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Board Members: Amy L. McFadden (Chair)
Charles A. Sibley (Secretary)
J. Christian Hendricks
Eric W. Smith
B. Allen Dunn, PhD
Ronald W. Byrd
William C. Moody

For the State: N/A

For the Respondent: N/A

Advising the Board: Daniel Grigg, Esquire (LLR)

Also present: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator
Theresa Gardner, Program Assistant

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (On record 10:04 a.m. April 12, 2012.)

3 MS. MCFADDEN: We'll go ahead and call our meeting
4 to order. Public notice of this meeting was
5 properly posted in all the right places.

6 Let's stand and say our Pledge of Allegiance.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

8 MS. MCFADDEN: Remain standing for our invocation.

9 (Invocation given by Mr. Byrd.)

10 MS. MCFADDEN: Excused absences, Eric Smith. I
11 believe they are on a spring break vacation
12 this week, and he had called me about two
13 months ago and told me he wouldn't be able to
14 make it. So we need to vote on approving his
15 absence.

16 MR. BYRD: So moved.

17 MR. SIBLEY: Second.

18 MS. MCFADDEN: Any other further discussion? (No
19 response.) All those in favor, signify by
20 saying aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MS. MCFADDEN: He's excused. The meeting minutes
23 from our last meeting are in your packet.
24 I'll give you a chance to read through those.
25 Take a minute and see if you have any

1 corrections.

2 MR. SIBLEY: Hearing no changes, I move that the
3 meeting minutes be approved.

4 MR. BYRD: Second.

5 MS. MCFADDEN: The motion is to approve the minutes
6 as presented. Any further discussion? (No
7 response.) All those in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. MCFADDEN: The minutes are accepted.

10 I'd like to start off by welcoming Mr.
11 Bill Moody to our Board. He is coming in as a
12 landowner representative, and Mr. Frank Gantt
13 rotated off. And so he'll be with us serving
14 in the capacity as a landowner member. We'd
15 like to welcome you --

16 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

17 MS. MCFADDEN: -- and appreciate your willingness
18 to serve. I also think if we could do
19 something for Mr. Gantt for his years of
20 service.

21 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

22 MS. MCFADDEN: Maybe at our -- when do we meet
23 again?

24 MS. ADDISON-MILES: July.

25 MS. MCFADDEN: July. I'll call him and see if --

1 is that enough time to get something together?

2 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yes.

3 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. I'll call him and see if he'd
4 be able to attend.

5 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

6 MR. SIBLEY: How many years did he serve? He's
7 been here forever.

8 (Multiple people speaking.)

9 MR. SIBLEY: He's probably one of the longest-
10 serving members of the Board.

11 MR. HENDRICKS: Fourteen years or sixteen years, if
12 I remember right.

13 MR. SIBLEY: Yeah, it's been a long time. That's
14 all right, Lenora.

15 MS. ADDISON-MILES: It's been a very long time.
16 I'll have to research it.

17 MS. MCFADDEN: Let's not scare off Mr. Bill. He's
18 wondering now how long he's going to be here.

19 Well, Lenora, do you have anything?

20 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. There
21 are currently 707 foresters registered through
22 June 30th of 2013. And to remind you that
23 your Statement of Economic Interests forms
24 must be filed electronically no later than
25 April 15th.

1 Changes to the Board's regulation, which
2 is document 4234 passed the Senate Fish, Game,
3 and Forestry subcommittee meeting on March
4 29th.

5 The cash balance for March 2012 was
6 \$30,534.23. Thank you.

7 MR. GRIGG: And, Amy, if I can real quick just
8 piggyback on her remarks. There's going to be
9 a change in who your Advice Counsel is going
10 to be going forward. I don't know if y'all
11 heard anything or have been made aware of that
12 or what. But I believe it's going to be Jamie
13 if I'm understanding. So he wanted to stick
14 his head in.

15 MR. SAXON: I just wanted to introduce myself. I'm
16 Jamie -- it's James, if you see me or email
17 me, james.saxon. But please don't call me
18 that. Call me Jamie, and that will be nice.
19 So it's nice to meet all of y'all. I've got
20 another meeting downstairs, but I wanted to
21 come up and at least say hello. I'm not sure
22 when the transition will be, but certainly
23 before your next meeting. So if you need me,
24 email me, call me. If you want to write down
25 my direct number, it's 896-4369. And the only

1 time that that will be transferred over is
2 when I'm in a board meeting, and it will go to
3 our assistant. But if I'm in my office, then
4 I'll answer it. And I'll answer emails
5 promptly too. And you can get that just by
6 clicking under my picture. It won't be on
7 y'all's thing yet. So -- all right. So do
8 james.saxon -- s-a-x-o-n -- @llr.sc.gov. And
9 that's how you can get me when you need me.

10 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay.

11 MR. SAXON: And I know you're going to miss Dean.

12 He is the best lawyer we have, primarily
13 because I hired him.

14 MR. GRIGG: I was trained well.

15 MR. SAXON: We made a good team. And y'all are
16 blessed to have these two, as well.

17 MS. GARDNER: Thank you, Jamie.

18 MR. SAXON: Thank y'all very much.

19 MS. MCFADDEN: Thank you.

20 MR. BYRD: Question. Lenora, you mentioned this
21 financial statement. Do we have to -- once
22 we do it, do we do it every year?

23 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yes.

24 MR. BYRD: All right. Can you remind me where we -
25 - what we need to do?

1 MS. ADDISON-MILES: You have to go to the State
2 Ethics Commission website.

3 MR. BYRD: Okay.

4 MS. ADDISON-MILES: I can send you an email after
5 the meeting to remind you.

6 MR. BYRD: Okay. I remember doing it. I just
7 didn't remember the procedure.

8 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Oh, okay.

9 MR. BYRD: So if you could do that, that will be
10 great.

11 MS. ADDISON-MILES: I will.

12 MR. HENDRICKS: And we do it each calendar year; is
13 that correct?

14 MS. ADDISON-MILES: It has to be done before April
15 15th.

16 MR. HENDRICKS: Yeah, I did one in December, but I
17 guess that was for last year.

18 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

19 MS. MCFADDEN: Can you send me an email also?

20 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

21 (Sidebar conversations.)

22 MS. MCFADDEN: Yeah, it's like a hundred dollars a
23 day or something for every day you're late.

24 MR. DUKE: Yeah, the penalties on that are pretty
25 severe, you know.

1 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. Under -- I guess, first of
2 all, I just want to comment on Lenora's --
3 when she said that the Senate bill passed
4 subcommittee, that was where we went through
5 and we made those changes to just kind of
6 update the language, more or less, the most
7 current version of the Forest dictionary, the
8 most current version of SAF Code of Ethics.
9 So that was the one we had the -- we had a
10 conference call. I think George and Charles
11 kind of worked on everything and made
12 recommendations. But that's what that is. It
13 doesn't really change much in the law. It
14 just updates it.

15 And under unfinished business, I talked
16 with the testing service that SAF uses for the
17 Certified Foresters exam, and they are going
18 to give us a price proposal, but we kind of
19 needed to get the process approved, I guess,
20 by Legal before they would give us a price for
21 it. Basically what they're suggesting to do,
22 and they said this is, you know, their typical
23 way of handling this, is that we would select
24 a group of what they call, let me get my
25 acronym right, SMEs, subject matter experts,

1 which would basically be, you know, it's
2 people in our industry. And they would train
3 that group of people on how to go through our
4 pool of questions and make sure that they're
5 vetted. So make sure that they are
6 objectively written and that we've got answers
7 that can be justified and backed up. So they
8 would train the folks on how to do it and kind
9 of oversee the process. And then that group
10 would go through our pool of questions and
11 come up with -- and she said the number of
12 questions depends on how our test is
13 organized. So the first thing we've got to do
14 is decide, you know, how many silviculture
15 questions do we want or how many VMP
16 questions, how many prescribed fire questions,
17 how many real estate-oriented questions. So
18 we have to lay out of our 20 questions, what
19 do we want each -- you know, how many of each
20 topic do we want? And then that would
21 determine what -- how big our pool needs to be
22 for each one of those categories.

23 So their whole role in this process is to
24 train the people that know the business how to
25 write the questions basically. And if that

1 process is okay, you know, is the way we need
2 to go about it, then they'll give us a price,
3 you know, a package price, on what that will
4 cost to do that. And that price will --

5 MS. ADDISON-MILES: And who is this that they use?

6 MS. MCFADDEN: It's SMT. I can't remember the name
7 of the --

8 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Schroeder?

9 MS. MCFADDEN: Schroeder, yes.

10 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

11 MS. MCFADDEN: Schroeder Management Technologies.

12 MS. ADDISON-MILES: All right. Okay. Okay.

13 MR. GRIGG: And I would just say from the legal
14 standpoint, Lenora, whatever they need us to
15 look at, if you just want to get it to me,
16 Jamie, whatever, we'll sit down and look at it
17 and, you know, approve whatever it is we need
18 to look at and just make sure it's okay, and
19 we'll be glad to.

20 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Okay.

21 MS. MCFADDEN: I guess, you know, the thing that
22 they were wondering, you know, kind of our
23 pool of questions came from our subject matter
24 experts, so to speak. And y'all said that we
25 needed to do something more objective, you

1 know, or to have an outside company, you know,
2 agency, look at the questions to, you know,
3 reduce the liability.

4 MR. GRIGG: Okay.

5 MS. MCFADDEN: So are you okay with them training,
6 you know, and not necessarily one for one the
7 same group of people, but essentially the same
8 group of people that wrote the questions, with
9 this group coming in and training them on how
10 to write?

11 MR. GRIGG: Well, and remind me, because maybe my
12 memory's just failing me. But remind me, that
13 sounds like something that probably came from
14 above me, as far as talking about having
15 somebody look at this as far as a liability
16 issue. That doesn't sound like --

17 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Well, it was the --

18 MR. GRIGG: Did that come from Holly?

19 MS. ADDISON-MILES: No. That was prior to Holly.

20 MR. GRIGG: Prior to.

21 MS. ADDISON-MILES: That was under the other
22 administration, as well as our Advice Counsel.

23 MR. GRIGG: Catherine? Or even prior to Catherine?

24 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Prior to Catherine, yes.

25 MR. GRIGG: Okay.

1 MS. ADDISON-MILES: And then our Advice Counsel.

2 MR. GRIGG: Okay. I'll need to --

3 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yeah, they wanted to make sure

4 --

5 MR. GRIGG: I'll need to -- let me look into it.

6 MS. ADDISON-MILES: -- we could defend that exam.

7 They didn't want to use homegrown type of
8 examination questions, that type of thing.

9 MR. GRIGG: And I remember you asking me about it.

10 You and I have talked about it. But it's like
11 I said, when you talk about somebody telling
12 you you wanted somebody to look at it as far
13 as reduced liability, like I said, I didn't
14 remember that part of the conversation. That
15 sounds like something that came from higher up
16 than me in this agency. So let me take it to
17 the top -- that would be Holly now -- and
18 figure out exactly what we need to do. Lenora
19 will be in on those conversations, and we'll
20 get you whatever you need as far as approval
21 or an answer to them, so they know what
22 they've got to do.

23 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay.

24 MR. GRIGG: I mean, it sounds fine to me.

25 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay.

1 MR. GRIGG: But I think that's a decision that
2 probably needs to come from higher than me.

3 MS. MCFADDEN: And if, you know, we're okay on the
4 process of doing it that way, then they'll
5 give us a price on what it will take to put
6 everything in place.

7 New business. We've got some license
8 approvals there in your packet. The first one
9 is Scott David Danskin.

10 MS. ADDISON-MILES: The Board received an
11 application for registration by examination
12 from Mr. Danskin on November 30, 2011. He
13 obtained a bachelor of science degree in
14 forestry on December 1998 and a master of
15 science degree in forestry August 2001 from
16 South Illinois University. He passed the
17 Certified Forester exam on November 8, 2011,
18 and his file is complete.

19 MS. MCFADDEN: A motion on Mr. Danskin?

20 MR. HENDRICKS: A motion to approve him.

21 Everything looks good.

22 MR. BYRD: I'll second it.

23 MS. MCFADDEN: Any further discussion? (No
24 response.) All those in favor of licensing
25 Mr. Danskin say aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MS. MCFADDEN: Any opposed? (No response.) Next
3 on our list is Daniel Franklin Mann.

4 MS. ADDISON-MILES: The Board received an updated
5 application for registration by examination
6 from Mr. Mann on March 27, 2012. He obtained
7 a bachelor of science degree in forest
8 resource management from Clemson University on
9 December 17, 2009. He passed the Certified
10 Forester exam March 8, 2011. Staff received
11 Mr. Mann's criminal history report after
12 packets were mailed to the Board, and a copy
13 of his report should be at your seat there.

14 MR. SIBLEY: I've got a question about his work
15 history. It looks to me like he worked two
16 years part-time and two years full-time.

17 MS. MCFADDEN: How can he work four years and he
18 started -- his employment date is 2010?

19 MR. BYRD: Well, on the other it says it's '06.

20 MR. HENDRICKS: '06.

21 MR. BYRD: '06 to the present.

22 MS. MCFADDEN: So I wonder if that -- I wonder if
23 the February 8th date is the full-time date.

24 MR. HENDRICKS: He was at Clemson from 2006 to
25 2009. I mean, he was at school. He was

1 probably working there in the summer, I would
2 guess.

3 MS. MCFADDEN: Right.

4 MR. HENDRICKS: That's a contractor, an SCEG
5 contractor.

6 MS. MCFADDEN: So the employment verification that
7 Scott Collins filled out shows employment date
8 from February 8, 2010 to present. So that
9 must be the full-time.

10 MR. BYRD: Looks like.

11 MR. SIBLEY: I believe everything else looks all
12 right, but I just -- I had a question about
13 his experience.

14 MS. MCFADDEN: He worked two years.

15 MR. BYRD: Two years experience.

16 MS. MCFADDEN: Right. So he's got it.

17 MR. BYRD: He's got it.

18 (Multiple people speaking.)

19 MR. BYRD: He should be in good shape.

20 MS. MCFADDEN: Yeah. February 8th -- two years
21 would have been two months ago. And his
22 arrest record is --

23 MR. BYRD: It's similar to some other ones. I make
24 a motion to approve it.

25 MR. HENDRICKS: I'll second it.

1 MS. MCFADDEN: Any further discussion on Mr. Mann?
2 (No response.) All those in favor of
3 licensing Mr. Mann, signify by saying aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MS. MCFADDEN: Any opposed? (No response.) Motion
6 passes. Mr. John Trenholm Moore.

7 MS. ADDISON-MILES: The Board received an updated
8 application for registration by examination
9 from Mr. Moore on April 9th, because his
10 original application which you received in
11 your packet was more than one year old. Mr.
12 Moore's updated application is not notarized.
13 He obtained a bachelor of science degree in
14 political science from Clemson University on
15 May 8, 1992 and a master of forest resources
16 degree on May 7, 1999. He passed the
17 Certified Forester exam January 19, 2012.

18 MR. SIBLEY: Looks good to me.

19 MR. BYRD: Yeah. It looks like quite a bit of
20 experience he has.

21 DR. DUNN: Well, I make a make a motion that we
22 approve.

23 MR. SIBLEY: I second.

24 MS. MCFADDEN: Motion and a second to approve Mr.
25 Moore. Any further discussion? (No

1 response.) All those in favor, signify by
2 saying aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MS. MCFADDEN: Motion approved. Okay. The next
5 two are licensure by reciprocity. David Bower
6 Gehle.

7 MS. ADDISON-MILES: The Board received an
8 application for registration by reciprocity
9 from Mr. Gehle on January 17, 2012. He
10 obtained a bachelor of science degree in
11 forest management science from Colorado State
12 University in December of 1979. He was
13 licensed in Georgia on December 29, 1989 by
14 education and experience. His file is missing
15 a criminal history report from the state of
16 Georgia, and he has been notified of the
17 deficiency.

18 MR. BYRD: His reciprocal desire here, does that
19 come from North Carolina where it says yes?

20 MS. MCFADDEN: Georgia.

21 MR. BYRD: Well, what's the NC on that number
22 eight?

23 MS. MCFADDEN: What page are you on?

24 MR. BYRD: On this second page. When it says, are
25 you applying for a license in accordance to a

1 reciprocal agreement from another state? What
2 does NC mean?

3 MR. HENDRICKS: He meant to put SC, but he mixed
4 that up.

5 MR. BYRD: Well, you mentioned Georgia, and I saw
6 his registration. And I'm thinking, well, if
7 it's North Carolina, yes, NC, it kind of makes
8 it sound like it, but he doesn't have anything
9 else, so I didn't know.

10 MS. MCFADDEN: That's kind of odd.

11 MR. BYRD: I mean, other than that, he's in good
12 shape.

13 DR. DUNN: Yeah, that's what I thought. But that's
14 a good point.

15 MR. BYRD: But she said you didn't --

16 MR. SIBLEY: We don't have something.

17 MS. ADDISON-MILES: A criminal history.

18 (Multiple people speaking.)

19 MR. BYRD: Is he sending that? Or at this point
20 you just don't know?

21 MS. ADDISON-MILES: He should be, because -- I
22 haven't spoken with him. But as I indicated,
23 he has been sent a deficiency letter.

24 (Sidebar conversations.)

25 MR. SIBLEY: We could approve him subject to a

1 satisfactory --

2 DR. DUNN: Yeah, I think that's the way to do it.

3 Well, I'll so move on that, if y'all just want
4 to move that we approve it upon, again, a
5 satisfactory criminal record report from the
6 state of Georgia.

7 MR. SIBLEY: And I would second it.

8 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. A motion to approve,
9 contingent on receiving the satisfactory
10 arrest record, and a second. Any further
11 discussion? (No response.) All those in
12 favor, signify by saying aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. MCFADDEN: Any opposed? (No response.) So
15 moved.

16 MR. GRIGG: Can I just ask one thing real quick?
17 Does your staff -- I'm sure you do. But do
18 they know when you say satisfactory, I mean,
19 what do you want? Completely clean, you know?
20 Or an open container, like the one we previous
21 saw? What are you wanting them to look for,
22 and if they need me to look at it or whatever?
23 Do you know that already, or do --

24 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yes.

25 MR. GRIGG: Okay. I figured you did. I just

1 wanted to make sure.

2 (Multiple people speaking.)

3 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. Philip Michael Mead.

4 MS. ADDISON-MILES: The Board received an
5 application for registration by reciprocity
6 from Mr. Mead on January 25, 2012. He
7 obtained a bachelor of science degree in
8 forest management from North Carolina State
9 University on May 9, 2009. He was licensed in
10 North Carolina on September 16, 2011 by
11 examination. His file is complete.

12 MR. BYRD: Is it two years after graduation you
13 start -- it's what he got; is that correct?

14 MS. MCFADDEN: Yes. Yeah, it doesn't count until
15 they actually have the degree.

16 MR. BYRD: So he went to work as soon as he
17 graduated, I guess. So it's really been
18 pushing three years.

19 MS. MCFADDEN: The only question that I have -- I
20 mean, we really don't have -- there's nothing
21 in our law that says that you have to be a
22 resident of the -- I'm just curious why he's
23 living in Spartanburg, and he went and got
24 licensed in North Carolina, and now he's
25 turning around to get reciprocal in South

1 Carolina. He didn't get licensed in North
2 Carolina until last September.

3 MR. BYRD: I wonder if this, you know, enterprises
4 has something in North Carolina, and that's
5 why he was there.

6 MR. SIBLEY: What he's been doing.

7 MR. BYRD: And now he's got some duties here. It's
8 a good question. It's the only thing I can
9 think of.

10 MR. HENDRICKS: It says they have a lot of stuff in
11 Georgia. It says South Carolina and Georgia.

12 (Sidebar conversations.)

13 MS. MCFADDEN: Do we have a motion on Mr. Mead?

14 MR. BYRD: I move that we grant his request.

15 DR. DUNN: I second.

16 MS. MCFADDEN: A motion and a second to approve
17 licensure on Mr. Mead through reciprocity.
18 Any further discussion? (No response.) All
19 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MS. MCFADDEN: Any opposed? (No response.) So
22 moved. That takes care of all our licensing.
23 2012 ASBORF annual meeting. Mr. Bill,
24 just to kind of get you up to speed, every
25 year all the southern states that have

1 licensing boards like this one meet. I think
2 there's seven of them. We get together once a
3 year just to kind of see what's going on in
4 other states, what kind of issues people are
5 dealing with. And we are hosting the meeting
6 this year. And it's going to be in Georgetown
7 sometime in the middle of June.

8 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Twenty-first through twenty-
9 second.

10 MS. MCFADDEN: Twenty-first and twenty-second,
11 which is a Thursday and Friday. And what
12 we've got laid out so far is, starting
13 Thursday morning about 9:30, we'll meet at the
14 Hampton Inn in Georgetown, which is right on -
15 - right there going out of town, going out of
16 Georgetown like you're heading to the beach.
17 It's on the right before you go across the
18 bridges.

19 The one thing that we need to work on is
20 what we want to do in that morning meeting.
21 So from 9:30 to 12, which is normally when you
22 would talk about whatever -- any kind of
23 issues that you want to hear from other
24 states. Just in the past we've talked about
25 continuing education and the online courses

1 and how common they were becoming and, you
2 know, how different states were crediting
3 those.

4 We've dealt with complaints. You know,
5 each state kind of talk about how they deal
6 with complaints and how they go about
7 investigating and resolving any issues. So
8 anything like that we kind of need to be
9 thinking on, if anybody's got any ideas on
10 what they'd kind of like here. So that will
11 be our morning session. You know, it won't be
12 too long, but 9:30 to 12 or 11:45, somewhere
13 in there.

14 And then we'll travel across the bridges
15 to Hobcaw, and George Chastain is going to
16 host us there. We'll have some kind of Low
17 Country lunch, either barbeque or shrimp boil
18 or something on that order. We'll have lunch
19 at Hobcaw, and then we'll do a tour. And
20 we'll basically go through the -- he's going
21 to gear it towards forestry and for history,
22 so that spouses -- you know, if any spouses
23 want to come along, that it will be, you know,
24 an interest to everybody there. The old rice
25 fields and the slave village and the Hobcaw

1 House there on the water. So they'll kind of
2 go through all that, and then they'll also
3 talk about their management, the research that
4 they do out there, and RCW habitat management.
5 So I think George is pretty good at putting on
6 those things. So I'm really glad that he kind
7 of jumped in and said he would -- he'd be glad
8 to have us out there. So that will be -- that
9 will kind of take care of our Thursday
10 afternoon.

11 And then Friday morning we'll meet again
12 about eight o'clock. And just from eight to
13 twelve the primary focus of the Friday morning
14 meeting is ASBORF business. So that's our
15 business meeting. Anything that has to be
16 addressed there. And then each state brings a
17 report and presents it, so to speak, and just
18 basically what's gone on in the last year in
19 their state and anything that's come up. So
20 by the time you get through seven states, and
21 we usually have one or two guest states there,
22 that pretty much takes up the whole morning.
23 And then we'll be through by 12 o'clock
24 Friday. So it's basically nine-thirty to five
25 on Thursday and then eight to twelve on

1 Friday, and we'll be through.

2 You know, as the host state it would be
3 nice if everybody could be there. If you can
4 be there for part but not the whole thing,
5 that's fine. If you've got something else,
6 you know, that's understandable. But if y'all
7 could make it, that would be great.

8 So I guess the main thing, everything's
9 kind of laid out except for that two hours or
10 so in the first morning. And I've also got
11 kind of a, you know, solicitation out to the
12 other states, if there's anything that, you
13 know, they want to talk about or bring up.
14 You know, we're open for suggestions.

15 MR. BYRD: Is it a roundtable type, I mean, from
16 what you discussed?

17 MS. MCFADDEN: Yeah.

18 MR. BYRD: Do you actually have an agenda, or do
19 you just kind of open it up per state and let
20 them give you some updates? Or is that --

21 MS. MCFADDEN: Well, that's Friday. Yeah, Friday
22 morning is when you kind of go around, and
23 each state talks about what's going on there.
24 Typically, and just to give you an idea, you
25 know, of some things we've done in the past,

1 Georgia used to have a huge testing facility.
2 And it was kind of ironic because, you know,
3 several years ago they had one of their people
4 from the testing company or facility come and
5 talk about how they developed their tests and
6 how they monitored questions, and, you know,
7 it was a continuous update to their exam.

8 And we had, you know, Arkansas was having
9 real trouble with pass rates. They were in
10 the 35, 40 percent range. You know, we at one
11 time had the issues with that. And so it was
12 a topic of interest to everybody with what we
13 were doing with exams and how they were
14 developing them. So Georgia actually came and
15 did a presentation about their testing
16 facility and what they did, and everybody kind
17 of talked about their issues, exam issues.
18 But four or five years down the road Georgia
19 has now -- last year went to the CF exam, just
20 like we did. But, you know, that was just --
21 that was something where we actually had
22 somebody come in and do a presentation on
23 something, and then everybody kind of gave
24 their input on, you know, just on that
25 particular topic.

1 We were in Mississippi one year. It was
2 shortly after a hurricane. And some of the
3 Mississippi State guys came in and talked
4 about how they addressed all the damage and
5 how they went through and, you know, kind of
6 what their process was dealing with it, which
7 was, you know, something pretty local. But,
8 again, that's kind of -- you know, we're doing
9 Hobcaw kind of as our local -- our local
10 thing.

11 I'm just trying to think. I know we kind
12 of are battling here with the LLR report and,
13 I guess, the whole question of whether the
14 Board even needs to exist. You know, I don't
15 know if other states are facing similar
16 issues.

17 I guess, just as kind of a side note, we
18 did get ACF's position statement yesterday,
19 and I forgot to print it off and bring it.
20 But I will forward it to everybody. They kind
21 of go back and forth a little bit.
22 Ultimately, they support the Board and support
23 moving to the Commission, if that is something
24 that can be transitioned. But they don't
25 disagree with LLR that, you know, the

1 inactivity of the Board, does that indicate
2 that it's, you know, not a necessity. But
3 I'll forward that to everybody, so we can kind
4 of take a look at that.

5 MR. SIBLEY: Well, I know that SAF is working on a
6 position statement.

7 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. And you're going to serve on
8 that committee?

9 MR. SIBLEY: Well, I don't know.

10 MR. GRIGG: I'm going to try to get that answered
11 for him.

12 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. So anyway, that could be a
13 possibility. And, you know, if y'all just
14 want to think about it. If you've got any --
15 I'm just curious about what other states do
16 about certain things that we face or anything
17 like that.

18 MR. BYRD: Are any of the other states, are they
19 under the state's Forestry Commission versus
20 LLR currently?

21 MR. SIBLEY: I think it depends on the state.
22 Well, I don't know if --

23 MS. MCFADDEN: Mississippi is actually housed at
24 Mississippi State. Alabama, I think, is --
25 they're almost like an autonomous board.

1 They're just the board. They're not really
2 under any other government agency.

3 MR. SIBLEY: Does that impact the -- if you have a
4 problem, does that impact the process of
5 trying to correct the problem, as far as
6 authority or anything versus, you know -- I
7 mean, that tends to be two different
8 situations there to me. I just don't know how
9 it plays out.

10 MS. MCFADDEN: Well, it's kind of interesting,
11 because when you hear the other boards talk
12 about complaints and investigation, the other
13 boards all handle that themselves. They have
14 a complaint chair on the board, and that's who
15 the complaints go to. And they kind of do
16 some preliminary investigating. Arkansas is
17 set up like that. Mississippi is set up like
18 that. Alabama is set up like that. Georgia
19 is similar to us, as far as being under a
20 licensing agency that has their own
21 investigators. So it's -- and I'm not sure
22 about Arkansas. I think Arkansas may be
23 housed under a commission, their state agency.
24 North Carolina is kind of under NC State. So
25 it's a mixed bag. But that could be something

1 of interest as far as talking about
2 organization.

3 MR. BYRD: I'm just wondering kind of where's the
4 beef? You know, Charles and I can say, well,
5 we're going to be this group. And if you've
6 got complaints, bring them to us, but where's
7 our authority and our backing and our
8 enforcement abilities, versus being something
9 through LLR or even the Commission? Almost a
10 sponsor of that group as, I guess, LLR is of
11 us here.

12 MS. MCFADDEN: Right. That's, you know, certainly
13 something we can kind of throw out there. It
14 would be interesting to hear how other -- how
15 other boards are set up. Again, what the
16 structure is and kind of the chain of command
17 for complaints.

18 MR. BYRD: Is there an update on the thoughts here
19 with the Forestry Board and LLR beyond what
20 we've talked about before?

21 MS. MCFADDEN: Nothing's been presented.

22 MR. BYRD: Okay.

23 MS. MCFADDEN: I'm kind of jotting down, you know,
24 organization and structure and, I guess,
25 housing of the other boards. Okay. And if

1 anybody's got any other ideas or anything,
2 just shoot me an email or give me a call, and
3 we can add it to the list. And like I said,
4 I'm kind of hoping we might hear from some
5 other states on, you know, things that are
6 coming up there. So we'll kind of get that
7 formulated. And hopefully we'll have
8 registration packets out some time in the next
9 week, two weeks at the latest. But we do have
10 a block of rooms reserved at the Hampton, if
11 anybody, you know, doesn't want to travel in
12 between. We'll have a block there.

13 MR. HENDRICKS: What's happening on Friday? What's
14 Friday's schedule look like?

15 MS. MCFADDEN: Just eight to twelve will be it.

16 MR. HENDRICKS: Okay.

17 MS. MCFADDEN: And it will be all indoors. That's
18 just basically the business meeting and the
19 state reports.

20 MR. HENDRICKS: Okay.

21 MS. MCFADDEN: Our member states are Georgia,
22 Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina,
23 Arkansas, Mississippi. Who am I missing?
24 North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,
25 Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

1 I don't know if they've got many foresters in
2 Oklahoma, but they have a licensing board. So
3 those are -- those states are usually --
4 Oklahoma is not always in attendance. But
5 there's at least one rep from all the other
6 states typically there.

7 And then we invite Tennessee, West
8 Virginia, are both developing licensing laws,
9 and they've been invited each year. Sometimes
10 they'll come; sometimes they won't. And then
11 Pennsylvania almost always has a rep there.
12 They are also trying to create a licensing
13 law. And so -- and they've been working on it
14 for years, like 12 to 15 years. So they
15 usually have somebody there. So, you know,
16 Friday morning, like I said, six or seven
17 state reports. And, you know, if there's any
18 visitors, you know, give them some time to
19 give us an update.

20 It's pretty interesting, yeah, just to
21 hear what other -- what other folks are up
22 against or doing well with.

23 All right. If nothing else on ASBORF, it
24 comes to election of officers. Our nominating
25 committee had a brief meeting before our

1 meeting. I think we've got a slate of
2 officers selected. I guess we're go from
3 secretary. We will nominate a secretary
4 first. Do I hear any motions?

5 MR. BYRD: Christian Hendricks.

6 MS. MCFADDEN: Christian Hendricks. Do I hear a
7 second?

8 DR. DUNN: Second.

9 MS. MCFADDEN: I don't think he's running against
10 any opposition, so we'll -- we've got a motion
11 and a second for Christian Hendricks to serve
12 as secretary. All those in favor say aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MS. MCFADDEN: Christian will be our secretary for
15 2012/2013. Is that how it -- it's like June
16 to --

17 MS. ADDISON-MILES: Yeah. We have to do our
18 elections at the spring meeting. So from now
19 until next April.

20 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. And vice-chair?

21 DR. DUNN: I nominate Ronny.

22 MR. BYRD: You missed the nominating committee
23 report.

24 (Laughter)

25 MR. BYRD: The nominating committee had felt

1 comfortable because of some other issues that
2 Amy's got to have -- to be vice-chair. Is
3 that okay with you?

4 DR. DUNN: That's all right. That's excellent.

5 MR. BYRD: How was that, Amy?

6 MS. MCFADDEN: I'll second that.

7 MR. BYRD: Well, if she seconds it, that's pretty
8 good. That is acceptable, I'm sure.

9 (Multiple people speaking.)

10 MS. MCFADDEN: I'm glad to serve as vice-chair.

11 MR. BYRD: Do you want me to elaborate on that? I
12 mean, seriously.

13 MS. MCFADDEN: Well, yeah.

14 MR. BYRD: Amy is -- a lot of you may not know
15 this. She is the vice-chair of the South
16 Carolina Forestry Association. And she will
17 rotate in to be the chair at our annual
18 meeting next year in --

19 MS. MCFADDEN: This year.

20 MR. BYRD: Excuse me, this year. That's right.
21 This year. I'm sorry. I'm a year behind.
22 And that can get to be a pretty time-consuming
23 and responsible job. So with all that, I
24 certainly can understand. I've been there.
25 And so I understand where she's coming from.

1 And so I think that's a -- she's obviously
2 done an excellent job here. And I haven't
3 been on the Board very long, but I know that,
4 because I've known Amy for a long time. But
5 that was one of the things that she had
6 mentioned. And that's a -- that's a very
7 valid request. So I think that's good
8 information for everybody to be aware of.

9 MS. MCFADDEN: Thank you. Okay. So we've got a
10 motion for Amy McFadden to serve as chair-
11 elect, vice-chair, whatever the official title
12 is.

13 MR. SIBLEY: I'll second that.

14 MS. MCFADDEN: All those in favor say aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. So we've got a chair-elect.
17 And we need a nominee for our new chairman.

18 MR. BYRD: Mr. Charles Sibley. I nominate Mr.
19 Charles Sibley.

20 DR. DUNN: And I second that.

21 MS. MCFADDEN: And I appreciate -- I kind of put
22 Charles on the spot this morning with my
23 request. But I think -- I think we'll be
24 better served with my other commitments. I
25 don't want to leave anything here lacking. So

1 I appreciate you stepping up and doing it.

2 MR. SIBLEY: I appreciate it, the fact that you're
3 going to be here to give us your knowledge and
4 experience.

5 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. We've got a motion and a
6 second for Charles Sibley as our new chairman
7 for 2012/2013. All those in favor say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. MCFADDEN: Any opposed? (No response.) Okay.
10 We've got our new officers.

11 Does anybody have anything else? Any
12 questions, comments? (No response.) Lenora,
13 do you have any?

14 MS. ADDISON-MILES: No.

15 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay. I think we've taken care of
16 everything on our agenda, so we'll stand
17 adjourned. I appreciate everybody coming
18 today.

19 (Whereupon, at 10:55 a.m., the
20 proceeding in the above-entitled
21 matter was concluded.)

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