

By-Laws of Western New York Environmental Federation

Article I

The name of the organization shall be Western New York Environmental Federation.

Article II

The purpose of this organization shall be to do whatever it can, within its scope and power, toward cleaning up our environment and to conserve, protect and perpetuate, forests, wildlife, water, natural resources, scenic and recreation areas especially within Region 9, as it is the belief of this group that members of this Federation are more knowledgeable and better informed as to local problems and what is necessary to be done to effect their solution.

Article III

1. The County Organization and Associate Members that are voting members of the New York State Conservation Council within the boundaries of each of the counties forming Region 9, as now established or subsequently altered by the Environmental Conservation Department, shall be eligible to voting membership.
2. Delete
3. This Organization shall have the privilege of inviting such organizations or individuals, as it deems advisable, to attend meetings in an advisory or informative capacity.
4. Annual dues shall be established by the voting members and shall be paid by January 1st each year.
5. All members must agree to conform to the By-Laws.
6. Each member for which dues are paid shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by its Councilman or Alternate Councilman, and in their absence by one of its Delegates. Elections shall be decided by a plurality of votes.
7. Any Organization member failing to pay its dues within three months after their due date shall forfeit its right to vote.
8. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Article IV

1. At the Annual meeting, the members present shall nominate from the floor and elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall assume their duties immediately after the election, and each shall be either a councilman, an alternate councilman, or a delegate.

2. The officers so elected shall serve for a term of one year from their election and can be re-elected, but limited to one more consecutive term of office. The President and Vice President shall be from different organizations and shall be eligible for re-election to such office until each voting member within Region 9, as not constituted or altered, has been honored by having its Councilman or Alternate Councilman a term as President or Vice President. This prohibition of succession may be abrogated at any Annual election of officers by the unanimous agreement of the voting membership.
3. Regular meetings shall be held on the ~~second Sunday~~ in the months of January, March, June, and September of each year or as nearly within these months as possible. The June meeting shall be the Annual meeting. **President to call meeting within 14 days.**
4. Special meetings may be called by the President when he deems it advisable and must be called by him upon petition to do so by four member counties.
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6. Notice of all meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to each Organization member, not later than ten days prior to the time of such meeting.
7. A quorum shall consist of a majority of members.

Article V

1. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, caused by resignation, death, or otherwise, the office shall be filled by the Vice President for the balance of the unexpired term.
2. In case of a vacancy in the office of Vice President for any reason, the unexpired term shall be filled by election or unanimous resolution of a Councilman, Alternate Councilman, or Delegate.
3. Officers of this Organization shall be either Councilmen, Alternate Councilmen, or Delegates in Region 9.
4. The President shall appoint such committees as may be deemed desirable. Such committees shall have such power as may be conferred by this Organization.
5. Each organization shall be represented by its Councilman, its Alternate Councilman to the New York State Conservation Council, or elect three Delegates to the Western New York Environmental Federation, and they shall be known as Active Members.

Article VI

1. The Regional Director of Region 9 for the New York State Conservation Council shall be nominated by the representatives of voting members of this Federation, and at the proper time, such nomination shall be referred to the Council for action.
2. The Regional Director to the New York State Conservation Council, if possible, attend all meetings of this Federation, and shall be the official representative of this organization to the New York State Conservation Council Inc.

Article VII

1. All funds and monies of this Federation shall be deposited in a reliable bank in the name of this Federation, and all notes, checks, and like obligations shall be signed by such officers or other persons as the Federation shall designate.

Article VIII

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each active member not less than thirty days before adoption.