

## [ PRC BOARD FOR FORESTERS, May 17, 1990 ]

### BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 11

Pursuant to Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6239, known as The Forestry Profession Law and Section 6 (a) of P.D. No. 223, as amended, the Board hereby adopts the following Guidelines governing the Continuing Professional Education Program for registered Foresters in the Philippines submitted by the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. in consultation and approved by the Board.

#### **Guidelines For Continuing Professional Education and Accreditation of Filipino Foresters Practitioners**

##### **I**

##### **Introduction**

The Code of Ethics for Foresters enjoins each Forester to "develop professionally and be informed and updated on new developments in forestry ". In order to fulfill this requirement, a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Program for Foresters is designed. These guidelines will provide each member a program which he can adopt and as a means to document the activities undertaken to advance his professional competence. Likewise, the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFF) is provided with a system of evaluating and accrediting its members for the continuing education undertakings as a requirement for the renewal of their professional Foresters licenses.

##### **II**

##### **Administration-Accreditation and Evaluation Board**

a. *Membership* — A Continuing Professional Education Committee shall administer the CPE program. The CPE committee shall be composed of five (5) members who shall come from the following sectors:

Government sector	- 2
Academic/Research sector —	- 2
Private Sector	- 1

The Chairman of the Education and Accreditation Committee (EAC) of SFF shall chair the CPE committee. The remaining four (4) members shall be appointed by the Board for Foresters from among the members of the SFF upon the recommendation of the SFF Board of Directors.

b. *Qualifications* — Qualifications for membership in the CPE Committee shall be:

- (1) a regular SFF member in good standing;
- (2) a duly registered professional forester in good standing;

(3) a minimum of five (5) years professional experience.

c. *Tenure* — The term of the CPE Committee Chairman shall be co-terminus with his term as chairman of EAC. The other members shall serve for a term of two (2) years, renewable for another two (2) years, unless otherwise disqualified or removed for cause by the Board for Foresters.

d. *Functions* — The CPE Committee shall have the following functions:

- (1) Recommend program guidelines for the continuing professional education for foresters;
- (2) Recommend a system of CPE accreditation for foresters;
- (3) Accredite activities/programs upon request of professionals and other related organizations;
- (4) Periodically review and recommend revisions of guidelines for the Continuing Professional Education for Foresters.

### **III**

#### **CPE Activities and Corresponding Credits**

*Category 1* — Organized course work in forestry in such fields as silviculture, mensuration, land use classification, forest protection, forest products utilization, watershed management, erosion control, agroforestry, wildlife and habitat management, social forestry, forest development planning, forest policy and forestry-related subject matters.

This will include seminars, short training courses, symposia, workshops conducted or sponsored by public or private organizations. Credit shall accrue at the rate of one (1) CPE unit for each hour of actual contact.

*Category 2* — Other organized course work/activities. These include professionally enriching activities directly benefiting the individual in his/her present position. This would include conventions/conferences of the Society of Filipino Foresters and Philippine Forest Research Society, or other professional meetings or course work in areas such as computer science, managerial and leadership skills and others. Credits accrue at the same rate as in category 1.

*Category 3* — The development, preparation, and presentation of course work and other related activities such as described in categories 1 and 2, which require effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description. Credits shall accrue at the rate of four (4) CPE units for each presentation.

*Category 4* — Researches and Publications. The preparation, writing, and publication of forestry or forestry-related subject matter which requires effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description. Credit shall accrue at the rate of ten (10) CPE for each publication