

The West Virginia Board of Registration for Foresters met on October 20, 2010, at the WV Division of Forestry Headquarters, at the Guthrie Complex, Charleston, WV. The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by President Gary Miller. Others in attendance included Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Francis, Clerical Assistant Hope Goff, and Board members David Hill, John Brooks and Dan Parker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. David Hill noticed a typo in first paragraph. Dan Parker made a motion to accept the minutes as read with approved change and John Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Francis. All monies received were renewals, late fees, and reinstatements. She Gary noted that the expenses were less than previous years. We are not paying for printing of Annual Report and the extra postage and office supplies involved with the mailing. Cinda stated that the cell phone bill has a late fee attached and the department of Administration has been notified and they explained we are not allowed to pay any additional fees. Cinda stated that our insurance has gone down from previous years. There was discussion regarding the \$3.00 late fee and the \$5.00 reinstatement fee. Dan moved to approve the Financial Report, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No new complaints had been received. There has been no response from Walt Graham.

The Legislature is reviewing Chapter 30 Boards. Cinda has completed 3 surveys to fill out for House Government Org Committee.

Several emails had been received from a registrant regarding the gold seal on the certificates. For the last few years certificates given to new Registered Foresters and Registered Forestry Technicians did not include an embossed gold seal as is required by Code. John moved to get seals and emboss them. Dan seconded. Motion carried. It had also been suggested that the Board purchase hard hat decals to sell to registrants. There was discussion but no vote in favor. Cinda will draft a letter to send to Gary responding to this request explaining hard hat decals could be purchased individually but must only be worn by Registered Foresters and Forestry Technicians that are current.

Old Business

Board Appointments – No communication regarding appointments has been received. David Hill's term expires June 30, 2011. Gary will contact SAF regarding this issue in order to get it on the agenda at their Winter Meeting.

Exam – John will get the exam to both WVU and Glenville this spring for beta testing. Ray Hicks may be interested in administering the exam. In anticipation of administering the exam, at the

April 2011 meeting we will review the results of the beta testing, invite Charlie Roskovensky to discuss legislative requirements to modify fees structure, discuss costs involved in developing a “legally defensible” exam and costs associated with paying an exam administrator.

New Business

Safety Program – “Statistics: Top 10 Causes in Preventing Auto Accidents” was reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing additional discussed.

EMERITUS STATUS – Six requests for Emeritus status had been received: Joe Grahame (#55), John Hazel (#685), Ed Murriner (#137), Alfred Mack Skaggs (#515), Robert E. Smith (#210), and John Vallelonga (#62). After review of the requests, John moved to approve all for Emeritus Status. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIT/FTIT UPGRADES – No upgrades had been requested.

CARRYOVERS FROM 4/09/10 – There was one application that was a carried over from the April 9, 2010 meeting. It was reviewed, found to be in order and Dan made motion to approve the following for registration. Dave seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Stephanie Timmermeyer – RPF#734

Forestry Technicians – None were received.

Foresters - The Board reviewed five requests for registration as Foresters. After review of the applications the following was found: Philip Scott Spangler, lacks an official transcript and one reference. David Hill made a motion to issue his registration if the appropriate documents were received within 30 days. Dan Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The applications of Jonathan Alan Pomp and Joshua Charles Reckart were review and found to need additional references. John Brooks made the motion to issue their registration upon receipt of needed references within 30 days. Dan Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Upon the review of Ryan Baber Lounsbury and Casey Bradford Russell, references were lacking as well as the necessary work experience. David Hill made the motion to approve them as Foresters-In-Training (FIT) upon receipt of the needed references within 30 days. Dan Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jonathan Alan Pomp – RPF#731

Joshua Charles Reckart – RPF#732

Philip Scott Spangler – RPF#733

The next meeting of the Board will be April 13, 2011, at the Guthrie Complex at 10:00am. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.