

APPROVED  
Michigan Society of American Foresters  
State Society Meeting, March 31, 2009 Minutes  
Quality Inn, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan

32 members in attendance. Council member Greg Russell in attendance.  
Chair Larry Leefers opened the meeting at 5:15.

**1. Reading and approval of minutes were postponed to the next meeting.**

**2. Treasurer John Pilon presented treasurer's report.**

.. Motion to approve treasurer's report. Jack Penegor/Maria Janowiak - motion carried.

**3. Chairman Leefers' report of Executive Board meeting:**

- a) Chapter by-laws are being reviewed. Discussed two-year terms for chair. Further discussion will take place at next meeting after by-laws are reviewed.
- b) Forest Management Guidelines for Michigan (Green Book) is being revised.
- c) Michigan Forester – There will be three publications per year (two more this year in June and September).
- d) Bill Hasse reported that Bill Cook and Glen Moll will be nominated for SAF Fellows. Greg Russell reminded the state society to nominate members for other national awards, also.
- e) Reminded Upper and Lower chapter members to call delinquent members encouraging them to pay their dues.
- f) Announced Mike Elenz is stepping down as Education Fund chair and is looking for someone to take over.
- g) Brenda Owen is looking for someone to replace her on the DNR Eastern UP Citizen Advisory Council

**4. Lower Chapter chair - Jason Stephens**

- a) The fall conference will be October 21-21, 2009 at Grayling Ramada with topic being Oak in the Northern Forest.
- b) Chapter social events are being planned.
- c) First Thursday of the month social meeting.
- d) Metz Fire of 1908 historical presentation will be on May 29 at BJs in Gaylord.

**5. Upper Chapter chair - Maria Janowiak**

- a) Announced 2010 spring conference is being planned with the topic being: Recreation and Forest Management.
- b) Considering a social event at Tree Improvement Center where legislators will be invited.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30

Old Business to cover at 2009 Fall Meeting: Approve minutes of fall 2008 State Society Meeting and terms for chair position.