

WLI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this non-profit organization is the Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association. It is hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Association.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Any graduate of the Florida Leadership Program for Agriculture and Natural Resources (FLPANR) or the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (WLIANR) is a member of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association. Any spouse or life partner who participated in that graduate's successful completion of the program shall also be recognized as a member of the Association. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

A non-voting affiliate membership shall be available upon application by any Florida-resident graduate of other similar state agriculture/natural resource leadership programs. The other program and the applicant's contributions to Florida agriculture and natural resources must be recognized by the Association Board of Directors as a pre-requisite of non-voting membership.

ARTICLE III

OFFICES

The registered office of the Association shall be in the state of Florida. The Association may have such other offices either within or without the state of Florida as the Board of Directors may determine as the affairs of the Association may require from time to time.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. General Powers. The property, affairs, and business of the Association shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The initial Directors named in the Articles shall act as the Board of Directors until their successors are elected. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to officers of the Association and to committees such powers as provided for in these Bylaws.

2. Number. The Board shall consist of a Representative(s) elected from each Region; any Association member shall be eligible to be a Regional Representative. Each Region may elect one or two Regional Representatives. Each Representative shall have full voting privileges.

The Board may choose members of the Association who are not Regional Representatives to be Board Treasurer and Secretary. Any officer who is not a Regional Representative and is chosen from the membership shall be considered a Board member and shall have full voting privileges.

The number of directors shall be no less than one (1) and no more than two (2) from each Region, plus the Treasurer and Secretary if those officers are chosen from an Association member who is not a Regional Representative. In addition, the Chair and Chair-Elect shall serve as full voting members of the Board.

3. Meetings. (a) The Board of Directors shall meet at the Annual Meeting or may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of the regular meetings.

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Association President or the WLIANR director who may select any place as the place for holding any special meeting.

4. Notice; Quorum. (a) Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least fourteen (14) days= written notice delivered personally or sent by e-mail or mail or facsimile to each director at their address as shown by the records of the Association. If e-mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when shown as "sent" in the sender's e-mail software

program. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by facsimile, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the facsimile is completed.

(b) The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

5. Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

6. Terms. The directors shall serve terms of two (2) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. Successors to outgoing directors shall be elected by the members who reside in their respective region. Directors in odd number regions shall be elected in odd number years and directors in even number regions shall be elected in even number years. The President shall be elected by the full membership of the Association in even numbered years and a President elect shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Board shall elect a Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer from among themselves, who are graduates of the program and active members of the Association.

7. Removal. The vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership shall be required to remove a director from office prior to the expiration of the term for which that director has been elected.

8. Vacancies. Vacancies among the directors, whether caused by resignation, death or removal, may be filled by the remaining directors at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V

FINANCES

1. Sources. The Board of Directors may recommend to the membership dues or contribution schedules. Those members who fail to meet those dues may be classified as inactive. The Association may accept any contribution, gift, bequest from organizations, individuals, business, industry, foundations and any other sources.

ARTICLE VI
BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Association Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain access and knowledge of all books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the Association. The physical location of all financial accounts shall be in Gainesville, Florida and maintained by the Wedgworth Leadership Institute's Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE VII
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

ARTICLE VIII
ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held annually as determined by the Board of Directors and published to the general membership at least 120 days before the annual meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting of the membership shall be those present.

ARTICLE IX
PROCEDURE

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall provide the rules of procedure for the Association where they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Any proposed amendment shall be presented to the President for publication to the general membership at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting.

I hereby certify the foregoing Bylaws are the Bylaws of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association and were adopted by the Board of Directors on the 8th day of August 2009.

By: _____
David McDonald, Co-President

By: _____
Nancy McDonald, Co-President

Attest: _____
Hannah S. Carter, Program Director