

GLKDA Bylaws (March 1996)

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this association shall be Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association.

Section 2: The purpose of this association shall be to promote improved drying, storage, and handling of wood through the exchange of ideas and discussion or problems at regular and special meetings.

Article II Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to any individual or firm interested in the drying, storage, and handling of lumber or wood products.

Section 2: Members may invite to meetings any person or persons interested in the purpose of this Association.

Section 3: Membership shall consist of duly qualified members in classifications as follows with rights and privileges as indicated:

- a) Company/Organization Membership
 - i. Allows up to three (3) named individuals at a single location (address) to receive association mailings.
 - ii. Permits one vote per company/organization.
- b) Individual Membership
 - i. For federal and state employees and individuals who are not employed full time but are interested in staying abreast of kiln drying methods and technology.
 - ii. Permits one vote per individual member.
- c) Honorary Lifetime Membership
 - i. Individual lifetime membership conferred for long and faithful service to the organization (e.g. long term record of meeting attendance, serving as an officer for an extended period, presenter of numerous technical presentations over a long period of time.)
 - ii. Nominations for honorary lifetime membership can be made by any member.
 - iii. The Board of Directors will vote on all nominations and confer honorary membership upon approval by a simple majority.
 - iv. Dues are waived for the life of the honorary member.
 - v. Honorary lifetime members will receive all mailings and full membership privileges including the right to one vote.
- d) Supporting Membership
 - i. Companies or organizations contributing substantially to support activities of the Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association.
 - ii. Allows up to ten (10) individuals to receive association mailings.
 - iii. Supporting members are given recognition in connection with association meetings and/or mailings.
 - iv. A supporting member is entitled to one vote per company/organization.

Article III Government

Section 1: The association shall be governed by a nine (9) person Board of Directors, eight (8) of which are to be elected by the members of the association. Board members so elected shall serve for three-year terms. Annually, following the fall elections, the board shall appoint from within the membership of the association a secretary/treasurer. This secretary/treasurer will then serve as the ninth director and voting board member. Also, following each fall election, the board shall elect from within itself a president and vice president. These two elected officers may not fill the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 2: The president (or in his/her absence, the vice president) shall preside at all meetings and have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. If both the president and vice-president are absent from any meeting, the members in attendance may select a presiding officer pro-tem.

Section 3: The secretary-treasurer shall: 1) keep the minutes of each meeting; 2) send out notices of meetings; 3) maintain a membership roster; 4) notify committee members of their appointment; 5) conduct the correspondence of the Association; 6) collect and disburse funds as directed by the membership; 7) keep the accounts in books provided for that purpose; and 8) make reports of all money received and disbursed. The account books shall at all times be open for the inspection of the membership. The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Section 4: election of directors shall be held on the last meeting of each calendar year with directors taking office the first day following their election. The number of directors being elected each year will vary over a three (3) year cycle with three directors being elected in the first and second year and two directors being elected during the third year. Should a vacancy occur in a director's position, the president shall appoint an individual from within the membership of the organization to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

Section 5: No elected director shall serve more than three (3) three-year terms consecutively.

Article IV Dues

Section 1: The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article V Amendments

Section 1: This constitution and bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the association; notice of such proposed change or changes having been mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to such meetings or given at the previous regular meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary for the adoption of any alteration or amendment to this constitution and bylaws.