

NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE WWOA  
By-laws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the "The Northwest Chapter of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association."

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of the Chapter shall be:

- To serve the needs, interests, and problems of Chapter members;
- To promote sound forest stewardship with special responsibility for the Northwest region of Wisconsin; and
- To support the work of the WWOA.

Article III - Organization

Section 1. Membership

Membership shall be open to members of the WWOA owning forest land in the counties of Douglas, Bayfield, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Polk, and Rusk upon payment of Chapter dues.

Section 2 - Officers

Officers shall include a Chairperson, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer. Officers will serve a one year term. The vice-chair will advance to the position of chairperson at the end of the one year term.

All positions of office except the chairperson will be elected at the winter meeting by majority vote of the members present at that meeting. At the first election, a chairperson will be elected by the members and be filled thereafter as stated above.

Duties of officers shall be those traditionally identified with these positions. The Chairperson may appoint one member from each county in the chapter to act as county representative.

The board of directors of the chapter will consist of the officers, past chairperson, and county representatives. The duties of the Board of Directors will be to conduct routine business between chapter meetings. For voting purposes, a quorum consists of 5 members of the board.

In the event an officer is unable to complete his term of office, the Board of Directors will appoint a person to fill the remainder of the term.

### Section 3 - Meetings

The Chapter shall meet at least quarterly: winter, spring, summer, and fall. Interim meetings may be held as necessary. Meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

### Section 4 - Committees

The Chapter may establish special committees as needed. Committee chairmen and members shall be appointed by the Chapter Chairman to serve at his discretion. They may be requested to report to the Chairman and membership at regular Chapter meetings. They shall report to the chairman and membership at regular meetings.

### Article - IV - Authority

Authority rests with the members. A majority vote (unless otherwise specified) of those present at a meeting within a quorum shall be binding.

A quorum shall consist of 8 members in good standing.

Officers are accountable to the membership and shall report Chapter affairs at each regular meeting.

Executive authority rests with the Chairperson to carry out those duties delegated to him by the membership.

The power to elect and to appoint is the power to remove.

#### Article V - Finance

The Treasurer shall report annually to the Chapter on the first meeting of the New Year or when asked to do so. He shall keep such records as will enable the Board to audit Chapter finances periodically.

The Chapter fiscal year begins January 1.

Financial decisions shall require a two-thirds vote.  
CHAPTER VI- - Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

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#### Dues Policy Statement

Chapter dues will be due on January 1 of each year. For persons joining during the year, the dues will be prorated by dividing the annual rate by 12 and multiplying it by the number of months remaining in the fiscal year, being from January 1st to December 31th. All members in good standing at the time this policy takes effect will be given credit for dues paid.