



By-Laws

Adopted November 29th, 2007

Purpose

The vision of SAFER is for the South to lead the United States in renewable energy production. SAFER works toward this vision by advancing strategies for improving policy, influencing research, advancing commercialization and effectively communicating with all stakeholders.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall consist of representation from, but not limited to, agriculture- and forestry-based energy stakeholders from the 14 states represented by SAFER (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia) and multi-state organizations.

To elect new Steering Committee members, a nominee must obtain a simple majority (50 percent plus 1) of approving votes from the Steering Committee in office in person or by proxy.

The term of office of Steering Committee members will be two (2) years with possibility for succeeding terms.

Officers

The Steering Committee shall nominate and elect a chairman from within current committee members. The chairman shall serve in that capacity for a two (2) year term.

Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority (as defined above) of the Steering Committee in office, present in person or by proxy. The act of a majority of the Steering Committee in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum exists shall be the act of the Committee.

Membership

Alliance membership shall be open to renewable energy stakeholders upon payment of dues and acceptance of application by the Steering Committee. Dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Steering Committee in office. Each member shall be assessed dues in July of each year.

Operations

Southern Growth Policies Board shall be the management and fiscal agent of the Alliance as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding of January 2007.

Amendment

These bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Steering Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Proxy voting shall be permitted and votes counted without an organization representative being present.