receive some benefits)

Retired Member \$95.00 (contact national for this reduced membership fee available to retirees only)

(+) CalSAF State Society - \$17.00 each

(+) Chapter dues (if any):

Bay Area (+) \$3.00; Sacramento Tahoe (+) \$3.00; Wyntoon (+) \$2.00; Southern California (+) \$4.00

Chapter Map (Bakke) Report on chapter boundary corrections in national SAF database

This started with my desire to put a California SAF chapter map up on the website. All I had at that point was a paper map included in one of the last leadership binders from NorCal SAF. I didn't want to simply load a copy of this old map; I worked with Ricky Satomi to generate an updated map appropriate for the website. Ricky generated a map, with some minor adjustments to a few chapter boundaries (affecting Jed Smith, Wyntoon, and Bidwell) to align the boundaries with county lines. This draft map was sent out to several folks that I thought might have some knowledge of why the old

boundary lines didn't follow county lines in these adjusted areas. No comments were received to argue against changing them. The draft map was finalized and posted on the website in July.

John Todd tied me in with Lori Rasor at SAF for the process needed to adjust chapter boundaries and to make sure that the SAF membership database aligns with them. To that end Lori sent me a copy of the SAF zip code spreadsheet for California that assigns members to chapters to see what edits need to be made and to send them back to SAF ASAP.

I have reviewed the national zip code database for errors in chapter boundaries. Here are the errors found that will be sent back to national in an edited zip code file (note that item h is the only one that is the result of our boundary changes from older map to newer map):

1. New zip codes added since last update – added to appropriate chapter
2. Old zip codes no longer used, identified for deletion if SAF desires
3. Hawaii zip codes are shown under SoCal Chapter – I will be telling national to stop doing the automatic assignment of Hawaii members to SoCal (or any chapter) – IF THAT IS THE DESIRE OF THE ECOMM. (Refer to emails from John Todd and Nick Dennis)
4. Chapter issues:
 - a. Bay Area Chapter – major shifts of zip codes from Monterey Bay Chapter to Bay Area Chapter in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; shifts of a few zip codes from Sacramento Tahoe Chapter to Bay Area Chapter (Solano County)
 - b. Sacramento Tahoe Chapter – major shifts of zip codes from Bay Area Chapter to Sac Tahoe Chapter in Sacramento County; shifts of a few zip codes from 49er Chapter (Amador and Sacramento counties); from Bidwell Chapter (Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba counties)
 - c. Southern San Joaquin – shifts of a few zip codes from SoCal Chapter; shifts of a few zip codes from High Sierra Chapter
 - d. 49er Chapter – corrected Mono County, moving from SoCal Chapter into 49er Chapter; shift of a few zip codes from High Sierra Chapter
 - e. High Sierra – shifts of a few zip codes from Southern San Joaquin, 49er Chapter
 - f. Monterey Bay Chapter – shifts of a few zip codes from Bay Area Chapter
 - g. Redwood Coast Chapter – shifts of a few zip codes from Bay Area Chapter in Sonoma County and from Jed Smith Chapter in Mendocino County
 - h. ****Wyntoon Chapter** – shift of a few zip codes from Jed Smith Chapter (in Trinity County) and from Bidwell Chapter (Tehama County) – these changes are mostly the result of our shift in chapter boundaries between these three chapters**
 - i. Bidwell Chapter – shift of a few zip codes from Sac-Tahoe (Butte County)
 - j. Peter Lassen – shift of a few zip codes from Bidwell Chapter (Plumas County)
 - k. Several zip codes were not assigned to any chapter; mostly affecting Modoc and Mono counties; I have assigned them to the appropriate chapter.

One thing that Lori Rasor noted, and I verified, is that our new bylaws are silent on the process of modifying chapter boundaries, combining chapters, or creating or eliminating chapters. There is no described process and no described authority for doing so. Seems like a major oversight on our part when developing the new bylaws.

16. Awards (Lydick)

- a. 2021 Awards (presented at 2022 Winter Meeting)
 - i. Cal SAF Forestry Achievement Award: David Bakke
 - ii. Fellows: J. Keith Gilles and Gary Brittner
 - iii. District 3 Field Forester: Ryan Stewart
 - iv. National SAF Award, John A. Beal Memorial Award: Thomas Catchpole

- v. Golden Member Recognition: Glenn Gottschall
- b. 2022 Awards (to be presented at 2022 National SAF Convention)
 - i. Fellows: Diane Savin-Dukleth and Donald Dukleth
 - ii. District 3 Field Forester: Glenn Barley
 - iii. National SAF Technology Transfer Award: Larry Swan
- c. 2022 Call for Nominations
 - i. Nominations Due Oct. 31 to Julie Lydick, email djlydick@comcast.net
 - ii. Please see "Awards Update" PDF For details on award categories and nomination criteria.

17. Next Meetings:

- a. National Convention, Baltimore: September 20-24, 2022 – in person
- b. Board Meeting: September 27, 2022 @ 11am via Zoom

18. Motion to adjourn by Rachelle, 2nd John Todd. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.