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Professional Foresters Examining Committee

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Held: February 26, 2019

Resources Building, 1416 9th Street
15th Floor Large Conference Room
Sacramento, California

Members Present: Otto van Emmerik
Kim Rodrigues (Conference)
Frank Mulhair
James Hawkins
Jerry Jensen
Jason Poburko
Dan Sendek

Staff Participating: Dan Stapleton, Acting Executive Officer
Shuhani Patel, Assistant to the Executive Officer

CLFA: George Gentry

Cal Fire: Bill Solinsky

1. Approval of Open Session Minutes of January 7, 2019 meeting.

02-26-01 Member Jensen moved the approval of the Open Session Minutes with no changes. Member Hawkins seconded.

Roll Call: van Emmerik (Aye); Rodrigues (Aye); Mulhair (Aye); Hawkins (Aye); Jensen (Aye); Poburko (Aye); Sendek (Aye). The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Reports from the Executive Officer.

EO Stapleton discussed that Poburko will be fulfilling a second term with the PFEC. The CRM rule making 45-day was approved by the Board. There were over 50 applicants that will be sitting in for the RPF examination. EO mentioned he will continue his outreach efforts for increasing RPF license numbers.

Poburko discussed that EO should speak to students regarding the importance of continued work experience during college and inform them of existing forestry clubs and professional organizations during outreach.

EO Stapleton will continue to promote program and hopes to eventually provide outreach outside of the state.

3. Review of renewal fee options, draft Initial Statement of Reasons and draft plead.

The PFEC reviewed the Internal Fund Condition statement.

EO stated that he will prepare a BCP proposing to receive support from the general fund.

The members reviewed proposals from George Gentry and Snyder.

EO stated that he would like to be in a position for long-term sustainability. He would like to see a decision made by October 1st if it needs to go into effect by 2020 renewal season. He stated that the increase renewal fee to \$350.00 would cover inflationary costs over the last 28 years.

Mulhair mentioned that the increased opportunities for Cal Fire grant work will dictate RPF retirees retaining their license.

Chairman van Emmerik stated that he feels comfortable with the \$350 spot but wants to keep monitoring the fund as a movement right now on a decision is not necessary.

George Gentry stated that he would like to see a withdrawal number comparison from 2018 to 2019. He stated that an increase in number of licenses is key to the survival of the fund.

EO Stapleton stated that an introduction of a forest technician license or other options should be discussed. He would like to send out another survey to get consensus and opinions from the community.

Jensen stated that he would like a survey or notification sent out to advertise that the renewal fee could be increasing to \$350.00. He suggested an article be placed in the licensing news and ask people to come forward with opinions, comments, or support.

EO Stapleton stated that he would putting together a plead and ISOR for the June 2019 PFEC meeting and reach out to CLFA and the public on a proposed \$350 biennial renewal fee increase.

Poburko is in support of advertising and would like to get more comments from the public.

Adjourn.