

MINUTES
IFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 10, 2006

The meeting began at 9 a.m.

Present on the call were Ray Herman, J. B. Gates, Bob Sloan, Kurt Bobsin, and Dave Gillespie.

Position Papers – Get the papers done this week and send them to the Board members.

- Ray will send them to the Governor and appropriate people.
- Kurt Bobsin said the person at Revenue wants points that need to be brought to the committee's attention. Get IFA position papers to him. The Governor has made his appointments. Kurt will keep us informed as he finds out additional information.

AISWCD Offer – Ray and Dave visited with Rich Nichols regarding using facilities at the AISWCD office in Springfield. Rich invited IFA to co-locate with them; IFA can utilize their part-time secretary 5 hours per week as soon as they fill the position; AISWCD has conference call ability. We will keep in contact with Rich to see if he has hired someone, how much it would cost us for the 5 hours per week, and the cost of a conference call.

Regional Workshops/Working with Directors

- If we are going to be active state-wide, we need to get involved with Regional Directors on forestry workshops.
- We need to get members involved.
- Kurt suggested we develop a phone tree so one or two people are not doing all the work.
- Nov. 16, 2006 – a workshop is planned for Region 3.
- Bob Sloan suggested that doing your own management plan should be one of the subjects discussed at Regional workshops.
- The officers need to participate in other agency's workshops.

Newsletter Items – Betty Joubert lost her clerical and office space. She needs articles by the end of October.

Partnership Tree – Ray has talked with Clint Patterson about drawing a partnership tree. He should have a draft done by our November Board meeting. We should be thinking about who should be in the trunk of the tree, the roots, and the branches.

Misc. –

- Get agenda items for the November 29, 2006 IFA Board of Directors meeting to Ray or Dave. Confer with Directors to get items.

- Kurt said the Illinois Consulting Foresters Association would like to sue regarding the 4% harvest fee, and would be willing to contribute \$500.00 toward the cost of such an endeavor. IFA should cooperate with them and other organizations to get this done if a suit is needed to resolve the situation.
- Ray is having trouble finding a chair for the Urban Forestry Committee, but will keep searching.
- Dave Gillespie will send the information regarding our invitation to the Wisconsin workshop on Forestry Associations to the contact person in Wisconsin.

Respectively submitted:

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