



Wisconsin SAF – Bylaws Revisions Summary March 2019

Minor content revisions were made throughout most of the document for consistency and terminology, and to reflect current procedures and present-day business. (The last revision was in 2011.) The more significant content amendments are briefly described as follows:

- A. Article 5 Officers. The Officers of the state society were clarified to be the Chair, Chair Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Previously, officers included all committee chairs.
- B. Article 6 Duties and Responsibilities, Article 8 Board of Directors, Standing Committees and Official Positions and Article 9 Special Committees.
 - a. Articles were renamed and material re-organized to fit the appropriate titles and functions
 - b. Executive Committee defined to consist of the officers, see Article 5
 - c. Single member “committees” renamed to “Official Positions”
 - d. Board of Directors created and defined to consist of officers, standing committee chairs and official positions
 - e. Roles of Executive Committee and Board defined
 - f. Forestry Hall of Fame Committee moved out from under the Awards Committee to an Official Position and added to the Board
 - g. Program Committee description updated
- C. Article 7 Elections. Updated for current procedures.
- D. Article 10 Chapters.
 - a. To meet preexisting Bylaw terms, a new chapter map is attached
 - b. Chapter officer positions and roles updated
 - c. The state society authorized to appropriate fund for Chapter business
- E. Article 12 Meetings. Updated for current procedures.
- F. Article 16 Publications. Deleted (published newsletter being replaced by website).
- G. Article 17 (now article 16) State Society Professional Recognition
 - a. Julie Peltier award added
 - b. Innovations in Forestry award added.

BYLAWS OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

This organization is a unit of the Society of American Foresters (the Society) and shall be known as the "Wisconsin Society of American Foresters" (*the state society*). As provided in Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Society of American Foresters, the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters is comprised of all the counties within the state of Wisconsin.

The objectives shall be:

- (1) to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

- (2) to provide an opportunity for better communication among the individual members, their regional representatives and the Society.

ARTICLE 2: ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO EXEMPT PURPOSES

No part of the net earnings of the *state society* shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the *state society* shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 hereof. No substantial part¹ of the activities of the *state society* shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the *state society* shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the case of a written request from a governmental body, committee, or subdivision, the *state society* shall provide technical assistance and advice providing the *state society* deems it appropriate to provide such assistance. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the *state society* shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

¹Greater than five percent (5%) of your annual budget.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Every member of the Society in good standing is entitled to membership in the *state society* in which the member has established domicile. The domicile of a member shall be the member's principal home or residence, unless the member's place of business and professional affiliations lie within the territory of another SAF *state society*, when, by notification in writing to the national office, the member may establish domicile with said other SAF *state society* for the purpose of *state society* membership. An individual may be a voting member of and be eligible for office holding in only one SAF *state society*.

Only voting members, as defined in the Society's Constitution, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote on any question before the *state society*. Other members may attend any meeting of the *state society* and take part in the discussions but shall have no vote. Members of a student chapter shall be entitled to vote only on any question before the student chapter.

Membership in the *state society* may be terminated by (1) voluntary resignation, (2) failure to pay dues, (3) expulsion from the Society for unprofessional conduct, or (4) transfer of domicile to another *state society*.

ARTICLE 4: DUES

The annual dues of the *state society* shall be due upon receipt of the invoice. With the exception of Student Members who shall not be assessed, dues shall be collected by the Society concurrently with the collection of national dues and transmitted to the Treasurer of the *state society*.

Members who have not paid national and *state society* dues by March 1 shall be notified by the Society that they are in bad standing, and thus ineligible to vote, to receive Society publications, to be a candidate for office, or to hold office until the dues are paid.

A member who transfers to another *state society* and has paid annual dues in the *state society* from which the transfer is being made shall not be required to pay additional dues for the year of transfer and shall automatically become a member of the *state society* to which transferred for the remainder of the year.

New members admitted during the year shall pay pro-rata dues beginning with the quarter after the admission is accepted. No member shall be entitled to a return of fees or dues upon discontinuance of membership.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

The officers of the *state society* shall include a Chair, a Chair-Elect, the immediate past Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be voting members of the Society and the *state society* for the duration of their terms. Terms shall be for two years and commence on January 1. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve more than one term if the member so chooses.

The Chair-Elect is elected for a two-year term and automatically shall become Chair for the subsequent term. The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected or appointed. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.

The *state society* Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate past Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall comprise the Executive Committee.

In the event the Chair is unable to complete the full term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed and complete the unexpired term prior to serving the full term as Chair. Should this occur, the Executive Committee by a majority vote shall appoint a replacement Chair-Elect who shall assume the duties of the vacant office until the next regular election of officers. In the event the Chair-Elect is unable to complete the term of office and succeed to the office of Chair, the Executive Committee shall appoint an acting Chair to serve until the next election at which time both a Chair and a Chair-Elect shall be elected. Vacancies in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair shall be responsible for developing and continuing *state society* activities during the term of office and for organizing the membership toward meeting the objectives, many of which are outlined in the Wisconsin SAF Strategic Plan. The Chair shall preside at meetings of the *state society*; serve as chair of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and as ex-officio member of all other committees; oversee the business affairs; appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the standing committees, special committees, and other official positions; act as the official delegate to the House of Society Delegates, or, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint an alternate; and perform all other duties commonly incident to such office. The Chair shall send all chair records and documents that are three years or older to the Historian/Archivist at the close of each calendar year.

The Chair-Elect, in the absence of the Chair, shall preside at *state society* meetings and act for and assist the Chair in conducting *state society* affairs, as may be requested by the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall also be responsible for monitoring the *state society* "Strategic Plan" and for proposing revisions to the Plan to reflect changing society goals.

The Secretary or another officer as directed by the Executive Committee shall conduct all *state society* elections and referendums which are not conducted by the national office of the Society; keep the minutes of the *state society* and Board meetings and send a copy to the national Executive Vice President; conduct correspondence; announce meetings; send agenda for meetings to the national Executive Vice President and Council Representative 30 days in advance when possible; report the termination of any member for causes specified in Article 3 to the national Executive Vice President and the Executive Committee; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or Chair. The Secretary shall prepare and present at the annual meeting a report on the *state society* activities and shall provide a copy of the report to the national Executive Vice President. The Secretary shall report to the national Executive Vice President the adoption and amendment to these bylaws. The Secretary shall send basic records three years or older to the state Historian/Archivist.

The Treasurer or another officer directed by the Executive Committee shall act as custodian of the *state society* accounting records and accounts; draft an annual budget at the beginning of each year; receive and deposit all moneys and disburse all moneys authorized by the budget or Chair (or Executive Committee) on behalf of the *state society*; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Chair. The Treasurer shall prepare and present at the state's annual meeting a report of the *state society* financial status, including an income and expense statement for the year's operations and a balance sheet. The Treasurer shall prepare statements as of the end of the Society's fiscal year, i.e., December 31. Upon certification by the Auditing Committee, copies of the written report shall be submitted to the Chair and to the national Executive Vice President. The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that the *state society* remains in compliance with all state and federal tax laws.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Election of officers shall be by ballot in October. Elections shall be conducted either electronically or by mail. The ballots shall be counted by December 1. Election results will be reported to the national office not later than December 8.

Nominations made by the Nominating Committee shall be transmitted to the Chair with a copy to the Secretary by August 25. Nominations by the membership at large, if endorsed by at least 25 voting members in good standing and presented to the Secretary in writing by August 25, shall be included on the ballot.

The Secretary shall determine whether all nominees are voting members in good standing, eligible to hold *state society* office and agreeable to serve if elected. The Secretary shall report to the Chair and Nominating Committee the name of any nominee who fails to qualify. Further nominations, if necessary, shall be made by the Nominating Committee by no later than September 1.

The Secretary shall forward candidate information to the national office by the first Friday in September. The ballots shall (1) state the offices to be filled, (2) list names of the candidates for each office in alphabetical order; (3) show the professional biography of each candidate, and (4) include a return envelope or post card addressed to the Secretary, someone designated by the Secretary, or Teller's Committee.

The outcome of all elections shall be determined by a plurality or simple majority of those voting. In the case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held within one month. Any paper ballots shall be counted by a Tellers Committee who shall promptly certify the results of the election to the Chair, the Executive Committee, the national Executive Vice President (by December 8), and all candidates for office. The membership shall be informed of the election results as soon as possible. The Tellers Committee shall forward the ballots to the Secretary for 30-day retention. The Secretary shall have the authority to destroy the ballots after this period of time.

ARTICLE 8: BOARD of DIRECTORS, STANDING COMMITTEES, and OFFICIAL POSITIONS

The *state society* shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors (the Board) provides leadership and direction to ensure the *state society* achieves its mission. The Board is comprised of the *state society* officers, chairs of the standing committees, chapter chairs, and official positions. The *state society* Chair shall preside at Board meetings.

Standing Committees of the *state society* shall include, but not be limited to, the Executive, Membership, Program, Policy-Legislation, Communication, Education, Awards, and, Nominating, Committees. Official positions include the Science and Technology Coordinator, Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Liaison, Conservation Hall of Fame Liaison, Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Contact, Foresters Fund Coordinator, and the Historian/Archivist. The Chair of the *state society* with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint official positions and a chair and members of the standing committees. The Chair of the *state society* serves as ex-officio member of each committee.

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair of the *state society* acting as chair of the committee, and other officers of the *state society*. The Executive Committee shall give general supervision to the affairs and interests of the *state society* and its contacts with the Society; shall control the expenditure of all funds; and approve the place, date and program of all meetings. The Executive Committee acting with the Board shall adopt a charter for each of the other committees, outlining the objectives, organization and activities of the committees. Each incoming Chair shall recommend to the Board at its first annual meeting additions, deletions and changes in committee charters. Action on any charter, however, may be taken at any Board meeting. The Executive Committee shall fill by appointment the unexpired term of any Executive Committee member; approve or disapprove proposed appointments by the Chair; advise the Chair on all matters which the Chair presents to the committee, and act for the *state society* on urgent matters which require immediate action between the Board meetings. Executive Committee business may be transacted by phone or mail (including electronic mail).

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. The Membership committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. The Chair-Elect may serve as chair of the committee. In cooperation with a staff member of the SAF national office designated by the national Executive Vice President, the committee shall actively promote membership and retention in the Society, coordinate recruitment activities of chapters and play an active role in improving member services at the local level. The committee shall actively work to achieve diversity among the membership.

B. PROGRAM COMMITTEE. The Program Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. In consultation with the Executive Committee the committee shall coordinate a program for the *state society* annual meeting(s) and shall be responsible for all arrangements thereof. Programs should promote interactions and information exchange among members, assist technology transfer, and encourage interaction with other similar organizations. Additional meetings as may be desired by the Executive Committee shall be arranged by the Program Committee. The Program Committee shall also coordinate a minimum of one chapter level program or meeting per

year for each chapter, along with any additional programs or meetings desired by membership and authorized by the Executive Committee and the Board.

C. POLICY – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. The Policy – Legislation Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter, Society Forest Policies, and the Society Bylaws. This committee and a staff member of the Society designated by the national Executive Vice President shall work in cooperation with each other. The committee shall review and keep *state society* members informed of pending or proposed legislation. It shall be responsible for reviewing Forest Policies, forest policy issues and position statements referred to or originating within the *state society*. The committee may recommend a *state society* position on any policy issue to the Executive Committee, and recommend modification, reaffirmation or termination of any existing position. State society positions will be forwarded by the Executive Committee to the Society for approval.

D. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE. The Communication Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee and a staff member of the Society designated by the national Executive Vice President shall work in cooperation with each other. The committee shall be responsible for news coverage of all activities of the *state society*; shall conduct communications efforts within the Society and with other organizations; shall communicate and maintain liaison with the state legislative body, the state executive office and national legislators for the state; and shall encourage the dispersal of information to gain public awareness and understanding of forestry and the forestry profession. The Communication Committee also shall coordinate the development and maintenance of the *state society* website and its content, and if desired, appoint a webmaster.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Education Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall work in cooperation with a staff member of the SAF national office with responsibility for educational and professional standards. The committee shall be responsible for a program to educate members of the public and especially students about the forestry profession; shall act as liaison on matters of the forestry educational concern to educational institutions within the state boundaries; shall keep the membership informed about modern developments in forestry; shall promote continuing education activities for forestry professionals; and shall work closely with student chapters of the *state society* to provide for their educational and professional needs.

F. AWARDS COMMITTEE. The Awards Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee will coordinate all national and *state society* awards and shall select from eligible candidates those deserving individuals who may receive various state and national society awards.

G. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR. The *state society* Science and Technology Coordinator is responsible for assessing the *state society* membership needs for continuing education in forest science and technology. The Coordinator shall maintain liaison with the national Forest Science and Technology Board, working groups, and the national office as provided for in the Society bylaws.

H. FORESTRY HALL OF FAME LIAISON. The Forestry Hall of Fame Liaison shall operate as the chair of the multi-organizational Hall of Fame Committee in accordance with its committee charter.

I. WISCONSIN CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME LIAISON. The Liaison shall represent the *state society* as a member of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame; reports on its actions and, in consultation with the *state society* membership, assists in nominating deserving foresters to membership in the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

J. CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION (CFE) CONTACT. The *state society* CFE Contact shall be responsible for SAF's Continuing Forestry Education and Professional Development Recognition Program, which is designated to: (1) encourage foresters and allied professionals in a formal program of continuing education and professional development, (2) stimulate individual self-assessment by providing standards for achievement, (3) advance the knowledge and skills of those engaged in forestry, and (4) giving recognition, through issuance of certificates, to those completing the program and thereby demonstrating continued learning and development.

K. FORESTERS FUND COORDINATOR. The *state society* Foresters Fund Coordinator shall be responsible for identifying and implementing projects to promote education to enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resource management, to conduct forest policy activities, and to strengthen the *state society* and chapters in achieving the mission of the Society.

L. HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST. The *state society* Historian/Archivist shall assemble documents annually for deposit in the Society Archives at the Learning Resource Center at the UW – Stevens Point; work with the state, chapter, and committee leaders to insure the records management policy is understood and followed; summarize materials as may be required by the leadership; conduct an oral history program to identify, collect, preserve, disseminate information about forestry, broaden forestry records, and interview people who have made contributions to forestry in Wisconsin; develop a written history of the *state society* using archival materials and oral history interviews; and to inform the Forest History Society of Durham, NC of important publications and documents.

M. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Nominating Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall nominate from eligible *state society* members at candidates for each elective office and obtain agreement to serve if elected from each nominee, and send the nominations and agreements to serve to the Secretary or other officer by August 25. If, for any reason, a nominee is found by the Secretary to be ineligible, the Nominating Committee shall provide another nomination by September 1. The Nominating Committee shall also act to recruit and solicit *state society* committee chairs and members.

N. OTHER APPOINTMENTS. Other appointments shall be authorized by the Executive Committee and made by the Chair.

ARTICLE 9: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

With the approval of the Executive Committee, the Chair shall make the following appointments for a two-year term beginning on January 1 of even numbered years.

A. TELLERS COMMITTEE. The Tellers Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee shall assemble at the time and place set by the Secretary to count ballots and shall certify the results of elections to the Chair and Executive Committee.

B. AUDITING COMMITTEE. The Auditing Committee shall operate in accordance with the committee charter. This committee, at the conclusion of the fiscal year, shall inspect the financial records of the Treasurer. The committee shall certify the accuracy of the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer and shall report the results of the audit to the Chair and the membership.

C. OTHER APPOINTMENTS. Other special committees and appointments shall be authorized by the Executive Committee and made by the Chair.

ARTICLE 10: CHAPTERS

A. CHAPTERS. A Chapter within the *state society* may be authorized by the Executive Committee. To be considered for chapter authorization a written petition of 15 or more voting members resident in an area where a strong local organization is present must be submitted to the Executive Committee. The boundaries of a Chapter shall be established by the Executive Committee and displayed on a state map attached to these bylaws. Where a viable Chapter can be sustained only by including members from both sides of a state boundary, the Chapter shall be affiliated with the *state society* in which a majority of the Chapter members are resident.

A Chapter shall hold at least one meeting each year. Chapter meeting notices shall be provided to the *state society* and Executive Committee members. The state Chair, Chair-Elect, or a designated representative should attend as many Chapter meetings as possible.

The officers of each Chapter shall include minimally a Chair, and Chair-Elect and such other officers as may be found necessary. Chapter Chairs are members of the Board and of the Program Committee. Chapter officers shall be selected by ballot of the voting members of the Chapter or appointed at the discretion of the state Chair with approval of the Executive Committee. The duration of the term of office shall be two years, beginning January 1.

The authorization for a Chapter may be rescinded by the Executive Committee. The *state society* is authorized to appropriate funds for Chapter business.

B. STUDENT CHAPTERS. A Student Chapter may be authorized within the *state society* by the Executive Committee upon written petition of 15 or more Student Members at an institution designated as SAF-accredited or as a candidate institution for accreditation or an SAF-recognized forest technician training program, or upon written petition of 15 or more voting members.

Student Chapters shall be composed of Student Members and may include other Society members employed by an institution designated as SAF-accredited or as a candidate institution for accreditation or by an SAF-recognized forest technician program. Student Chapter officers shall serve for the calendar year.

Student Chapter officers shall be students or graduate students who are members of the Society.

ARTICLE 11: THE STATE SOCIETY POSITION STATEMENTS

A. *The state society position statement procedures.* State society positions shall be in accordance with *Forest Policy Principles* and not be in conflict with existing national positions. Society units shall follow the National Bylaws II-A, B, C, D, and E in developing, adopting, rescinding, and communicating positions.

1. For *state society* position statement procedures, Unit terminology corresponds to national terminology as follows:

National	State, Intrastate, Multistate, Division, or Chapter of SAF
President	The <i>state society</i> Chair
Council	The <i>state society</i> Executive Committee
National Executive Vice-President	The <i>state society</i> Chair
Task Force	<i>State Society</i> Task Force
Committee on Forest Policy	<i>State Society</i> Policy – Legislation Committee
National Position Statement	<i>State Society</i> Position Statement

B. The following exceptions to National Bylaws II-A, B, C, and D apply to the *state society* position statement procedures.

1. Assistance. Upon a request by a Society unit, the Committee on Forest Policy, Forest Science and Technology Board, and working groups may assist by acting as advisors to Society units, committees, and task forces.
2. Identification of issues. Issues proposed for unit positions are selected by the unit executive committee and may be recommended to the Executive Committee by unit committees or the unit membership at large.
3. Coordination among units of the Society. Multiunit position statement preparation and adoption is encouraged where issues may be more regional than local in scope. Jointly adopted position statements shall be clearly identified as such.
4. National office review. Proposed *state society* positions shall be submitted to the national office for review prior to adoption by the unit. Proposed division or chapter positions shall also be reviewed by the relevant state or multistate unit prior to

national office review. The national Executive Vice President review shall ensure the *state society* position statement is consistent with Forest Policy Principles, national positions, and the position statement format.

5. Adoption procedure. After review by the national Executive Vice President, the *state society's* position adoption shall be by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the *state society* executive committee. When doubt exists as to whether or not there would be general agreement on a proposed *state society* position by the members of the unit, a secret mail ballot of the *state society's* voting members shall be conducted prior to adopting the position. In such cases, approval shall be by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those members voting.
6. Rescission of *state society* positions. Council may rescind any position adopted by a unit of the Society if the position is inconsistent with *Forest Policy Principles* or current national positions.
7. Communicating positions. Prior to their communication and distribution, the *state society* position statements shall be made available to the national office for filing.

ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS

An annual business meeting for the *state society* will be held at the state meeting at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee with at least 30 days notice to the membership but shall not conflict with the annual meeting of the Society. All official business of the *state society* shall be conducted at this meeting with not less than 5 percent of the eligible membership in attendance. Business may be conducted at other *state society* meetings provided notification of such meeting stating the nature of the business to be undertaken is sent to the membership 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Other meetings as needed shall be scheduled by the Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, and may be open to friends of members and other interested persons for the exchange of ideas on subjects of interests to the profession of forestry. Resolutions of gratitude, regret and other non-policy matters may be adopted by a majority vote of those present at these meetings.

Important business matters that cannot be delayed until the next business meeting may be submitted to the voting membership by mail or electronic means.

ARTICLE 13: RECALL

Any officer may be removed from office for reason of misconduct, incompetence or neglect of duty provided such removal is approved by two-thirds vote of all members voting in a mail or electronic ballot. Such ballot may be initiated by the Executive Committee on its own volition or it shall be required to conduct such a ballot if it receives a petition setting forth the points of contention and signed by at least two percent but in no case less than 10 of the voting members of the *state society*. Ballots shall be mailed and received by a member of the Executive Committee as chosen by the committee.

ARTICLE 14: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee or upon written petition of at least two percent but in no case less than 10 of the voting members of the *state society*. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the national Executive Vice President for approval prior to a mail or electronic ballot of voting members. Amendment of these bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of the members voting.

ARTICLE 15: ASSETS

State Society assets belong to the *state society* membership as a whole. In the event of division or merger of the *state society*, the assets of the parent *state society* will be audited and allocated to the new state society(s) in proportion to the percentage of the voting members transferred.

The funds of the *state society* shall be deposited in accounts approved by the officers.

Upon the dissolution of the *state society*, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the *state society*, transfer all the assets of the *state society* to the national Society, or dispose of all of the assets of the *state society* exclusively for the purposes of the *state society* in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE 16: STATE SOCIETY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

A. JOHN MACON AWARD.

The Awards Committee may annually choose from among the *state society* membership one member whose career has been so outstanding that he/she deserves recognition from his/her peers for outstanding service. Nomination papers from chapters or groups of at least three members must be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee by December 1 and selection will be made at least six weeks prior to the *state society* statewide meeting when the presentation of a suitably inscribed plaque and citation will be made at the evening banquet.

B. MICHAEL W. KING MEMORIAL FIELD FORESTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is unique to our State and will recognize a member from the *state society* for their outstanding contributions to field forestry. The recipient must work primarily with Private Forest Landowners. The award is funded by an investment from the *state society*. Nominations are due by March 1. The award recipient will be the *state society* nominee to the SAF District V Review Committee (due to District V by March 15), to be considered for the National SAF Field Forester of the Year Award.

C. JULIE PELTIER AWARD

The Julie Peltier Award recognizes efforts to further inclusion of women and/or minorities or contributions of women and/or minorities to sustainable forest management in Wisconsin. The actual

award will be a plaque, citation and possible honorarium. The award is funded from interest bearing *state society* accounts. It may be awarded to projects, teams, or individuals and may be awarded annually, however this award is presented as merited and does not have to be given every year. The Awards Committee will review submissions that may come from individuals, organizations, extension and industry. The Awards Committee will develop and review nominations. Nominations are not restricted to Wisconsin SAF members. Nominations will be accepted each year until July 1. The Awards Committee will accept and review all nominations by July 30 with presentation of the award at *state society* statewide meeting evening banquet.

D: INNOVATIONS in FORESTRY AWARD

The Innovations in Forestry Award recognizes excellence in silvicultural innovation, transfer of knowledge, and/or outreach for the purpose of furthering sustainable forest management in Wisconsin. The actual award will be a plaque and citation. This award may be awarded to individuals projects, teams, or individuals and may be awarded annually, however this award is presented as merited and does not have to be given every year. The Awards Committee will review submissions that may come from individuals, organizations, extension and industry. The Awards Committee will develop and review nominations. Nominations are not restricted to Wisconsin SAF members. Nominations will be accepted each year until July 1. The Awards Committee will accept and review all nominations by July 30 with presentation of the award at the *state society* statewide meeting evening banquet.

E. STUDENT RECOGNITION.

The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, authorize an annual Student Recognition Award for forestry students who are SAF members at schools with SAF accredited curricula within the state. An amount deemed reasonable by the Executive committee may be authorized to pay for a suitable award for up to two students from each school who are student members of SAF, are actively involved in the SAF, have demonstrated leadership ability in motivating others, and have provided valuable service to advancing professionalism in forestry. The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, direct the Treasurer to reimburse the host chapter for reasonable expenses incurred in holding a suitable ceremony for these recognition events.

F. OTHER AWARDS.

The Chair may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, authorize other *state society* awards as may be desirable.

ARTICLE 18: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Documents to be deposited in the archives shall be enumerated in the charter establishing this function and reviewed periodically. All state, chapter and committee documents shall be turned over to the Historian/Archivist three years after they are created for deposit in the Society archives. The Chair shall send all Chair records and documents that are three years or older to the Historian/Archivist at the close of each calendar year. The Secretary shall send basic records older than five years to the Historian/Archivist for deposit in the Society archives at UW-Stevens Point. All non-archival records of the *state society* Chair and state Secretary or chapter Chair and chapter Secretary may be disposed of after five years.

Adopted by the *state society* members on xxxxxx xx, 2019



By: /Jeff Kante/ Jeff Kante, Chair

Date: XXXXXX XX, 2019

/Anthony Rynish/ Anthony Rynish
Member, Executive Committee

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Member, Executive Committee

WI SAF Chapters

-  Northern Chapter
-  Southern Chapter

March 2019 - Chapter names yet to be determined.

MARCH 2019

