

**MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DECEMBER 9, 2021 VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Meeting was called to order at 12:39 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report**– Buck Vandersteen:

Total revenue from the Annual Meeting was \$17,081.50; \$5,900 from registrations, \$7,951 received from sponsors, and \$3,230 from the silent auction. Total expenses were \$12,647, including \$750 to the Foresters Fund. Overall revenue over expenses was \$4,434. There were 65 registrants and 6 student posters awards. The meeting was considered a great success.

**Report from HSD Meeting**- Bill Wieger

1) Larry Biles is the incoming Chair of HSD and his term will begin on Jan.1, 2022.

2) Alex Richman is the incoming HSD Chair-Elect and will move into the Chair position Jan. 1, 2022.

3) As you may or may not know SAF National purchases General Liability for all Societies, Divisions and Chapters. I have attached information on this policy to this email, and it can also be found on Leadership Central.

4) As you transition to new leaders in the coming year please make sure to complete and submit your leadership rosters to the National Office. This is required to allow your leaders access to Leadership Central.

**Policy-**

In regards to recent developments in tax concerns the discussion to raise capital gains has been dropped as well as real estate tax increases.

**Chapter Chair Reports**

*LSU:* The Student Chapter had a successful Christmas tree sale this year. The entire inventory of 60 trees were sold. The Chapter also took part in Arbor Day activities at Burden Farm in Baton Rouge. They will be participating in the annual Conclave competition at the University of Tennessee.

LSU Extension will have Rx Burner workshops for marsh-land and forest land.

The state certified burner will have a five year term and will expire after that time if not renewed.

*Southern University:* Beginning at the first of the year a new Chapter Chair will begin the term.

There are plans to increase many of the activities with the passing of the COVID pandemic.

**Membership** – Tim Holland

Member numbers have remained steady. To encourage SAF membership backpacks went out to the recent graduating students at LSU.

**Diversity Initiative-**

The SAF National Working Group received an award for its accomplishment over the past year. Dr. Ning, LASAF member, will continue serving as Immediate Past Chair.

**Annual Meeting Recap-**

The recent LASAF Annual Meeting was very well received with an attendance including 65 participants. The presentations and subject content had many positive complements. SAF CEO Terry Baker and Past President Tammy Cushing attended the meeting and gave well received presentations and much appreciated question and answer sessions.

**Old Business-**

In 2022 there will be a live, in-person SAF National Convention in Baltimore, MD.

**New Business-**

Discussion on the 2022 LASAF Annual Meeting with a possible best time to be in early/mid October.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.