

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

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SFI

Whether you are new to SFI or an expert a quick review on who is SFI. SFI is a sustainability organization that collaborates on forest based conservation and community initiatives that demonstrate and enhance our shared quality of life while providing supply chain assurances through standards, data and authentic stories.

ABOUT SFI IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEES

SIC's stand for SFI Implementation Committees and they are the 34 committees at the State, Region or Province level that involves forestry professionals, loggers, landowners, Indigenous Peoples, local government agencies, academics, scientists, and conservationists. SIC promote the SFI forest standard as a means to broaden the practice of responsible forestry and achieve on-the-ground progress. They offer a forum to provide information or answer questions about local forestry operations.

SIC MISSION

Effectively facilitate or manage at a state, provincial, or regional level the programs and alliances which support the growth of sustainable forest management through the SFI program.

SIC MANDATE

- SFI Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standard — provide ongoing input into requirements
- Training and education – criteria and mechanisms for wood producer training.
- Inconsistent practices – establish procedures to address concerns
- Research and conservation – promote forestry research, science and technology in which forest management decisions are based.

SIC PRIORITY:

To protect the integrity of the SFI Program.

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES

- SIC activities should focus on SFI-related projects
- SIC should consider supporting Project Learning Tree
- SIC supported projects should incorporate SFI program recognition
- SIC activities should complement not duplicate state/provincial association efforts.
- SIC's may not place requirements on participants beyond what is contained in the SFI standard without prior approval.
- SIC's should engage in partnerships to enhance community involvement
- Recruitment encourage landowners / forest managers to enroll as SFI Program participants.

WHY AM I HERE?

SIC's have two categories of members. SIC Members – those that are certified companies, and SIC Supporters. For SIC members participation in an SIC is a standard requirement so by attending an SIC meeting you are helping your organization meet a standard requirement.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

Engage in discussions, suggest new ideas, volunteer for community based projects.

The SICs can be a fun, energizing, heart warming work towards implementing all the aspects of sustainable forestry at the local level. Engage in the group discussions, suggest ideas, remember your mission and have fun.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- SIC member website (password protected): forests.org/memberssic/
- SIC Governance Doc: forests.org/wp-content/uploads/SIC-Governance-document-2020-1.pdf
- SIC bylaws – See your SIC Chair and or Coordinator

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34 provincial, state and regional SFI Implementation Committees

This unique grassroots network of close to **1,000 people** includes private landowners, independent loggers, forestry professionals, Indigenous people, local government agencies, academics, scientists and conservationists.



SAMPLE SIC MEETING AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order**
- II. Welcome & Introductions**
- III. Anti-Trust Statement**
- IV. Budget Discussion**
- V. Old Business**
 - a. Teacher Conservation Workshop Discussion**
 - b. TEAM Safe Trucking Update**
- VI. New Business**
 - a. SFI Governance Document**
 - b. National Meeting**
- VII. Tree Farm Report**
 - a. Update on Inspections**
 - b. Elk/Duck Initiative Grant Funding**
- VIII. Project Learning Tree**
 - a. Update on Training**
 - b. Future Plans**
- IX. Sub-Committee Reports**
 - a. Outreach Sub-Committee:**
 - b. Inconsistent Practices Sub-Committee:**
 - c. Master Logger Sub-Committee:**
- X. Other Discussion**
 - a. Updates SFI Certification**
 - b. Next Meeting Plans**

Adjournment

