

NAUFRP Policy Chair Report – 2023 NAUFRP Policy Committee Report

- Chair responsibilities transitioned from Dennis Becker to Myron Floyd in 2023.
- We continue to work through the “hand off” since then. For example, as Dennis receives correspondence and requests related to policy updates and sign-on opportunities, he is sharing Myron’s contact information with those organizations.
- On behalf of NAUFRP, the following sign-on opportunities were supported
 1. **Supported enhancing the Good Neighbor Authority** endorsed by the American Forest Foundation, Boone and Crockett Club, Federal Forest Resource Coalition, and National Association of State Foresters (and others).
 - a. Generally, Enhance the Good Neighbor Authority expands the ability of the US Forest Service and the BLM to partner with states, tribes, and counties on federal forest restoration and management projects.
 2. **The Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources (RNGR) Support Act of 2023.**
 - a. The Act would formally authorize the RNGR program, providing it with its own budget item and funding.
 - b. This would help the program to focus on technical assistance to nurseries, research projects, and providing online resources (priorities for foresters in the farm bill).
 3. **We supported a \$10 million increase in program funding for FY24 for FIA as well as signed on to support FY24 appropriations for the US Forest Service Stewardship Program.**
 4. **Finally, the Forest Climate Working Group (FCWG) requested endorsement of its streamlined operating principles to reset the FCWG membership** by requiring simultaneous endorsement of a more elaborate FCWG Organizational Guide and the updated FCWG Policy Platform that was formulated in late 2022 and early 2023.
 - a. Terri indicated (by email) that the change and paying dues to the FCWG were discussed during Dennis’ report at our last meeting and motion passed approving \$500 in dues payment to the FCWG from NAUFRP.

That concludes the report. Dennis should be acknowledged for “bringing me along” in my transition to policy chair. I’m (Myron) open to suggestions from the full executive committee and/or policy committee on adjustments on how we operate going forward.

Thank you.