

Constitution

FOR THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING FORESTERS

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Illinois Consulting Foresters, Inc. and shall be a nonprofit organization.

Article II – Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To raise the professional standards of consulting foresters and improve the standards of the work done by consulting foresters.
2. To develop and expand the work of consulting foresters and secure increased recognition by the general public and by forestry agencies.
3. To serve as a forum for the exchange of information and the expression of opinion and to compile and disseminate information of interest to consulting foresters.
4. To work with other agencies developing and promoting forestry and the interests of the members.

Article III – Membership

The membership of the organization shall be as follows:

Full Member – foresters with a four-year degree from an SAF accredited University or a technical degree in forestry and four years experience working with a graduate from an SAF accredited University.

Affiliate Member – Any person interested in forest management.

Additional requirements for membership are:

1. Full members must have at least one year of experience in practical forest administration and management of hardwood forests, including one year as a Consulting Forester.
2. No Member may have an economic interest in a timber purchasing or procurement entity with its potential conflict of interest as related to best serving the client.
3. A Consulting Forester is defined as a technically trained professional forester who performs any or all types of technical forestry work including the protection, development, management, and utilization of land and forest resources. Their work is done on a fee or contract basis and their services are available to the public rather than a single full time employer.
4. Payment of dues established by ICF Inc.
5. Membership shall automatically terminate when any given stated membership requirement is no longer operative. (Exception: A membership may be continued by any fully retired or disabled member of ten years association or longer.)
6. The Association, acting through its Executive Board, shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of the members. (Exception: Appeal may be taken from the decisions of the Executive Board as provided in the by-laws.)
7. A full member must attend at least one general membership meeting of ICF Inc. within 2 consecutive years to retain membership in ICF Inc. Affiliate members will not be required to attend meetings.
8. Voting rights are reserved to full members only.
9. Public salaried foresters can hold affiliate membership only. This does not apply to foresters who are retired from public agencies.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and the immediate past officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Association. The Board will have the authority to decide all matters requiring attention between regular meetings and make all arrangements for semi-annual and special meetings.

Article V – Meetings

The semi-annual meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board. Special meetings shall be held on the call of the Executive Board or at the call of the President on the request of 1/3 of the members. All general membership meetings shall have 30 days prior written notice.

Article VI – Register of Members

The Executive Board shall annually prepare and disseminate a register of membership/

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