

## Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Constitution

### Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Association of Southern Forestry Clubs.

### Article II. Objectives

- A. To benefit the forestry clubs of the various southern schools by an interchange of ideas and stimulation of good fellowship among the club members.
- B. To establish and maintain:
  1. Unity of purpose and action within and among the southern forestry clubs.
  2. A high standard of professional ethics.
  3. Closer cooperation and relationship between students and professional foresters.
- C. To hold an annual conclave.

### Article III. Membership

- A.
  1. Any forestry club of a university or college in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, or West Virginia granting a baccalaureate degree in forestry, or equivalent, with a major of forestry, or a higher degree in forestry, shall be eligible for voting membership in this association upon a majority approval of a petition submitted to the voting member clubs; or by application by representation at the Annual Conclave.
  2. Charter Members: Louisiana State University, University of Florida, Stephen F. Austin State University, Mississippi State University, Oklahoma State University, University of the South, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Auburn University, University of Georgia, North Carolina State College, and Clemson Agricultural College.
  3. Any Forestry Club of a senior university or college within the states in Part 1 of this section not granting a baccalaureate degree in forestry shall be eligible for associate membership upon a majority approval of a petition submitted to the voting member clubs.
- B. Privileges

Members (each club) are entitled to one vote and full participation in all conclave activities.
- C. Dues
  1. The annual dues shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) for each member club. Entering clubs shall pay a reduced rate to be set by the Association.
  2. The dues shall be used to pay for correspondence, publications, and other association expenses of the host club, and any excess funds shall be divided between the member clubs equally.
  3. The dues for the year will be paid to the host school by January 1, preceding the Conclave.

### Article IV. Officers

- A. The officers of the Association shall be:
  1. President - elected from and by the host club.
  2. Vice President - elected from and by each member club.
  3. Secretary - elected from and by the host club.
  4. Treasurer - elected from and by the host club.
  5. Editor - elected from and by the host club.
- B. The duties of the officers shall be:
  1. The duties of the President shall be:
    - a. To preside at all meetings of the Association.

- b. To appoint committees.
      - c. To be responsible for submitting an officers' report to the accumulative files upon the completion of the ASFC Conclave.
      - d. To be responsible for obtaining reports from each of his committees and officer heads of the host club.
    - e. To perform all other duties necessary.
  - 2. The duties of the Vice President shall be:
    - a. To act as a representative of his/her club.
    - b. To notify the president of his/her election.
      - c. To complete a report of the activities of the Association and be responsible for submitting materials to the host club for annual publication.
      - d. To be responsible for submitting member club publications within his/her club and maintaining an accumulative file of ASFC correspondence.
  - 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
    - a. To keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and to conduct all correspondence relative to the business of the Association.
    - b. To submit an officer's report for the accumulative files upon completion of the ASFC Conclave.
  - 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
    - a. To receive and have custody of all money paid to the Association.
    - b. To keep a careful record of all receipts and expenditures.
      - c. To prepare a financial report for publication in the annual issue of The Southern Forester.
    - d. To be responsible for the collection of the dues.
  - 5. The duties of the Editor shall be:
    - a. To gather and edit all material for the annual publication, The Southern Forester.
    - b. To see that the provisions of Article VII are carried out.
- D. Tenure of Office
 

Officers are to hold office until the next Annual Conclave, with the exception of the Editor, who will serve until the publication is distributed.
- E. Election of Officers
  - 1. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Association shall be elected by the host club at their first club meeting following the Conclave.
  - 2. Vice President of the Association shall be elected by their respective clubs at their first meeting following Conclave.

## Article V. Meetings

- A. Time of Meetings
  - 1. The business meeting will be held on the Friday preceding the ASFC field day.
  - 2. In case of a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.
  - 3. No club shall be the host more than once in three years.
    - 4. If a previously elected host notifies the members of the ASFC by October 1 (preceding the Conclave) that they cannot hold the Conclave, the President shall solicit bids from the members and then send a ballot to each member club to be voted on in writing.
  - 5. The host club shall be alternated from east to west whenever possible.
- B. Files

1. Accumulative files shall be maintained by the host club and shall include all members' reports and correspondence.
2. Each file shall contain a copy of the ASFC Constitution.

#### **Article VI. Amendment**

The constitution may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the voting member clubs.

#### **Article VII. Publications**

- A. The title of the publication shall be The Southern Forester.
- B. The constitution shall be published annually in The Southern Forester.
  - C. The past host club shall publish the ASFC periodical within one month after the Annual Conclave.
- D. Securing items for publication:
  1. The articles shall be edited by the member clubs and submitted to the host club.
  2. Articles to be printed in the current issue must be in the hands of the publishing editor not later than the time of the Annual Conclave.
- E. Distribution.

Each Conclave contestant will receive one (1) copy of The Southern Forester. A minimum of twenty (20) copies will be sent to participating member schools.
- F. Proceedings of the Conclave Proceedings of each Annual Conclave, including minutes of the business meetings, will be published by the host club in the annual publication.

#### **Article VIII. Contests**

- A. Competitive events will be held at each Annual Conclave.
- B. There will be 21 standard competitive contests at each Annual Conclave.
  1. Standard events:
    - a. Dendrology
    - b. Compass and Pacing
    - c. Timber Estimation
    - d. DBH Estimation
    - e. Pole Classification
    - f. Wood Technology
    - g. Chain Throwing
    - h. Axe Throwing
    - i. Knife Throwing
    - j. Pole Climbing
    - k. Women's Bow Sawing
    - l. Men's Bow Sawing
    - m. Log Rolling
    - n. Men's Cross-cut Sawing
    - o. Women's Cross-cut Sawing
    - p. Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing
    - q. Log Chopping
    - r. Pole Felling
    - s. Log Birling
    - t. Archery
    - u. Photogrammetry
    - v. Wildlife
  2. Scoring will be based on the number of schools participating in the Conclave. First place winners in field events will be awarded a number of points equal to the total number of schools participating. Second place winners receive 1 less point than the total number of participating schools, and so on, with each succeeding participant who satisfactorily completes the event receiving one or more points. First place winners in technical events will be awarded a number of points equal to the number of participating schools multiplied by 1.5. Second place winners will receive 1.5 points less than the total number of points awarded first place; third place winners will receive 3 points less than the total number of points awarded to first place winners, and so on, with each succeeding participant who satisfactorily completes the events receiving 1.5 or more points.
- C. In addition to the 22 standard events established in Section B, there may be a maximum of five (5) contests at the discretion of the host club provided that these contests be specified with rules and explanations at the preceding Annual Conclave. Requests for omission of any standard contests will be made at the preceding Annual

- Conclave, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote necessary for approval.
- D. The standard set of rules will be made and approved by the voting members of the ASFC.
- E. Selection of judges of all contests will be left to the discretion of the host club except that in the events in which the host club participates, the judging will not be done by members of the host club.
- F. Only students presently enrolled in the school or department of forestry will be eligible to enter ASFC events. In the case of the University of Florida, the University of the South, the University of Georgia, Auburn University, and University of Arkansas at Monticello, freshman and sophomore students presently enrolled and who have declared an intention of enrolling in the forestry department of the school at the beginning of their junior year will also be eligible for participation. Schools without wildlife within their forestry departments will be allowed to use wildlife majors who are members of the Forestry Club. Texas A&M can use forestry majors that are in wildlife enrolled in the School of Natural Bioscience.
- G. The contestant must be an undergraduate enrolled in an ASFC eligible school (see Article III, Section A., 1-3) during the term of the conclave in which he/she will be competing.
- H. In the event that the Conclave delegation or spectators from any member school intentionally or otherwise interfere with the progress of any event in the Conclave, that delegation shall forfeit the rights to score any points in that event.
- I. V.P.I. is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by vote taken on May 4, 1963.
- J. A table of random numbers will be used to choose the order of teams participating in each event. This order will be sent to each participating school before the Conclave.
- K. Contest protests must be filed in writing with a committee of staff members within 15 minutes of the individual infraction. From an alphabetical list, those schools in odd-numbered positions (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13) shall provide one member for the protest committee for the 1979 Conclave. Those schools in even-numbered positions (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) shall provide one staff member for the 1980 Conclave. This alternate-year rotation system shall be continuous.
- L. Contestants in the log chopping event must wear hard-toed footwear. The use of shin guards is left to the individual's discretion.
- M. Tennessee is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by unanimous vote taken on April 9, 1967.
- N. The University of the South is hereby no longer considered a member of the ASFC after submission of a letter of resignation on April 12, 1969.
- O. The University of Kentucky is hereby no longer considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 29, 1974.
- P. Texas A & M is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on April 12, 1975.
- Q. The host club must supply tentative lists for contests involving lists to member schools by November 1. Complaints or suggestions for revision must be mailed back to the host club by December 1. Final lists must be sent to all clubs by February 1, with no changes being made after this date.
- R. Louisiana Tech is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on April 6, 1979.
- S. West Virginia University is hereby considered a member of the ASFC by a vote taken on March 27, 1981.
- T. West Virginia is no longer considered a member of the ASFC after submission of a letter of resignation on December 5, 1981.
- U. The Sportsmanship Award will be voted on by the Conclave Vice-Presidents. A confidential ballot will be submitted within one hour after the last event to the host club. In case of a tie, the host club will place the deciding vote; otherwise, the host club will



not vote. Clubs may not vote for themselves.

V. In case of a tie for the Ten Year Cup, the decision will be made by total number of points from the past ten years.

W. The host school should come up with non-point events to be distributed by November to other schools for their approval or disapproval as to whether the events should be conducted.

X. Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing was officially designated one of the Standard Competitive Contests (a "point event") by unanimous mailed-in votes from the Member Clubs on April 1, 1992. This corrects an omission in that the status of the Jack and Jill Cross-cut Sawing event was never officially voted upon, although it was thought to be a "point event."

Y. Guidelines for the Photogrammetry contest were developed by Clemson and distributed by Louisiana Tech. These guidelines were established as part of the rules for the Photogrammetry event by unanimous vote (mailed-in) from Member Clubs on April 1, 1992.

Z. In the event of any display of unsportsmanlike behavior the contestant will automatically be disqualified with no points awarded for the event, with final determination made by the Protest Committee. Passed by unanimous vote on March 25, 1993, and becoming effective March 26, 1993

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