

OSWA Board Meeting  
November 3, 2006  
Salem, Oregon

Attendees: Mike Barnes, Dick Beers, Dallas Boge, Brad Chapman, Mark Copeland, Mike Gaudern, Scott Hanson, Nancy Hathaway, Roy Hendrick, Ken Nicholls, Bob McNitt, Kristina McNitt, Paul Nys, John Poppino, Les Schultz, Greg Stone, Al Thayer, Dennis Werth.

Representing: Douglas, Coos-Curry, Lane, Tillamook, Marion-Polk, Yamhill, Benton, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia County Chapters.

President Mike Barnes called the meeting to order at 10 AM. He announced that due to state agency meetings in Salem today, the representatives from agencies would not be able to attend.

Previous Business:

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2006 Executive and GAC meeting and to approve minutes of the August 4, 2006 Board meeting as corrected.

Action Items: Northwest Woodlands Magazine

Background: Northwest Woodlands Magazine Advisory Committee met to discuss management of the publication on Sept. 11, 2006. Growing demands of Lori Rasor's job forces either cutting back to 3 issues/year or hiring temporary staff. Committee did not want to cut back on number of issues, so asked SAF and OSWA to request additional funding from their boards. Each organization's share would be \$1600 per year (\$400 more per issue.)

This cost will be included in our budget next year, but for now we have 2 options--take the dollars from our \$4000 buffer or ask county chapters to sponsor an issue. The county or counties sponsoring an issue would receive special recognition and the opportunity to feature some special event or person. This would provide a chance for a county to draw attention to a specific event/person and at the same time reduce the need for depleting the buffer.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to authorize additional expenditure from the operating budget for Northwest Woodlands with the request that counties sponsor an issue.

Teaming With Wildlife Coalition

Ken Faulk requested consideration for joining this organization. Building this coalition will result in increased state and federal funding for fish, wildlife and habitat conservation. There are already 86 Oregon organizations which belong. Teaming With Wildlife emphasizes the voluntary approach instead of regulatory.

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously that OSWA be a signee with Teaming With Wildlife.

New Business: Membership

Mike Barnes and Mike Gaudern will start visiting county chapters soon. Let them know as soon as possible when you want them to come. Currently we have 1756 memberships, with a total of 2900 members. Suggestions were made for improvements to our membership brochure, as it is due to be reprinted soon.

Mike Gaudern and Mike Barnes will also be traveling to Coos/Curry, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties to conduct short information-gathering sessions for getting feedback for the 2007 Family Forestland Symposium. These issues then will be addressed at the Symposium.

## Budget

We continue to be in the black! Administration costs have come down. This year we received \$42,000 in non-dues revenue--very close to our goal of \$46,000. We need to continue to promote non-dues revenue events, ie; workshops.

## OTFS

At one time a committee was appointed to produce a Memorandum of Understanding between OTFS and OSWA. Somehow that project fell by the wayside.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to re-energize the OTFS and OSWA committee to produce a MOU between the two organizations.

The annual Tree Farmer of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held November 20 at the World Forestry Center in Portland. For more information, go to [www.OTFS.org](http://www.OTFS.org). You must sign up in advance for the lunch if you plan to eat.

## OSWA 2007 Work Plan

Best Management Practices Workshop Development: In line with our survey results, OSWA intends to develop workshops (with support of state agencies) for our members. OSWA will lead the design of the workshops with the agencies supporting so that this will be a landowner-led effort. All counties are asked to bring/send suggestions to the February meeting. This will be a non-dues revenue source for OSWA with a small charge for our members and others to participate. Financial aid will be requested from agencies to keep cost of attendance low.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Director of Forestry Programs for OFRI be an ex-officio board member of OSWA.

2007 Family Forestland Symposium/OSWA Annual Meeting, April 2007 A clear fiscal line has been drawn between the CFF and OSWA for the events of this combined event. OSWA is fiscally responsible for all our events on the 26th, our lead in the coordination of exhibitors, the silent auction and OSWA hosted hors d'oeuvres on the 27th. All sponsor, registrant and donation monies from these events will be retained by OSWA.

The tentative OSWA schedule has been put together with field trips planned for the afternoon of Thursday, April 26, followed by the banquet at 7:30 PM. The Silent Auction will be all day on Friday, April 27 while people are attending sessions in La Sells Auditorium on OSU campus.

## Forest Seedling Network

Bob McNitt presented his idea for establishing a website for seedling availability. Bob has decades of career experience with seedling issues. This website would match owners of surplus seedlings with potential buyers. Chapters could use the website ([www.forestseedlingnetwork.com](http://www.forestseedlingnetwork.com)) to advertise their seedling sales as well as sell their excess seedlings.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to initially endorse yet unseen Bob McNitt's forest seedling website concept with the final decision to be made by the Executive Committee at the December meeting based upon viewing site development.

## By-Law Revision

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to amend by-laws, Article VII, Section 1 with the addition to read "the Treasurer to be appointed by the President." Committee to revise the by-laws will consist of John Poppino, Paul Nys, and Greg Stone.

## GAC Update

Al Thayer, chairperson, invites all members to participate in the Governmental Affairs Committee meetings held every Tuesday from 7-8 AM during session.

Kristina McNitt is organizing a "Day at the Capitol" for landowners to strengthen our presence in front of the legislators and also demonstrate to landowners just how much influence we do have. This day might include breakfast with legislators, other meetings, and perhaps a small re-creation of our State Fair booth in 2005 (with the huge teepee and Lewis and Clark theme.)

Kristina will be looking at bills we didn't get through last session, in particular the log lien bill. There will be discussion about Scribner scale vs. cubic scale.

The Emergency Fire Board unanimously approved the proposal to increase non-negligent fire responsibility from \$300,000 to \$750,000. There had been no increase for 20 some years. Currently this proposal is being sent on to the House and Senate. OSWA has yet to take a position upon this issue. Mike Gaudern is looking in to alternatives for insurance policies for all members.

## Next Meeting

There will be a joint GAC/Exec meeting in early December, date TBA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hathaway, 2nd VP  
November 6, 2006

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