

The Provisional Board of The American Chestnut Foundation - Massachusetts Chapter met at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester on Sunday, September 24, 2000. Fourteen members of the Provisional Board were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Provisional President, Susan Cormier, who introduced Greg Peterson and Mike Meixsell who led us through our work on our charter and by-laws.

Mike gave us a presentation on the elements of a charter and by-laws which will satisfy the requirements for a non-profit organization, the IRS and national. We will file articles of organization under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, and must satisfy Federal tax exemption 501(c)3. We are able to use national's tax exemption in the meantime.

Greg distributed copies of various informational material to help in guiding us through the process of preparing our charter and by-laws and the filing of the articles of organization with the Commonwealth. We will not file for incorporation until we are accepted by national.

We should look at insurance coverage as soon as possible.

Our organization will be known as The American Chestnut Foundation - Massachusetts Chapter, Inc. and will use the acronym TACF-MA.

Greg and Mike led us through a discussion of each article of the charter, and suggestions were made for changes.

It was moved by Anne Meyers and seconded by Greg Peterson

(1) That we incorporate as a no-member organization.

(passed unanimously)

(2) That the Board of Directors shall be elected by a committee of electors consisting of the current Board of Directors and one person chosen by each standing committee, none of whom are sitting directors, if there are such persons.

(passed with two abstentions)

A discussion was begun on the by-laws which will be continued at our next meeting. Gerry Cormier will merge two working copies to make this process easier.

We will meet again at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary next Sunday, October 1, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., to continue the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra M. Gessford
Provisional Secretary

The Provisional Board of The American Chestnut Foundation - Massachusetts Chapter met at Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester on Sunday, October 1, 2000. Eleven members of the Provisional Board were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Provisional President, Susan Cormier.

Mike Meixsell outlined the requirements for effectiveness for a good organization as follows:

- (1) Long Term
 - Communication - 2-way
 - Consensus
 - Delegation
- (2) Short Term
 - Communication - 1-way
 - Central Authority

Greg Peterson commended Gerry Cormier for the fine job he has done in editing our working charter and by-laws after our first working session.

Greg then led a review and discussion of the proposed by-laws, and changes were agreed upon.

It was moved by Anne Meyers and seconded by Frank Howard

That a director may serve no more than four (4) consecutive terms.

The motion passed with each board member being polled.

It was moved by Frank Howard, seconded by Dave Gessford and passed unanimously

That the By-Laws be approved as discussed and submitted to national.

It was moved by Mike Meixsell, seconded by Dave Gessford and passed unanimously

That the Provisional Board accept the Articles of Organization as revised at this meeting on October 1, 2000.

We need to begin working on the annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2000. The facilities at Framingham State College will be available to us from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Susan asked us to please be thinking about the agenda and program and to consider whether we should use a caterer. Should we charge a fee? A mailing on this annual meeting will go out.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra M. Gessford, Secretary