The meeting was recorded by K. Winterberger. Minutes were typed by K Pyne (note the minutes are not verbatim).

**Attendance:**
- Northwest Office: L. Rasor
- Yukon River: J. Douse, J. Yarie, and P. Maki
- Dixon Entrance: B. Durland
- Sitka: T.J. Witherspoon sent information to J. Douse

**Chair of the Meeting:** J. Douse (State Chair)

**Review of the Minutes:** May Draft Minutes approved with no changes.

**Review of the Agenda:** no changes

**Announcement:**
- HSD is scheduled for Oct 2nd at the National SAF Meeting. Alaska SAF will submit the Alaska Forest Practices Act
- Oct 3-7 National SAF Meeting
- Forester Grant funds were awarded Juneau for their-proposed Legislative Breakfast.
- SAF Fellow nomination Sue Rodman was accepted as new Fellow

**Northwest Office:** Lori relayed that the Northwest Office Committee met on June 5th. Fifteen (15) out of 17 (including proxies) attended the meeting.

**Action Items:**
1. Approved $500 to cover the cost of the over print Silviculture issue. This issue will be handed out at the National SAF Conference.
2. Western Forester 2020 Themes doodle poll results include themes such as Carbon Forest, Certification (forests and foresters), Climate Change, Economics (improve economic development forest management), Water, and Herbicide.
3. Vote to increase 2019 Western Forester advertisement rates by 10% starting Jan 2019.
4. Review the Inland Empire status if they stay or leave Northwest Office.
   a. Northwest Office Committee voted that only members of Northwest Office will have access to the website and Western Forester.
   b. The Inland Empire members will decide their status.
   c. $5400 budget impact if Inland Empire pulls out
6. Big item* the Committee voted to form a regional membership committee. The committee will analysis membership trends, identify recruitment membership best practices and develop a 3-5-year Northwest Membership and Retention plan. M. Tuttle, Oregon SAF Chair Elect, is the lead for the Committee. There will be Committee representation from each of the State. Jeremy will work on identifying an Alaska SAF member.

7. The next Northwest Office Committee Meeting is in November– Topics will include budget


Committees

- **Treasurer:** K. Winterberger relayed $3085.93
- **Website:** K. Winterberger relayed he had nothing to report for the website. Need to get the Alaska SAF State presentations on the website.
- **Workforce Committee:** j. Douse and K. Winterberger, relayed that M. Burgett is looking for assistance and ideas for a white paper regarding the workforce committee. White paper should include list of training opportunities and who is funding all the forestry training program. She has been contacting various members. She hopes to have an August / September meeting.

Chapter Reports

- **Yukon SAF** – J. Douse reported Chapter has stopped meeting during the summer months. The Tanana Valley State Fair is coming up. SAF and the State Forestry host a fair booth. Both, Yukon River Chapter and Alaska SAF worked on getting Fairbanks accepted as Tree City USA. Sent letters to the Borough Mayor.
- **Cook Inlet** – K. Winterberger reported that the Chapter hasn’t had a meeting. The Chapter came to the aid of BIA regarding seedling. BIA placed an order for seedling to an outside nursery. The nursery reported that the local Alaskan seeds only had a 20% germination rate. Three Chapter members and Plant Material Center individual planted seeds all day at the Plant Material Center. The planted both seeds for BIA and for the Chapter. They filled the greenhouse with seed trays. BIA needed seedlings for land outside of Talkeetna.
- **Dixon Entrance** B. Durland relayed that the Chapter assisted with a grade school science fair in April. The Chapter also helped with a school’s “DaVinci Night” Science night illustrating tools for forestry trade. Various organizations meet and show the students the different science that they can study and work toward. The Chapter planted a yellow cedar for Arbor Day in the city park. The yellow cedar came from at Rick Hauver’s back yard. This replaced a yellow cedar that was not doing well. Upcoming: The Chapter will install nature trail interpreter signs. The Chapter thanks everyone for the money for this Dixon Entrance project. Per B. Durland the check was deposited and should show up in R. Burnside’s SAF Investment July account. Highway clean up in two weeks. The Chapter will hold a picnic in August. The Chapter will also staff the Knudsen Cove judging station for a silver salmon derby Ketchikan held this derby instead of the king salmon derby. Quite busy, derby fisherman can bring up to six fish per day.
- **Sitka:** T.J. relayed via an email that the Chapter held a short dedication ceremony yellow cedar bench project. Saturday will be the annual chapter potluck at the Halibut point Rec Area. They are hoping for good weather so they do not have to hang out under the pavilion.
Old Business

- ¾ page advertisement. At the Northwest Office Committee meeting, the other states reported that they also were not doing good. Per J. Douse our Chapter still need to work on getting an advertiser.
- Finished the Action item state meeting except the developing a budget –
  - K. Winterberger will send J. Douse the last two years expenses.
- HSD issues and actions: looking for items to forward to the Policy Committee or the Board – we had agreed to push forward Alaska Forest Practice Act. Found that there is no national Forest Practices Act position statement. During the Northwest Office Committee meeting, brought up the topic for discussion and to get support from the other states.

New business

- Workforce Development committee: The Fall will be better time to meet to develop goals, and objectives.
- At the State meeting talked about developing another position statement regarding the Division of Forestry’s timber program.

Next Meeting

Next month discussion; J. Douse will be in town only one day in town then leaving for the field. J. Yarie relayed that he may be also out of town. Decided to hold the next meeting in September.

September 11th 4 pm