



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

The WV Board of Registration for Foresters met April 12, 2020 via Zoom video conference due to a Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Jim Justice. Those in attendance were Chad Westfall, Greg Cook, Dave McGill, Dan Hackett, Todd Lotter, and clerical support Hope Goff.

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Westfall at 10:13 am.

The minutes from the October 2019 meeting were read. Todd Lotter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Hackett seconded; Motion carried. The financial report was reviewed. Dave McGill moved to accept the financial report. Todd Lotter seconded; Motion carried.

Correspondence – none

Complaints – There was a complaint presented. David Hill sent in a complaint stating that Thomas Anundson was using the term “Forester” but he is not currently a registered forester in WV. The board discussed how to proceed. It was decided that a certified letter would be sent to Mr. Anundson advising him that he is not following code in WV and stating that he needs to become a registered forester. Mr. Hill will be CC’d on this. Todd Lotter will look for a previous letter and Dave McGill will modify. Once it is signed by the President, it will go out in the mail.

Old Business

Exam – Due to the COVID19 outbreak, WVU closing the campus and the state under a Stay at Home order, the board made the decision to cancel the March 2020 exam. The exam will not be rescheduled, but the September exam will stay on the schedule. The board decided to reach out to everyone that was scheduled to take the exam and let them know that they can take the one in September or that if they took and passed the SAF exam, they did not have to take ours. The board did discuss on what we would need to do to have the exam available online. That was something that would be expensive and time consuming at this juncture.

New Business –

Reciprocity – No new work done. Chad asked for a better explanation since he had missed a meeting. Todd said that if we get an application for someone who is

licensed in another state, then we should accept it. Todd will put together a reciprocity explanation for the website.

Credit/emails - The board has received several emails regarding the lack of credits available due to the COVID19 situation. Those finding themselves in this situation were asking for a forbearance this year. President Chad Westfall stated that there is tremendous amount of credits available online and that he did not feel there was a need to grant extensions or forbearances. The board can put together a list of resources to post online.

Other Business

Review of Applicants – no review was done at this time. The board discussed having another Zoom meeting to review if the files could be scanned and emailed. To make this process smoother, the board decided to purchase a document scanner. Once the files are scanned and email, a meeting will be scheduled late May or early June to review applicants, upgrades and any emeritus requests.

Annual audit – was postponed to October in hopes of having an actual face-to-face meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:07 am