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interpretation, and preservation  
of the forest history legacy of the  
State of Wisconsin*



# From The President's Chair

*Greetings Folks,*

*Wow, once people decided that the peak of the Covid infections was past life has certainly sped up!*

*This is also true of the work of the board members of your organization. The annual Conference at Peshtigo is certainly something you will not want to miss! It should be our best Conference in a long time!*

*Beyond that the list gets lengthy; a donation was made to Camp Mercer, many discussions occurred related to the Landmark Pines project on the Northern Highland State Forest, at Ashland a cooperative effort is ongoing related to log rafting and Mr. Swanson, and work is ongoing related to Logging the Big Swamp in central Wisconsin. These are solid projects to inform the public of Wisconsin's forest history.*

*Further, the recently expanded board is endeavoring to replace and renew our recruitment brochure, create and improve our banners for public events, continue our wonderful webinar series, greatly improve our archiving of forest history materials at UW Stevens Point, repair and improve our bylaws plus establish fiscal controls.*

*Our membership recruitment is doing well with 12 new members; however, we did lose 8 members through death or failure to pay dues. The good thing is we came out plus four members!*

*The board would appreciate your help by asking your friends and neighbors to join our merry band in the Forest History Association. In fact, the president will pay your dues for a year if you can bring in 5 new members!*

*We are also looking for a few candidates to join the board of directors, so if you have any interest, please call Ed at 715-822-4940, remember the more board memberships we fill, the easier the workload for each board member becomes! And it is a great group to work with!*

*May the remainder of your summer be pleasant and may the dryness not result in forest fires here in Wisconsin!*

*Ed*



## ***From the Newspaper Archive***



### **THE PESHTIGO FIRE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED**

Memorial Services Held at Peshtigo Thursday — Tale of the Calamity by  
Which a Town Was Razed and Hundreds of People Lost Their Lives

#### **Baptism of Flames**

Thursday marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the saddest event in the history of Northern Wisconsin. Nowhere in the annals of this country is there recorded the devastation by forest fires as swept the Peshtigo region a quarter of a century ago. Twenty-five years is a long time in this busy Western world but it is safe to say there is no person of middle age today who does not distinctly remember the thrill of sorrow which swept the whole nation when news of "the Peshtigo fire" was received.

Reference to the files of the newspapers of Northern Wisconsin shows that the hardy pioneers had been alarmed for a month or more before the 1st of October. The people of Peshtigo then a prosperous village of 1,200 souls had not the advantage of the warning which the telegraph conveyed to the settlers in lower Wisconsin. It was before the advent of railroads and with stages abandoned and vessels afraid to venture out on the bay because of the dense smoke, the residents were dependent upon their intuition and the preferred experience of woodsmen. The first-aid was not exercised and the warnings of the lumbermen were not heeded. Twice during the preceding month the citizens had successfully battled with the fire which had threatened their little village, and when they retired on the evening of October 7 they were not particularly apprehensive despite the pall of suffocating smoke which overhung the place.

On the following day, Sunday, the customary church services were held in the morning, and the pastors mindful of the ever-present danger prayed for the safety of their flocks. It was noted that the air, which for some hours had been appreciably chilly, grew very warm as the day advanced, and puffs of hot air were frequently felt. Still the smoke hid everything and it was not until the farmers from the surrounding country began to drive in and reported that they had had barely time to put their families in wagon and flee for their lives that the Peshtigo people began to think of measure of defense. Many persons had retired before the danger became apparent.

About 8:30 pm the wind freshened, and carrying the smoke still further to the northward, clearly revealed the lines of fire southwest of the village. The experienced woodsman needed no further warning, but even as he began to plan his escape he saw that he had waited too long. The village was built on

both sides of the Peshtigo River, seven miles inland from Green Bay, an arm of Lake Michigan.

### **Spread of the Flames**

As the fire spread to all parts of the village with lightning rapidity the people became frenzied and instances are well authenticated of persons, cut off from an escape, committed suicide rather than perish by fire. The most pathetic scenes were the efforts to keep families together and the heroic sacrifices made by the strong to remain and assist the weak. Those who had profited by the repeated warnings had hastened early to the mouth of the river seven miles away, and none of these perished unless from exhaustion, though the fire burned everything down to the edge of the bay. But most of the people considered themselves safe when they immersed themselves in the river which flowed through the village. Many of them ventured too far and were drowned and still others when they raised their heads from the water were overcome by the hot air and smoke. It was morning before any of those who survived the experience in the river dared venture out of the water. The following day the main body of the river gave up its drowned dead by the score. The most appalling discovery was made in the vicinity of one of the mills. Scores of persons had sought refuge in a pond used to hold the saw logs. As the fire swept over the village these logs caught fire and scarcely a soul of the refugees escaped. It was not until nearly a week after the fire that the water was drawn out of the pond and the bodies many of them held down by the logs and nearly all more or less scorched, were recovered. Many of those who did not die during the fire were so badly burned that they did not survive the following day. Others who were perhaps the sole survivors of their families were unable to stand the mental strain and became insane. It was not until the following Wednesday that any relief came from outside. The forests were still hot and smoldering and the vessels, not knowing of the destruction along the west shore, had kept in harbor until the smoke lifted from Green Bay. With the first opportunity appeals for relief were sent out, the village officials heading their letters: "Camp Desolation (where once was Peshtigo)." The first letter sent out was written by the light of a piece of pork stuck on a stick set in the ground. By the following Saturday doctors who had volunteered their services came from Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, and Escanaba and the boats which brought them carried food, tents and other supplies.

### **Hundreds of Victims**

It was ten days before the bodies of all the victims had been recovered, identified where possible, and given burial. The charred bones found in the ashes of the ruins together with the list of missing, left little doubt that several hundred persons perished in this vicinity, while the deaths at Pensaukee and other places between Oshkosh and the point north of Menominee, where the fire wasted its fury, leaves no room for doubt that between 300 and 400 persons perished in the awful forest fires of a quarter of a century ago. (*from the Vernon County Censor, Viroqua, Wisconsin, 14 Oct 1896, Page 1*)

# FHAW Annual Fall Conference Pre-Conference Webinar Series

## **Wednesday, Sept 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM – [Fire Weather/Fire Danger Conditions which Led to the Historic Peshtigo Wildfire of 1871](#)**

An extended drought of more than a year, including a winter of minimal snowfall set up a pattern of fire danger that lasted through the summer of 1871 and caused concern through out the Midwest. A problem exacerbated by high temperatures and strong winds in the Great Lakes area in the US and neighboring Canadian Provinces in late September and early October of that fatal year.

Presented by Steve Marien, the Eastern Area Fire Weather Program Manager at the Eastern Area Coordination Center's (EACC). He provides fire weather/potential and all-hazard products and guidance to the Eastern Area Interagency Wildland Fire Community. The Eastern Area is comprised of 20 states making up approximately the northwestern quarter of the lower 48 states.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1schMiWdRy2JfW3Gg3s\\_w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1schMiWdRy2JfW3Gg3s_w)

## **Wednesday, Sept 15, 2021 – 7:00 PM – [The Buildup and the Blowup](#)**

Conflagrations like the 1871 Peshtigo Fire have reemerged as important threats across North America and around the world. Understanding the factors and the phenomena that produced the fire environment of that day is possible because of weather observations collected and recorded at the time and studies of extreme fire behavior that continue to this day. Recounting it should be a cautionary tale for our lives as we continue to live them.

Presented by Robert Ziel, is a Wildland Fire Analyst, living in Marquette, Michigan, who works for the Alaska Fire Science Consortium, at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EcsrJoeSQ6mq\\_fDkxx6eZQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EcsrJoeSQ6mq_fDkxx6eZQ)

## **Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021 – 7:00 PM – [Peshtigo Paradigm](#)**

For 50 years the kind of fire that swept over Peshtigo plagued the Great Lakes region, in both the U.S. and Canada. The fires furnished an important background for state-sponsored conservation and especially a program of fire protection.

Presented by Steve Pyne, an emeritus professor at Arizona State University, and the author of many fire histories, including *Fire in America* (1982), *Awful Splendor: A Fire History of Canada* (2007), and *Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America* (2015)

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_prEQXdqJSf608CPzV12\\_FA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_prEQXdqJSf608CPzV12_FA)

# City of Peshtigo Hosts FHAW Annual Fall Conference

The 46th Annual Fall Conference starts with a general membership meeting, dinner and theater performance on October 7th, at the Embers 1871 Restaurant in Peshtigo.

The membership meeting begins at 5 pm. On the agenda, is affirmation of the Association's Bylaws, activity reports, election of directors and awards presentation.

That will be followed, or accompanied by cocktails until dinner is served at 6:30 pm. On the menu is a family-style chicken and beef-tips dinner served with potatoes, vegetables and coffee.

Following dinner members of the Marinette Genealogy Group will provide a presentation intertwining actual 1871 newspaper articles from the Marinette Peshtigo Eagle, with survivor stories.

The production is a moving testimonial of those that lived through the horrific Peshtigo Fire of 1871 and the writer's descriptive words of the local happenings at that time. You'll gain an understanding of circumstances leading up to the fire, and the devastation citizens endured during and after the fire. With that understanding you'll recognize the community's rightful pride in Peshtigo's forefathers and their determination to rebuild the community giving it its motto today; "The City Rebuilt From Ashes."

The conference continues Friday morning at 8:30 am with coffee and donuts offered as a welcome to the Peshtigo Community Center. The



morning program begins at 9 am.

The first lecture, **Before and After the Fires: Increase Lapham on Deforestation, Climate, and the Fires** will be presented by Martha Bergland and Paul G. Hayes, co-

authors of the book *Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham, early chronicler of plants, rocks, rivers, mounds, and all things Wisconsin*. Lapham is renowned for much applied science across Wisconsin. More than anyone and earlier than most in Wisconsin, Increase Lapham understood the effects of removing the forests and of prevailing winds. He wrote the first national scientific report about the 1871 fires for the forerunner of the National Weather Service.

Bergland taught English at Milwaukee Area Technical College. After her retirement, she studied Increase Lapham for five years. She has also written two novels and is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize. Her coauthor, Hayes, is a former science, energy and environmental reporter for "The Milwaukee Journal from 1962 to 1995.

The Great Peshtigo Fire was a catastrophe on a grand scale, but for its thousands of victims, it was a very personal trauma. The second presentation, **A Stricken People; The Victims of the Peshtigo Fire**, presented by Karen Vincent Humiston, will look at the fire through the perspective of a few of the families and individuals involved. It will also touch on precautions taken by some before the fire,



and how the experience shaped their personal preparedness afterwards.

Karen Vincent Humiston has had a lifelong fascination with family history and the Peshtigo Fire. With more than forty years of experience as a genealogy researcher, Karen spent the past two years intensively researching the fire and the many families and individuals caught up in it. Her book, *The Sky Was Brass; The Earth Was Ashes: The Story of the Great Peshtigo Fire*, will be released later this year.

The final morning presentation, ***Father Pernin's Personal Account of the Peshtigo Fire - "revisited"*** is based on Father Pernin's book, *The Great Peshtigo Fire: An Eyewitness Account*. That book has provided historians with the most realistic and unembellished facts based on what he witnessed that night as he struggled for his own survival. Cole Couvillion will narrate Pernin's experiences on behalf of his father, Robert Couvillion. They will inject facts about the fire, the lives of citizens at that time, and how learning from that event brought about societal change.

Robert Couvillion retired from the US Postal Service in 1980. He has a comprehensive knowledge of local history, including Native American, early European settlement, and the logging era of the late 1800's and early 1900's. He is a charter member of the Peshtigo Historical Society where he served terms as president and vice-president and remains the organization's historian.

Cole Couvillion is a recently retired WDNR forester/ranger, with over 30 years of service. During his career, he worked on wildfire suppression throughout the state and nation, along with a professional commitment to directing sustainable forestry on county, state, and private lands.

A break at midday includes a soup and sandwich wrap luncheon with beverages.

When the afternoon presentations begin, Baily Kopesel, executive director of the Door County Historical Society will take the podium with her talk, ***The Night of Hell***.

On the evening of October 8, 1871, at the same time Chicago and Peshtigo were burning, a fire tore through southern Door County and completely devastated the small but thriving village of Williamsonville. This fire, which spawned a "fire tornado", originated near New Franken in Brown County, and burned through Brown, Kewaunee and into Door County. Today, this fire area is included in what everyone simply calls, "The Peshtigo Fire."

Our next presentation, ***Menominee Connections: Perspectives on the Peshtigo Fire of 1871 and Indigenous Forestry*** will be delivered by Gary Besaw. He will tell of the Tribe's association with settlers in the 1871 period, and especially work done by them in preparation for what was about to occur on October 8th, and their contribution to the recovery immediately afterward, for which they have recently been recognized.

Gary Besaw is Director of the Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems. He served 15 years on the Menominee Tribal Legislature, including two terms as Tribal Chairman. Gary has served on or presented at multiple tribal, state, and national committees regarding Native policy, the environment, and various other areas. He holds an MS in Education Administration from UW-Madison, and a BS in K-12 Art Education from UW-Stout.

The final afternoon presentation is, ***Ruins to Recovery: The Birth of the County Forest***. The fire that devastated the area in 1871 transformed the

landscape and had lasting effects. The foresightedness to realize the importance of growing trees lead to the creation of the County Forest as we know it today.

The presenter, Pete Villas, obtained a B.S. in Forestry from Michigan Technological University in 1997. He has served as the Marinette County Forester since 2013.

The speaker programs will end by 5 pm when beer, wine or soft drinks will be offered to accompany a lite 'Fish Fry Dinner' and socialization between the time of close of speakers until transportation to join "the walk."

Conference attendees are invited to join the Peshtigo community's "Memory Walk" at 8 pm.

The "walk" between the Fire Museum and a Monument along the bank of the Peshtigo River will cover 3 city blocks. On October 8, 1871 the church bell in Peshtigo began to toll, alerting residents to imminent danger, with a call to move toward the Peshtigo River to save themselves—this walk commemorates that event. Bus transportation will be available to accommodate participants.

Tours are arranged for Saturday to round out the conference schedule. Plans are to offer tours beginning at 9 am for both the Peshtigo Fire Museum and Harmony Hardwoods—Marinette County Park and Arboretum. Our group will split and tour both sites concurrently. Tours are approximately one hour each. Participants visit one site, and then switch to the other site, for another tour to begin at 10:30 am.

During the noon break, attendees are encouraged to visit a local restaurant at Peshtigo or Marinette for their lunch. A Dutch treat.

The Marinette Logging Museum on Stephenson Island, will be open from 1 to 3 pm to welcome conference attendees.

## Lodging

### Country Inn and Suites

2020 Old Peshtigo Court  
Marinette, WI 54143  
715-732-3400

Non-Smoking Kings, \$96/night,  
Breakfast included

### Best Western Riverfront Inn

1821 Riverside Avenue  
Marinette, WI 54143  
715-732-1000

Non-Smoking Kings, \$82/night,  
Breakfast included

### Edgewood Motel

790 French Street  
Peshtigo, WI 54157  
715-582-4559

\$59.99 to \$69.99/night  
No Breakfast

### To make your reservation:

call the hotel directly

Mention

### Forest History Association of Wisconsin



*The City of Peshtigo has commissioned a "Commemorative Coin" to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire.*

*Coins may be ordered at \$15/each as part of registration and will be offered at check-in either at the Thursday Banquet or Friday Conference.*

# FHAW 46<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference Peshtigo, Wisconsin

## — Schedule at a Glance —

### Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Board Meeting (1 pm) — **Peshtigo Community Center**, 600 Pine St, Peshtigo  
General Membership Meeting and awards presentation (5 pm)

**Embers 1871 Restaurant**, W3529 Co Rd B, Peshtigo

Cocktails (6 pm)

Dinner (6:30 pm) — Family style, Chicken and Beef Tips

Dinner Theater (7:15 pm) — **Stories from The Ashes...Chronicles From The Coals--** Depicted Recollection

### Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (from 9 am to 5 pm)

**Peshtigo Community Center**, 600 Pine St, Peshtigo

Topics presented will include:

- **Before and After the Fires: Increase Lapham on Deforestation, Climate, and the Fires.** Presented by Martha Bergland and Paul Hayes
- **A Stricken People; The Victims of the Peshtigo Fire.** Presented by Karen Vincent Humiston
- **Father Perrin's Personal Account of the Peshtigo Fire -"revisited."** Presented by Cole and Robert (Cubby) Couvillion

Lunch (included)

- **That Night of Hell.** Presented by Bailey Koepsel
- **Menominee Connections: Perspectives on the Peshtigo Fire of 1871 and Indigenous Forestry.** Presented by Gary Besaw
- **Ruins to Recovery: The Birth of the County Forest.** Presented by Pete Villas

Friday Fish Fry (included)

- **Peshtigo Memory Walk** (community sponsored—starts 8 pm)

### Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (from 9 am to noon)

Tours:

- **Peshtigo Fire Museum**, 400 Oconto Ave, Peshtigo
- **Harmony Hardwoods** (Marinette County Park and Arboretum) N3890 County Road E, Peshtigo

*Plans are to offer tours beginning at 9 am. Group will split and tour both sites concurrently. Tour approximately one hour, then switch to the other site, for another tour to begin at 10:30.*

- **Marinette Logging Museum**, Stephenson Island Park, Bridge St, Marinette (open from 1 to 3 pm for conference attendees)

## FHAW 46<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration \$10/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Evening “Embers 1871 Restaurant”  
Chicken & Beef Tips with Dinner Theater  
\$30/person                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Peshtigo Community Center  
Lectures (includes lunch, fish fry dinner, &  
beverages) \$50/person                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Peshtigo Memory Walk  
Attending [ Yes ] [ No ]

Saturday Tours  
Attending [ Yes ] [ No ]

Peshtigo Commemorative Coin \$15 each (# wanted) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All prices include tax and gratuity



Please Register by September 22, 2021  
**Make Checks Payable to FHAW send to:**  
Robert Walkner c/o FHAW  
PO Box 424  
Two Rivers, WI 54241-0424

**Become a FHAW member**—special half price membership for new members;  
Just an additional \$10 with your conference registration.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **“October—December 2021 Webinar Presentations”**

*Please register in advance by clicking the webinar title  
or the URL link provided below each program description*

### **Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021 – 6:30 PM – [FHAW and Related Collections at the UWSP Archives](#)**

This presentation will primarily focus on the Forest History Association of Wisconsin collection held at the UWSP Archives, explaining what topics can be found, how to access the collection and ongoing digitization efforts. Our presenter, archivist Brad Casselbery, will also briefly touch on various forestry related collections in their holdings, their research value and how they supplement the FHAW collection.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/  
WN\\_oYipaPBfQM6dUODRSUXPpw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oYipaPBfQM6dUODRSUXPpw)

### **Wednesday, Nov 17, 2021 – 6:30 PM – *Hoisting Pulpwood, a Century of Hoisting Operations on Chequamegon Bay, 1872-1972***

Part History and part memoir, this presentation tells the story of Ashland's pulp hoists in the context of Wisconsin's long and colorful forest history. Why was pulpwood rafted, hoisted and sent elsewhere? Why Ashland? How did the hoist operate? Who were the workers? What were the dangers? Why did hoisting end in 1972? Presented by Tom Stanley

### **Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM – *Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic: A Product of Perspective***

When it comes to ethics—including land ethics—new perspectives can change everything. Aldo Leopold, author of *A Sand County Almanac*, famously documented the evolution of his land ethic in the essay, “Thinking Like a Mountain.” How did he come to write this essay? Has your land ethic changed over time? Steve Swenson, Program Director at the Aldo Leopold Foundation will share Aldo Leopold's life story through historic photographs and Leopold's writings.

*Registration links for our November/December webinars will be  
Available with the fall newsletter*

FHAW Members,

During the upcoming 2021 FHAW Annual Membership Meeting set for Thursday, October 7th at Peshtigo, FHAW members will consider the following proposed changes to the FHAW's Bylaws. The bylaws have been reviewed over the past several months with recommended changes approved by the Board of Directors at its July 14, 2021 meeting.

On the following pages, for your review and consideration, we include the Association's proposed bylaws with those revisions.

- Text to be deleted has a strikethrough running through the language to be deleted. For example ~~deleted text~~.
- New or changed language will appear in red and underlined (in the electronic version of this newsletter) or underlined (in the print version). For example New Text (electronic) or New Text (print version)

Comment on inclusion of Preamble; Article V, Affiliation with the Wisconsin Historical Society; and Article VI, Dissolution. Similar language had been requested by the Wisconsin Historical Society when the FHAW first sought to become an affiliate of the historical society. Language was approved by the board of Directors at its October 21, 1980 meeting, but based on a 1994 note by Frank Fixmer to Miles Benson, the action was not presented to the membership for their consideration. In the note, Fixmer identified the oversight and asked that it be corrected with the next bylaws revision. Since that correction can not be documented, your approval of the language in these section will correct any past omission with language currently requested of Wisconsin Historical Society affiliates.

Brief description of proposed changes:

Page 15 - Preamble see comment above

Page 15 - Corrected name of the Wisconsin Historical Society

Page 16 - Article II, Section 1. language to expand board of directors to 12 members; approved by membership during 2020 electronic annual meeting. Housekeeping action, approval in person meeting.

Page 16 - Article II, Section 3. A "Director Emeritus" board position was approved by the board and membership (September 30, 1994) but language has not been incorporated into the bylaws. Language was developed to define the position, eligibility, responsibilities, and election criteria.

Page 17 - Housekeeping—correct number sequence

Page 17 - Article II, Section 7 Electronic Meetings—NEW language to permit electronic meetings (both for membership and board of directors)

Page 18 - Article III, Section 2. Officers, Terms of Office—Language Change, election of all officers to two year terms, alternating elections of President and Vice President in even year, and of Secretary and Treasurer in odd years.

Page 21 - Article V—see comment above with Preamble

Page 22 - Article VI—see comment above with Preamble

Page 22 - Article VII—Housekeeping—correct number sequence, correct word choice, delete and replace of with or.

Please direct any questions to the Board of directors via the Association's email address, [thefhaw@gmail.com](mailto:thefhaw@gmail.com)

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, INC.**

**PREAMBLE**

These bylaws shall supersede all previous bylaws and amendments thereto and shall be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 181 and section 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and with the articles of incorporation and all subsequent restatements and amendments thereto filed with the Department of Financial Institutions under which this organization is incorporated as a non-stock, non-profit corporation affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society and shall govern the administration and activities of this organization. Furthermore, the provisions of Chapter 181 and section 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization not herein provided for.

**ARTICLE 1**

Classes of Membership, Voting Rights, Dues, Fiscal Year

SECTION 1. Classes of Membership: Two classes of membership are established: dues-payers and non-dues-payers. Within the dues-payer class, six (6) sub-classes of membership are established: individual, corporate, non-profit organization, family, student, and individual life. These types of memberships are defined as follows:

- Individual – Open to any person and will represent only that person.
- Corporate – Open to associations, corporations, partnerships or other entities representing a group or group of persons operating for profit.
- Family – Open to two or more persons living together and occupying the same domicile.
- Students – Open to any high school or college student attending classes regularly during the academic year.
- Non-profit – Open to organizations that do not operate for profit, or which have been accorded tax exemption by IRS.
- Life – Open to any person who elects to pay the one-time dues payment specified in Section 3.

Within the non-dues-payers class, three (3) sub-classes of membership are established: affiliate, honorary and exchange. These types of memberships are defined as follows:

- Affiliate – Such status shall be granted to organizations, which have formally accepted the Forest History Association of Wisconsin (FHAW) as its affiliate, specifically the ~~State History Society of Wisconsin~~. Wisconsin Historical Society.
- Honorary – Such status shall be granted to organizations and individuals who have made one or more substantial cash donations or grants to FHAW of \$500 or more.
- Exchange – Such status shall be granted to those organizations which enter into a reciprocal exchange agreement with FHAW whereby each receives the others newsletters or other publications without cost.

SECTION 2. Voting Rights. Every Dues paying member shall be deemed a Voting member of this corporation. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on every question put to a vote at any meeting. Voting of a corporate membership shall be by the designated representative of the corporate member. Members may vote either in person or by proxy.

SECTION 3. Membership Dues. The annual payment of dues shall be according to the following rates:

Individual	\$ 20.00	Student	\$ 10.00
Corporate	\$ 55.00	Non-profit	\$ 30.00
Family	\$ 30.00	Life	\$250.00

Dues shall be payable to the treasurer of FHAW as of July 1 of each year and before October 1, after which date the member becomes delinquent and subject to the cancellation of his membership.

SECTION 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> annually.

## ARTICLE II

### Board of Directors; Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) directors. Directors shall be chosen as set forth in Section 2 of this article.

SECTION 2. Selection of Directors. Directors shall be elected from the membership as recommended by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting of the Corporation. Term of offices shall be 3-years with one-third of the board being up for reelection at the annual meeting in accordance with other sections of the by-laws.

SECTION 3. There shall be a category of Board member known as a "Director Emeritus" who is nominated and elected by the Board of Directors. Director emeritus shall be selected from those board members who have served on the Board of Directors with distinction and excellence. Emeritus members shall serve three (3) year renewable terms as long as they remain active in the work of the FHAW and maintain their membership in good standing. A Director Emeritus may end their term at any time.

A Director Emeritus shall be entitled to receive all written notices and information which are provided to the Board of Directors, to attend all Board of Directors meetings, to participate in meetings of the committees in which they serve, and encouraged to attend other events of the Association. A Director Emeritus shall not be subject to any attendance policy, counted in determining if a quorum is present at a meeting, entitled to hold office, or entitled to vote at any board meeting.

Eligibility: In order to be considered for designation as a Director Emeritus, a person must be a current or former member of the FHAW Board of Directors who:

- Has served the FHAW Board of Directors with distinction,



- Held an important leadership role, and made or continues to make significant contributions to the Association,
- Engaged in major volunteer or advocacy activities in his or her service on the board, and,
- Completed the terms for which he or she was elected or appointed.

Election: Annually, with the recommendation of the board nominating committee, the Executive Committee of the board will consider potential candidates and may nominate one (1) or more individuals for a board emeritus position. The Executive Committee will present the nomination(s) along with supporting statements to the FHAW Board of Directors for its consideration. A simple majority vote of directors present, at a meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient to approve an appointment.

SECTION ~~3~~4. Meetings of Members. The annual meeting of the members for the election of directors and other business shall be held in July, August, September or October of each year, on such day, time and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as the same may be called by the president or secretary, and shall be called by them whenever requested so to do by at least ten (10) members, said request to state the object of said meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice or call shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members unless all members present otherwise consent. Ten (10) members, voting either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members.

SECTION ~~4~~5. Annual and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting shall be held each year following the annual meeting of members. Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be established by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time. Such resolution shall serve as notice for the regular meeting established thereby.

SECTION ~~5~~6. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called for any purpose at any time by the president, and shall be called by the president upon the request, in writing, of any four (4) directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of all special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given by the secretary to each director and may be given by depositing such notice at any post office or in the United States mail box in the State of Wisconsin or by telephone or telegraph, not less than two (2) days before the time appointed for such meeting; provided, however, that any director may waive notice of any meeting, either in advance or, during or subsequent to such meeting.

SECTION 7. Electronic Meetings. The President may determine that any meeting of the Members or Board of Directors shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication. Participation in a meeting held by remote communication shall constitute presence in person at the meeting for all purposes, including quorum and voting. Members shall receive at least seven (7) days advance notice of the change to a remote meeting and shall be provided instructions for participation and voting for such remote meeting.

~~SECTION 6-8.~~ Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, but less than a quorum meeting at any time pursuant to notice shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

~~SECTION 7-9.~~ Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the care and management of the property, affairs and business of this Corporation. The Board of Directors shall also have powers, in addition to all other lawfully vested in them:

To raise funds; solicit and accept contributions of money or gifts; obtain options upon and acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein.

To sell, lease, convey, transfer or assign any property, rights, interests or privileges of the Corporation, upon such terms and conditions, and for such price as the Board of Directors sees fit.

To elect or appoint assistants to the general officers, and to employ such servants and agents upon such terms and conditions as the Board may see fit, with power to remove or suspend any of the same, or all or any of the said general officers of the Corporation by resolution, or to any committee of its members, all or any of the powers stated in this section, or any part of such powers.

To create any necessary committees and define their functions. The members of such committees need not be members of the Board of Directors, provided, however, that all committee members will be appointed by the president.

To enter into written agreements and contractual arrangements with corporation, other associations, agencies, institutions or other organizations for the purpose of achieving the state purposes of this organization.

~~SECTION 8-10.~~ Organization of Meetings and Order of Business. The president, and in his absence the vice-president, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the entire membership, with the secretary to act as secretary at said meetings; but in the absence of either or any such officers, their functions may be performed by any member of the board selected by those present. The regular order of business shall be: (1) call of roll; (2) reading of minutes of previous meeting(s); (3) reports of officers and committees; (4) unfinished business; (5) new business. All meetings of this Corporation, or its Board of Directors, shall be conducted under "Roberts Rule of Order."

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Officers**

SECTION 1. Principal Officers; Election. The principal officers of the Corporation shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by the board from its membership.

~~SECTION 2. Terms of Office. The president and vice-president shall be elected for two (2) years, with the secretary and treasurer to be elected annually.~~

Officers shall be elected for two (2) years terms. President and Vice-president elected in even years and the Secretary and Treasurer elected in odd years.

All officers shall serve until their respective successors are elected. The term of office of any officer shall be terminated by his death or resignation, and the term of any officer may be terminated by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors pre-

sent at any regular or special meeting whenever in their judgment the best interests of the association will be served thereby.

SECTION 3. Filling of Vacancies. In the event of the death, resignation or termination of office by the board, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to fill any such vacancy until the next annual meeting of the membership.

SECTION 4. Principal Duties. The principal duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and generally perform all duties usually incumbent upon such office. He is the chief executive officer of the Corporation, charged with its general supervision and management, subject to the control of the Board of Directors; with the execution of contracts, deeds, leases, conveyances, and instruments generally on behalf of the Corporation. He shall countersign all documents and disbursements required to be signed by the secretary or treasurer, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in the case of the latter's absence or disability, and, in addition, such other duties as may from time to time be described by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The secretary shall have the custody of the minute book; keep a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors; send out any required notices of meetings or the board; countersign all deeds, leases, conveyances and other documents requiring the seal of the Corporation; and perform such other duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, securities and valuable papers of the Corporation; collect and disburse all funds and keep accounts thereof; make reports from time to time as required by the Board of Directors; and perform such other duties as usually devolve upon such office. He shall, in addition, perform all duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more assistant secretaries one or more assistant treasurers to act with or for the secretary or treasurer, respectively.

SECTION 6. All officers shall serve under the supervision and direction of the Board of Directors, and shall perform any and all as may be directed by such board.

SECTION 7. Accountability and Reports. The officers of the Corporation shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors at or before its annual meeting each year a full and complete report on the affairs and accounting of the funds of the Corporation covering the preceding year.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Indemnification**

SECTION 1. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation by reason of the fact, that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments,

finer and amount paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 2. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party of is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought or another court of competent jurisdiction shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

SECTION 3. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 and Section 2, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

SECTION 4. Any indemnification under Section 1 and Section 2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in said Section 1 and Section 2. Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

SECTION 5. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance if the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 4. Upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized by the By-Law.

SECTION 6. The indemnification provided by the By-Law shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which an indemnified person may be entitled, as

a matter of law, or under any agreement, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

SECTION 7. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of the By-Law.

### Article V.

#### Affiliation With the Wisconsin Historical Society

##### SECTION 1. Authority for Affiliation.

This organization is an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society by virtue of incorporation under the provisions of s. 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall accordingly receive such benefits and meet such responsibilities as are stipulated therein and as may otherwise be defined through mutual consent and through action by the Board of Curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society. As an affiliate, this organization is an institutional member of the Wisconsin Historical Society and of the Wisconsin Council for Local History. A representative of the affiliate organization is entitled to a vote of one at all the general meetings of the Society and the Council.

This organization may terminate affiliation through restatement or amendment of its articles of incorporation and amendment to its bylaws. The Wisconsin Historical Society may terminate affiliation by formal resolution of the Board of Curators, a copy of which shall be deposited with the Department of Financial Institutions.

The following shall be causes for termination of affiliation by the Wisconsin Historical Society, but extenuating circumstances shall be taken into account before action to terminate affiliation is taken by the Board of Curators:

- 1) Failure to hold annual elections for three consecutive years.
- 2) Failure to submit annual reports to the Wisconsin Historical Society for three successive years.
- 3) Consistent failure to hold meetings for the membership as set forth in Article II, section 4, of these bylaws.
- 4) Failure to maintain state non-stock corporation and federal tax exempt status.

##### SECTION 2. Responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of this organization to submit an annual report to the Wisconsin Historical Society, which shall include the results of annual elections, the names and addresses of all officers and directors, and such other information as may be requested at given times for the purpose of accumulating data for the benefit of this and other affiliated organizations. Such a report may be filed electronically.

The Wisconsin Historical Society shall be notified in writing or by email of all changes in the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. In order to protect the interests of donors and contributors, this organization shall maintain state non-stock corporation and federal tax exempt status.

SECTION 3. The Role of the Wisconsin Historical Society in Affiliation. The Wisconsin Historical Society shall send notices and announcements of the meetings and activities of the state society to the president of the organization whose name appears on the current mailing list, and whenever practical such notices and announcements may be sent to the officers, directors, and staff members of this organization to the extent to which the organization provides the Wisconsin Historical Society with current mailing lists. The organization shall receive without charge such publications and periodicals as prescribed by Wis. Stats. 44.03(5).

To the extent to which staff time and funds permit, the Wisconsin Historical Society shall extend its professional and technical services to this affiliate.

SECTION 4. The Wisconsin Council for Local History.

a. This organization shall be a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ region of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, the association of the affiliates of the Wisconsin Historical Society established by the Board of Curators in 1961 through the authority of s.44.03(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

## Article VI Dissolution

SECTION 1. Voluntary Dissolution.

In the event this organization shall be unable to maintain its facilities or to sustain its activities, notice of intent to dissolve shall be sent to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Upon ratification by the members of a vote by the board of directors to dissolve the organization the following steps shall be taken:

- 1) Satisfy all liabilities and obligations;
- 2) Satisfy all conditions stipulated in agreements with donors;
- 3) Distribute all remaining assets exclusively for educational purposes to one or more historical societies, libraries, museums, or educational institutions, state, county, town, or municipally operated or incorporated, exclusively for forest history educational purposes in accordance with s. 181.1401 and s. 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE ~~V~~ VII** Amendments

Amendments to the By-Laws may be adopted either by the members ~~of~~ or the Board of Directors, but no By-Law adopted by the members shall be amended or repealed by the directors. Any By-Law adopted by the Board of Directors shall be subject to amendment or repeal by the members as well as by the directors.

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**Membership Application**

Please enroll me as a member and participant in the Association's program of developing the educational and historical aspects of Wisconsin's forestry and logging industry. Attached is payment for:

_____ Student Membership (\$10.00)	Other Contributions:
_____ Individual Membership (\$20.00)	
_____ Family Membership (\$30.00)	\$ _____ Student Awards
_____ Non Profit Membership (\$30.00)	\$ _____ Capital Fund
_____ Corporate Membership (\$55.00)	\$ _____ Operations
_____ Individual Life Membership (\$250.00)	

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