

Forestry Association of South Carolina
Sample Bylaws
for Affiliate Member Organizations

_____ **COUNTY FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**
BYLAWS
(date)

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the _____ County Forestry Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to:

1. Promote public interest in the most beneficial management, utilization, and conservation of forest resources in South Carolina.
2. Assist members in realizing the full potential of forest lands they own or manage through promotion of best management practices and wise use of natural resources.
3. Provide a forum for forestry education.
4. Represent the causes of forestry and afford opportunities for citizen involvement as a unified voice regarding forestry issues.
5. Provide fellowship among members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual, business, or corporation interested in the purpose of the Association may become a member upon payment of the prescribed annual membership dues.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (Alternative: nine) board members. Association officers shall fill four (Alternative: three) of the board positions. The other three (Alternative: six) directors shall serve three year terms. The Board shall be composed of members in good standing at least one-half of which are private, non-industrial forest landowners.

The three (Alternative: six) original directors shall serve as follows:

- 1) One (Alternative: two) to serve a three year term.
- 2) One (Alternative: two) to serve a two year term.
- 3) One (Alternative: two) to serve a one year term.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

All members in good standing are eligible to hold office.

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (Alternative: Secretary-Treasurer). The term of office of the officers shall be one year beginning January 1st of each year.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The President shall appoint a nominating committee annually to nominate qualified and willing Association members for offices and one directorate (Alternative: two directorates). The committee's nominees shall be presented at the final meeting each calendar year, and other nominations shall be received from the floor. Officers and directors will be elected by a simple majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall appoint special committees as necessary, and shall perform all duties usually incumbent upon such an office.

The Vice President shall assist the President in any work assigned and shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall maintain a current roll of members, keep the minutes and a record of attendance of all meetings, and be responsible for mailing announcements.

The Treasurer shall collect dues, pay bills incurred by the Association, and be responsible for financial reports to the Board of Directors.

(Alternative: Secretary-Treasurer duties combined in one office.)

The Directors shall assist the officers in conducting the business of the Association, and provide guidance and advice as the Association pursues its purpose.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made to the bylaws at any regular meeting, provided that proposed changes are submitted to the membership in written announcement prior to the meeting, and provided that such proposed changes receive a two-thirds vote of those present.