

**FLORIDA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHARTER**

ARTICLE 1. NAME, SPONSORSHIP, OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The honor society shall be known as the Florida Society of American Foresters Hall of Fame, hereinafter the Hall of Fame.

Section 2. The Hall of Fame is a function of and sponsored by the Florida Division, Southeastern Society of American Foresters, hereinafter the Florida Division.

Section 3. The objective, purpose, or intent of the Hall of Fame is to honor residents or former residents of Florida, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the forestry profession in Florida, other states, or internationally. It is the intent of the Florida Division that election to the Hall of Fame shall be the highest honor and recognition of professional service a forester may receive in Florida. In recognition of this high honor, the Hall of Fame program will be adequately financed from the Florida Division's treasury and by donations from its members. No solicitations will be made outside Division membership.

ARTICLE 2. SUPERVISION AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Supervision and election of nominees to the Hall of Fame is the responsibility and duty of a standing committee, the "Florida Foresters Hall of Fame Committee," hereinafter the Committee.

Section 2. The Committee shall consist of a chair and a chair-elect who are appointed on alternate years for two year terms for purpose of maintaining continuity. Committee members must be Florida residents and active members of the Florida Division with a minimum of ten years professional forestry practice. The term of office shall be concurrent with that of Florida Division officers. After one year the chair-elect will replace the retiring committee chair. In case of vacancies, for any reason, the Chair, Florida Division, shall appoint a chair-elect who will ascend to chair after one year. The Committee chair with assistance of the chair-elect will appoint members appropriate for completing the committee's work.

ARTICLE 3. COMMITTEE DUTIES

Section 1. The Committee will hold an annual meeting to consider candidates nominated for election to the Hall of Fame. Other meetings may be called if considered necessary by the Committee Chair. The annual meeting shall be timed to allow receipt of nominations and notify the

Chair, Florida Division, of meeting results and those candidates elected to the Hall of Fame prior to the annual meeting of the division. Minutes will be kept by the secretary, a committee member appointed by the Committee Chair.

The Committee will keep an annual file of all business transacted to be passed to each successive Committee Chair. Inactive, past files shall be forwarded to the Division Archives Committee Chair for the permanent record repository at the Specials Collection Room of Smathers Library, University of Florida.

Section 2. The Committee will encourage nominations from Florida Division members at professional meetings, through professional media, and other means.

Section 3. The Committee shall discuss in closed session the qualifications of each candidate from personal knowledge and the supporting documentation supplied by the nominators. Each nomination shall remain active for three years. If the Candidate is not elected in the initial year, the nominee will be considered with updated documentation for two additional years. Following three years consideration without election, the nominee will be considered inactive. The nominator will be so advised by the Committee Chair. Further consideration shall necessitate renomination.

Section 4. Following thorough individual discussions of all active candidates, the Committee will vote on the candidate's eligibility to the Hall of Fame. A candidate must receive a unanimous affirmative vote to be elected. The number elected each year is left to the discretion of the Committee.

Section 5. The Committee Chair will notify the Florida Division Chair of those elected immediately following the annual Committee meeting and before the annual Division meeting. The Chair, Florida Division, or the Chair's designee, will initially contact those elected (if the elected is deceased the closest survivor will be contacted) or make public through the media or other means the election results before induction. The Division Chair will inform those elected to the Hall of Fame of the time and place of their induction by the Florida Division. The Committee Chair will:

- a) Obtain an appropriate plaque to be presented to each member elected to the Hall of Fame
- b) Obtain the appropriate plaque to be displayed at the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida.
- c) Obtain a suitable biography with photograph, documenting the inductee's professional contributions, to be placed in the permanent record repository (see Article 3, Section 1.
- d) Facilitate appropriate publicity for recognizing the inductee(s).

ARTICLE 4. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1. Any current or former Florida resident, living or deceased, who is, or has been a member of the Society of American Foresters and has made outstanding contributions to the forestry profession or the field of forestry. Outstanding contributions to forestry may be recognized in a focused area of influence and operation as well as state-wide, nationally, or internationally.

"Forestry" shall be considered in its broadest sense including those disciplines supporting or relating to "forest resources." These individuals may be nominated providing they have the residence and membership requirements stated above in this section. Character, integrity, and contributions to the community in which the forester resides shall also be considered.

Section 2. Current officers of the Florida Division and members of the Hall of Fame Committee will not be eligible for nomination during their terms.

ARTICLE 5. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Any active member of the Florida Division can nominate an eligible candidate. Nominations will be made in proper form to the Chair, Florida Society of American Foresters Hall of Fame Committee. The nomination must be accompanied by a photograph and brief biography and detailed professional resume not exceeding 1500 words documenting the candidate's professional contributions. Awards, honors, and professional activities (SAF and others) should be noted. The complete mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the candidate and principal nominator will be on the written nomination. In the event the candidate is deceased, the addresses and telephone number of the closest survivor should be given.

Section 2. Nominations must be submitted to the Committee Chair in sufficient time to allow for copying and distribution to all committee members so they may thoroughly review and consider nominations before attending meetings.

ARTICLE 6. INDUCTION

Section 1. Candidates elected to the Hall of Fame in a given year will be announced and if available inducted at the Annual Spring Meeting, Florida Division.

ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended, revised, or rewritten at any time considered necessary by the Committee and subject to the approval of the Division Chair and Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 8. ATTACHMENTS

Section 1. Nomination Form for the Florida Hall of Fame.

Date Amended/Revised:

11/20/2009