

MA/RI-TACF

Fall 2022 Quarterly Meeting Draft 1

10/15/2022

Hybrid: Smith College MacLeish Whately, MA & Zoom

Present: In-person - Bill Davis, John Meiklejohn, Jamie Donald, Kathy Desjardin, Brad SMith, Karen Jones, John Emery, Nate Lord, Paul Wetzel, Mike , Brian Clark, Yvonne Federowicz, Kendra Collins,

Online: Gray Curtis, Mark Meehl, Dave Lent, Johnny O, Josh Soojian, "Mariano1", Diana Dwyer, Bill Goodwin,

Late morning: URI Professor Laura Myerson and her Restoration Ecology class

Treasurers Report - Paul Wetzel

We spent approx. \$2000 on mileage over the period, using our agreed amount for interns and Mark.

Discussion of language - how does this apply to other board members?

Field Work only? Should we put an upper limit on reimbursement? Who is eligible?

Mark M. - helps with numerous orchards and transports interns - each trip can be 50+ miles

MOTION: Board members and orchard managers may submit up to \$500 of documented mileage expenses for reimbursement per year (at .25 per mile) without Board approval. Anything above that requires Board approval. Reimbursements must be submitted in writing. This supercedes the previous Motion on mileage. This covers July 1, 2022 forward. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report accepted unanimously

MOTION: Mark Meehl is approved to be reimbursed over the \$500 mileage limit for this year (2022).

Nomination Committee Report John Meiklejohn

Gary Jacob is moving to NH and has agreed to step off our board

Eric

Nate Lord

John

Ed Croteau

Number of Board seats:

We would need to open up 3 more seats if we were to elect all 4 new people

MOTION: The Board of MA/RI-TACF will expand by 3 seats to 22 total Board seats for 2023 onward.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: We approve the draft slate of nominations, to be voted upon at this Annual meeting.

Note: our Board is 100 percent white and all new candidates are also male. Please make an effort to welcome people in other groups who can be interested as well.

Minutes

Secretary Report

Membership has increased slightly to 296 from mid 200s earlier this year unless National was undercounting.

Chapter Activity Report - fill in! 2021-2, 2022-3

MOTION: Approve Summer minutes – approved earlier unanimously

Intern Report:

Eric - worked in Westboro, now in Westboro. Interested in being on Board.

Isaiah Powers worked in RI with Yvonne and Ed

Ross - worked with Mark

The funding provided by Rufin for interns will be able to help with intern-related travel costs but not mileage from other people.

Annual meeting:

December 3rd: Westboro Sr Center

Jim Pelletier - keynote speaker - can do on AT, wild chestnuts, wildlife etc.

Dan Hale - Kendra to coordinate
Kendra - National and Regional Reports

Paul to coordinate kitchen
Potluck

We will have Zoom for presentations

National Meeting Report - Kendra Collins

Annual Symposium went well, more sparsely attended than usual - Kendra could not
Program went well
Board/Committee meetings were recorded and are online (WHERE)

Lisa is working toward retirement in 2023. There is a search committee, a search firm is engaged.

Jared has done calculations re. Re-phenotyping
A few trees from MA and ME popped out (as the higher category of resistance) this time.

They are working on a...
Decision tree: if selections meet this criteria, we do X, if that criteria, Y
Jared may get us a PowerPoint

D58 deregulation likely to happen (GMO chestnut)

Regional Meeting 10/28/2022

Chapters Committee is meeting during Regional Mtg - VT/NH will do presentation
During Regional Mtg. That committee needs more Chapter voices.
ESF student finding gall wasps in New England.

National is back up to full staff. Our Mid-Atlantic coordinator fell and broke 3 limbs. Lifts much safer than ladders.

Strategic Plan DRAFT: distributed by Brad Smith and Karen Jones.
Read the draft! Electronic copy also to be distributed

Eustis Museum

Gray Curtis - showed site images
Wants imagery for children

Signage - National may not have staff to support unless we use their versions
He would like Board to suggest images etc
Kathy thanks Gray for help getting donations

Adjourned approx. 12:30pm

Lunch

After lunch - event with Dr. Laura Meyerson & her students from URI; Restoration Ecology class.

Paul Wetzel introduced our Chapter work to the students in Dr. Meyerson's class; they asked questions of MA/RI Board members after lunch.

Kendra then asked for volunteers to watch the rating of Smith seed orchard trees; the group moved up to the orchard. The weather was beautiful. Lots of excellent apples provided by Brian and Karen.



Paul Wetzel leads group of students and others through Smith seed orchard