



LANE COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the organization shall be: Lane County Small Woodlands Association. Its principal place of business shall be within the boundaries of Lane County. LCSWA is a chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) as provided for in OSWA's by-laws.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

LCSWA acts as OSWA's voice in Lane County, and its objectives are those set forth in OSWA's by-laws, among which, among other things, include promotion of family forests and education for family forest landowners.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Definition: LCSWA membership is open to dues-paying members of OSWA. Membership shall be in accordance with OSWA bylaws and policies. LCSWA membership shall terminate in the event such member fails to pay annual dues in accordance with OSWA policies. Each voting OSWA member who is also a member of LCSWA shall be entitled to the same voting rights in LCSWA as they have in OSWA. Any LCSWA member's voting right or other right shall cease upon termination of their membership in LCSWA.

Section 2: Diversity and Inclusion: LCSWA is an equal opportunity organization committed to diversity and inclusion in all aspects of day-to-day operations. Discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal, state, or local laws is prohibited.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Government: LCSWA's business and affairs shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

The Board shall include the officers of the organization and at least three Directors who are not officers. Directors shall be elected from the membership by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting and serve three-year terms. Vacancies arising prior to annual meetings shall be filled by a vote of the Board and ratified vote at the following annual meeting.

Section 2: Meetings of the Board: Board meetings will be regularly scheduled, minimally four times per year. Dates, times, and locations shall be at the discretion of the President in conjunction with the Board. Special board meetings may be held at any time, with seven day's prior notice, upon call of the President or a majority of the Board.

Section 3: Quorum at Board Meetings: A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions except to the extent otherwise expressly provided herein.

Section 4: Board Advisors: The Lane County OSU Extension Agent, an ODF Representative, and other natural resource professionals from the forestry community may serve as non-voting advisory members of the Board.

ARTICLE V: Board Officers

Section 1: Board officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves, except that the President shall serve no more than three consecutive terms.

Section 2: Officers shall be nominated and elected by majority of the Board.

Section 3: Officer responsibilities are listed in LCSWA's Policies & Procedures Handbook.

ARTICLE VI: Membership Meetings

Annual membership meetings shall be held at such date, time, and place as the Board shall designate. Special membership meetings may be called as prescribed by ORS Chapter 65, or OSWA's bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: Working Groups

The Board may appoint any temporary or standing committees, or assign specific tasks to individual Board members. Working Groups may include Communication, Programs, Tree Farmer of the Year Selection, and any others the Board may designate.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

These bylaws may be altered in whole or in part, or new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board, provided the proposed changes have been distributed to each Board member at least one week prior to the meeting. Amendments to the bylaws shall be in effect upon enactment, and ratified by a majority vote of the members present at the next annual meeting. Should such ratification fail, the failure negates any and all effects of the amendments.

ARTICLE IX: Dissolution

In the event LCSWA dissolves, its assets shall be allocated first to authorized debts, and the remaining assets shall be distributed to organizations that contribute to LCSWA's mission as determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.