

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

KENTUCKY STUDENT FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, and The Wildlife Society

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Kentucky Student Forestry Association, A Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, and The Wildlife Society, Inc. (hereafter both will be referred to as the Society or Societies). The boundaries of the Association shall be the campus of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

Section 2: Objectives

The objectives of this Association are as follows:

- A. To advance the science, technology, education, and practice of professional forestry and wildlife management in America, especially in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and to use the knowledge and skill of the profession to benefit society.
- B. To promote fellowship and professionalism among the forestry students at the University of Kentucky, and to promote a close relationship between the students and faculty in the Department of Forestry.
- C. To provide for a Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and The Wildlife Society, Inc. at the University of Kentucky and to assist Association members in sustaining Society membership and to participate in Society sponsored activities.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all students currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky.

Section 2. Society Membership

Each Association member shall become a member of one of the Societies within the calendar year in which the student joins the Association.

Section 3. Dues

Dues shall be paid at the beginning of each academic year and will be equal to one-half of the Societies student membership fee, except under the condition set forth in Article II, Section 4.

The Association shall provide the remainder of the Society dues so that each Association member will become a member of one the Societies.

Section 4. Society and Association Dues

Society Memberships. The Association shall provide one-half of the SAF Student Membership fee and the Kentucky Chapter membership fee for The Wildlife Society, Inc. for each student Association member up to a total amount of \$500. If the amount required to provide one – half of each Association member’s dues in one of the Societies exceeds \$500.00 then this amount will be divided equally among each of the Association members. Each member will be required to provide the remainder of the Societies dues payment.

Section 5. Fund Raising

The Association shall sponsor fundraising activities or by other means provide adequate monies in accordance with Article II, Section 3.

Section 6. Privileges

All Society student members will be eligible to participate in Association activities, to vote on any question before the Association, and to hold offices. Faculty members shall be entitled to participate in Association activities, but not to vote on questions before the Association nor to hold Association offices.

ARTICLE III: ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO EXEMPT PURPOSE

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall benefit, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association 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 these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association 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 case of a written request from a governmental body, committee, or subdivision, the Association shall provide technical assistance and advice providing the Association deems it appropriate to provide such assistance. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chapter 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 provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers

The Executive Committee of this Association will consist of the officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Association and handles its essential business between meetings of the Association. Officers will be a member of the SAF.

Section 2. Terms of Office

The officers of the Association shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the student members voting by secret ballot to serve for one academic year following election. Such an election will be held on the last regular meeting date of the academic school year and officers elected shall take office on that date and serve for a period of one year.

- (a) The outgoing President will furnish a list of new officers and advisors and any other information required to register the Association as a Student Organization to the Dean of Students Office within ten (10) days after the election.

Section 3. Eligibility for Office

- A. President. The President shall be a student member with full junior or senior standing or graduate student in the academic year following his election to office. He shall be elected by majority vote of the membership in attendance.
- B. Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected from the undergraduate class by majority vote of the membership in attendance.
- C. Advisors. One or more faculty or staff advisors shall be elected upon their consent by majority vote of the membership in attendance. The Association must have advisors who are members of SAF or The Wildlife Society or both.

Section 4. Duties

- A. President. The duties of the President will be to appoint and counsel as needed standing and ad hoc committees, to preside at meetings, and to direct the activities of the Association.
- B. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or at his request and will chair the Membership Committee.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer. The Duties of the Secretary will be to maintain records of meetings and activities and to report the activities of the Association to the Kentucky-Tennessee Society Chairman and Executive Vice-President of the Society of American Foresters at

least once a year, and perform other duties usually assigned such an officer, including getting out notices of future meetings. The Treasurer shall collect and maintain all dues, fees, and receipts, and shall maintain accurate and current financial statements of the Association. The Secretary is also responsible for coordinating Association dues and SAF membership for each Association member.

Section 5. Committees

The Association will maintain a membership committee chaired by the Vice-President. This committee shall be responsible for maintaining a current membership list and for coordinating membership drives. Other committees will be appointed by the President as required to assist officers with accomplishing Association business and activities.

Article V: MEETINGS

Not less than one meeting per semester shall be scheduled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI: POWER OF PETITION

A petition addressed to the President of the Association signed by at least three-fourths of the student members will make a ballot of voting membership mandatory, a two-thirds majority of those voting being sufficient to remove an officer from office for inadequate performance of duty; or a majority of those voting being sufficient to arrive at a decision on any other matter.

Article VII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-laws may be made by a two-thirds majority of those student members voting. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to all voting members at least four weeks in advance of the date set for counting the ballots. Amendments shall be effective immediately upon their approval unless otherwise provided in the amendment.

Article VIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, transfer all assets of the Association to the parent Societies, or dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association 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.