Operational Guidelines
Central New York Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.

Article I
Section 1 The Central New York Chapter shall have the following purposes:
(a) Promoting, protecting and representing the interests of owners of
    forest lands in New York State.
(b) To promote public education and understanding of forest
    stewardship in accordance with the policies of New York Forest
    Owners Association, Inc. (NYFOA).

Article II
Section 1 The office of the Chapter shall be that designated by NYFOA as their
    office.

Article III
Section 1 Membership shall be those members in good standing of NYFOA residing
    or owning forestland in the area designated Central New York by NYFOA.
Section 2 Dues are determined and payable to NYFOA as determined by their
    policies and Board.

Article IV
Section 1 The Chapter shall be managed by the Board of Directors whose number
    may be fixed from time to time by action of the Directors. The number
    of Directors may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the
    entire Board. No decrease in numbers shall shorten the term of any
    Directors then in office.
Section 2 The first Board of Directors shall consist of the former members of
    the Chapter Steering Committee and shall hold office until their
    successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until his/her
    prior death, resignation or removal. Directors are to be elected by
    the Board. Directors' terms shall be for 2 years except that one half
    of the first Board of Directors shall serve for 1 year. Directors may
    serve for two subsequent terms. Terms shall commence January
    1st and end December 31st.
Section 3 Any Director may be removed by a vote of two thirds of the Board
    at a meeting called for that purpose. A Director may resign from
    office at any time by written notice to the Board. The resignation
    shall be effective when received by the Board and Acceptance shall not
    be necessary.
Section 4 A Director elected to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation or
    inability to serve shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired
    term of his/her predecessor. Three successive unexcused absences by a
    Director from Board meetings shall be interpreted as inability to
    serve.
Section 5 Meetings of the Board shall be held at the time and place fixed by the
    Board; special meetings may be called by the Chair or by request of a
    Majority of the Board.
Section 6 A majority of the Directors present at a meeting shall constitute a
    quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may adjourn the
    meeting to another time and place.
Section 7 Members of the Board or committee may participate in a meeting by
    conference telephone call allowing all persons participation to hear
    each other at the same time.
Section 8 The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings, or in his/her
    absence the Vice-Chair shall preside, and in his/her absence any other
    Director chosen by the Board, shall preside.
Section 9 The Board of Directors may designate from their members an executive committee, standing committee and other special committees which may have such powers as the Board may delegate.

Section 10 The board shall elect a representative to the NYFOA Board of Directors. He/she shall serve for a period of time specified by the Board.

Article V

Section 1 The Board of Directors may elect or appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair and Past Chair from their own members and a Treasurer and Secretary who may or may not be Directors. No Chair may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

Section 2 Each officer shall hold office from January 1 to December 31, and until his/her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 3 Any officer may be removed with or without cause by a vote of 2/3 of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 The Chair shall have general supervision of the officers of the Chapter and shall keep the Board informed about the activities, and advise such action likely to increase the usefulness of the Chapter. The Vice-Chair shall act in his/her absence.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Chapter and submit a written financial statement at the end of the fiscal year and when requested by the Board. All disbursements of over $100 amount must be approved by the Board.

Article VI

Section 1 The Board of Directors may appoint any number of advisors to the Chapter, to act singly or as a committee. Each such advisor shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and shall have such obligations and authority as the Board may determine.

Article VII

Section 1 Neither the Chapter nor any member representing the Chapter or NYFOA may participate or intervene in any activity for or in opposition to any candidate for appointment or election to any public office.

Section 2 No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit or be distributed to members, officers or individuals, except for reasonable expenses for services rendered.

Section 3 In the event of dissolution of the Chapter assets will be distributed to NYFOA or an organization with similar objectives if NYFOA is no longer active.

Article VIII

Section 1 These Operational Guidelines may be amended, altered or repealed, and new Operational Guidelines may be made at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that any notice of such meeting include the amendment, alteration or repeal of the Operational Guidelines.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2005

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Chair