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Carlton
Cass
Clearwater
Crow Wing
Hubbard
Koochiching
Lake
St. Louis

MN Center for Environmental Advocacy

MN Chippewa Tribes

Fond du Lac
Grand Portage
Leech Lake
White Earth

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Itasca County
Koochiching County
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Dear SFEC members and supporters,

After arriving at the Forest this morning accident free (no small feat with the blizzard raging outside) I found an e-mail from University President Robert Bruininks describing the substantial state funding decrease expected over the next four years. Because 60% of the SFEC Coordinator salary and benefits comes from the University, this news is likely to impact SFEC's funding base in the near future. With this in mind I once again thank SFEC members, and funders, for your financial support of the only membership-based continuing professional forestry education program in North America. I believe that this cooperative operating model has and will continue to serve you well.

Speaking of funding, I am pleased to report the following three awards coming to SFEC. The Blandin Foundation Vital Forests Vital Communities Initiative has awarded SFEC with a one-year, \$40,000 funding pulse to support recommendations from the Continuing Education Task Force [Final Report](#). The [Northeast Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership](#) decided at its March Board meeting to award the full amount for two project idea funding requests: the webinar pilot (\$4,000) and the adult education best practices portion of the June Forest Management Guidelines instructor training (\$4,750).

The SFEC Transition Team has done a lot of work in March: completed draft By-laws; reviewed the transition blueprint, annual SFEC work schedule, and draft FY2010 SFEC work plan; and drafted the inaugural SFEC Advisory Board member list. Their next meeting is 19 May at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

The SFEC Coordinator Search Committee will meet next Monday, 6 April, at the Cloquet Forestry Center to begin application review. As of this morning we have 13 applicants from around the country.

Finally, check out this new webinar clearinghouse website created by Southern Regional Extension Forestry. They include SFEC's webinars.

<http://forestrywebinar.net/>

Sincerely,



Louise Levy, Coordinator