

NAFSR Board of Directors

Final Call Meeting Notes, May 10, 2016

On the call – Jim Golden, Larry Payne, Corbin Newman, Ranotta McNair, Mac Gramley, Darrel Kenops, Jack Troyer, Tom Thompson, Rich Guldin, Hank Kashdan, Jane Kollmeyer, Pete Griffin, Mike Rogers, Marlin Johnson, Ron Scott and Johnny Hodges

Jim – Thanks to Larry for serving as interim chair. We need to continue to look forward and maintain relevance – our knowledge of issues, support the mission of the FS and recruit new members.

Larry – Thanks to Jim for your service over the last 6 years. I asked the Board for potential nominations and the characteristics of good leaders. I called and/or had lunch with several nominees. No one felt they had the time available to do the job, but two people are thinking about it. We will let things sit for awhile and if we don't get any firm candidates by the end of August we will create a search committee of three to recruit.

Membership/Finance – Johnny reported we currently have 651 members. Approximately 60 members have not paid their 2016 dues. At the end of May Johnny will share the list of unpaid members with the Board for possible follow-up with members in their region.

Collecting dues is a very time consuming process and has been going on for 6 months. Hopefully when we are able to take credit cards for payment it will become more efficient.

Our current bank balance is \$31,674.52. We have collected 46 Lifetime Memberships so far this year.

Corbin – I would like to send out a member survey. I will work with Johnny on possible questions and the best way to conduct the survey.

We have received numerous requests from other organizations to co-sign letters on a variety of issues. I usually make the judgement call to sign letters, but I will consult with the Board if I feel it is necessary.

Please let us know about any state legislation on issues that may interest us.

The AWCP meeting is Aug. 10-12 in New York. We need someone to represent us.

Hank's Update – Wildfire funding reform is sitting with Senator Murkowski and doesn't look like it is going anywhere. There is a low prospect of a deal.

The proposal to eliminate FS and BLM law enforcement will go nowhere.

Charging for recreation fee areas is going nowhere.

Water rights/permitting, state vs. fed authority - nothing happening on legislation for the rest of the year.

LWCF reauthorization - The FY2016 Appropriation Bill reauthorized LWCF for 3 years. Since that time, the Senate acted to make it permanent. The House has not. It is possible they will do so prior to final adjournment, but I would assume that will only happen if House Resources Chairman, Rob Bishop, can extract some concessions for his agenda. Who knows if that will happen. If it doesn't then the Senate will have to reauthorize again when the new Congress is seated next January. Regardless, I do believe the worst case scenario in the new Congress is another extension, if permanent authority doesn't occur.

Rich G. – SAF led the development of two letters sent to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees concerning Research. For the first time in over a decade a group of interests came together to support a request for a request for \$303 million for Research - \$220 for R & D and \$83 for FIA. There were 11 co-signers on the letters, but no support from AF&PA. Corbin said NAFSR was not asked for support. Why not? Rich will follow-up. Follow-up: Guldin discussed the matter with John Barnwell, SAF's Director of Government Relations, and he said it was an oversight. Barnwell has reached out to Kashdan to schedule some additional discussion on research funding, fire funding, and other agency matters.

Darrel – The governance reference is 90% done. We need professional touches to finish it and populate the appendix. It is now laying in Larry's lap.

Archives – Lynn Sprague is researching with the FS museum. They are open to being the repository for our archives. We need to sign a letter with them at the appropriate time. The documents include important papers, positions taken, etc. for the first 14 years of NAFSR.

We need 1 or 2 Board members to oversee the process. Let Corbin know if you are interested.

Annual Meeting – The Board usually meets for 3 days, located near a NF with a field visit. The time, location and agenda letter from Corbin will be sent later this week. We have met mostly in the West in the past. We will go back East for the FS Reunion in Asheville in 2018. October is the preferred month for this year's meeting.

Website – Johnny gave an update on the website. A small committee was formed to guide development of the new website. The members are – Jim Golden, Ranotta McNair, Jane Kollmeyer, Corbin Newman and Johnny Hodges.

We have contracted with Bill Disbrow to build the new website. It is moving along well and we hope to have it up and running this summer. One thing slowing us down is building the process to be able to take credit cards for dues payments and donations. We are testing various vendors.

The next BOD conference call is scheduled for August 9.

Johnny Hodges
Secretary