

Internal Rules of "Foresters of the World" (Forestiers du Monde®) Association

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Regarding the organization and the role of a representation

Article 1

In France, members of the association Foresters of the World (Forestiers du Monde®) are grouped by departmental representation or committees. Local representations can also be found in regions, overseas territories and foreign countries. A local representation is referred to as:

- Forestiers du Monde® - concerned department
- Forestiers du Monde® - concerned region
- Forestiers du Monde® - concerned overseas territory
- Forestiers du Monde® - concerned country
- Foresters of the World - concerned country

The name of a forest region can be added to the basic designation, as in,
« Forestiers du Monde®– Nièvre et Morvan »

The national representation or head office will be called « Forestiers du Monde® – France ».

Article 2

Every local representation has its own committee consisting of a President or Collegial Presidency, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The committee can hire anyone it deems useful to its activity but remains solely responsible to the Board of Directors. One or more honorary presidents and members can be designated. The Board of Directors has ethical, administrative and financial control rights toward local committees. In the event of court representation, power of attorney will be conferred by the association's national president.

Article 3

Members of a representation committee are elected for 3 years by local members gathered in local assemblies. Voting by correspondence is allowed. Election results are subjected to Board of Directors approval. No rule applies for the choice of representation committee members.

Article 4

If any district defined in article 1 does not have a committee, the management of that representation is temporarily insured by one or two correspondents designated by the association's national committee. Their duties cease as soon as the local representation committee is in place.

Article 5

When the normal operation of a local representation is compromised, the Board of Directors of the association can pronounce the dissolution of its committee, designate one or two correspondents as temporary managers and call for a local meeting to elect a new committee. It can also pronounce the dissolution of any local representation and designate one or two correspondents to evaluate the conditions of its liquidation so as to guard the interests of the association and its members.

Article 6 :

Within the limits of the present rules and regulations, the role of a representation committee is:

- 1 – to promote the association, its aim and its humanist and environmental ethics;
- 2 – to represent the association officially and act in its name within the limits of its rules and regulations;
- 3 – to initiate and develop projects and local partnerships in accordance with the association ethics;
- 4 – to express to the national head office any suggestion or proposals regarding the management, existence and development of the association;
- 5 – to send all requests for membership to the head office for full registration and collect any accruing subscriptions;
- 6 – to ensure that the humanist and environmental commitments of the association are respected.

Committees are responsible for ensuring that no political or religious issues be brought into the activities of their representation.

Management of the association

Article 7

Anyone eligible to become a member according to the regulations of article 3, and who wishes to apply for membership, must be acquainted with the rules and code of ethics of the association and pay annual membership dues, which are decided annually at a general meeting by each local representation.

Article 8

Subscription forms and dues are remitted to a member of the representation committee responsible for processing local memberships. After full payment of their dues, new members receive a membership card from the presidency of the association. Members of the association who fail to pay their membership dues for more than a year cease to have the status of member. Outstanding payments bring about the temporary suspension of any support and commitment from the association toward the member involved.

Article 9

As a general rule, each local committee is in charge of its own book-keeping, annual balanced budget, expenditures and receipts, and has an account in the bank of its choice. It

can also function financially on the basis of transfers from the Board of Directors, which then decides the amount of the annual membership dues.

Article 10

As a general rule, each local committee is in charge of its own books and is responsible for it to the Board of Directors of the association. It has an account at the head office and participates in proportion to the number of its members in the payment of any expense incurred by the head office for the management of the said local representation. In order for the Board of Directors to present the budgets and accounts for approval before the general meeting, local committees send their annual records to the head office before the 31st of January of each year, with closure of the accounts on the 31st of December.

Article 11

A local correspondent or a representation committee may request the dissolution of that representation. Balance sheet and inventory must be presented by the local correspondent or committee to the local assembly with the dissolution request, which is then registered by the Board of Directors. Correspondent liquidator(s) designated by the Board of Directors implement the necessary procedures to liquidate all the capital assets of the local representation while best protecting the association's interests and the interests of its members.

Involvement in projects carried on by the association:

Article 12

At their request and after approval by the local committee, every active member of the association can be given a specific mission (avifauna mission, natural life protection mission, black stork mission, birds of prey mission, herpetology mission, legal affair mission, internet mission, educational mission, greenhouse effect mission, etc.).

Article 13

That member becomes an official representative of the association in all its relevant legal aspects when interacting with any entity bearing relationship with the designated mission, with the exception of court representation, should the case occur.

Article 14

Official representatives make reports of their work to the local committee as often as deemed useful, and at least once a year as a written document sent to the local committee, which can then be presented to the Board of Directors and published. Local and national official representatives work together in networks so as to insure the coherence of all projects and stances developed by the association. Upon receiving a representative's report, the local committee makes all decisions necessary regarding conditions for proceeding, interruption, cancellation or termination of the said mission.

Article 15

To represent the association implies to actually be present at specific times and places, organize public speaking relative to the affected project, deliver commitment proposals in the name of the association (the final decision being taken by the representation committee), do all necessary desk and scientific researches, meet local problems with appropriate solutions, and search for partnerships and sponsorships, if necessary.