Greetings Prospective RINLA Member:

The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association is a statewide association made up of dedicated professionals including arborists, garden centers, nursery growers, landscape maintenance personnel, landscape contractors, landscape architects and designers, irrigation installers, greenhouse growers and related green industry professionals and suppliers.

Our association offers many benefits:

- Educational meetings, functions, and trade shows that offer technical training and pesticide credit. Educational opportunities through regional and national associations, including AmericanHort and NALP – the National Association of Landscape Professionals. Also, networking opportunities with industry professionals.
- In-house certification and training education throughout the year, including Pesticide Applicator Certification. The Rhode Island Certified Horticulturist (RI-CH) certification is reciprocal with all New England states.
- The first in the nation multi-employer Registered Apprenticeship program. In June 2019 RINLA received the statewide Industry Impact Award from the Governor’s Workforce Board for its outstanding performance in workforce development.
- Direct link to federal, state and local legislative issues, including RINLA’s lobbyist at the State House who monitors and lobbies on legislation that will affect member businesses. In 2019 we were able to help defeat a proposed sales tax expansion that would have included landscape services to commercial properties.
- Close ties with the University of Rhode Island College of the Environment and Life Sciences and the Community College of Rhode Island, which provide training and up-to-date information on current issues and trends pertinent to green industry.
- Involvement with the Horticultural Research Institute, which awards research grants for study of current horticultural and nursery issues.
- Guidance on selection of available health coverage plans, life and estate planning.
- Scholarships for college-bound students of members and their employees.
- State-wide recognition of outstanding landscape design, construction and maintenance projects judged by peers within the industry.
- Web visibility for your business through our public website www.rinla.org, where consumers can search for member companies by specialty or geographic location and which also provides a link to your company’s website.

RINLA membership offers identifying membership certificates, plus decals of our logo, which convey our professional association to your customers. We use them to show our pride and commitment to our role in furthering the advancement of the nursery and landscape industry.

For a nominal membership investment, you can join the hundreds of others in the industry who have already taken advantage of the many benefits RINLA has to offer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 401-874-5220 or email executivedirector@rinla.org.

Thank you for your interest in RINLA. We look forward to welcoming you into our association. You may use the attached form to complete your membership application, or join RINLA via our website at www.rinla.org – select “Membership” then click on “Become a Member.”

Sincerely,

Paul Camara
Paul Camara, 2019 President
Membership Application Instructions

Please Print Out:  
1 – RINLA Membership Application (page 3)  
2 – Code of Ethics with Objectives (page 4)

Check List:  
☑ Fill out the Application (pg 3)  
☐ Sign the Code of Ethics (pg 4)  
☐ Enclose a check for the appropriate amount per the application  
☐ Return to the RINLA office at the address listed below

Remit to:  
RI Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.  
PO Box 984  
West Kingston, RI 02892

Questions:  
Please feel free to contact Shannon Brawley, Executive Director  
Telephone: (401) 874-5220  
E-mail: executivedirector@rinla.org
2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name & Title ___________________________ Date __________

Firm Name ___________________________

Address ___________________________

Town, State, Zip ___________________________

Business Phone Number ___________________________

Website ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________ Post Info to our Public Web site – Yes or No (circle one)

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Please check the appropriate membership category

☐ ACTIVE: Sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations who obtain more than half their income from growing or selling nursery or greenhouse stock, landscaping, supplying, design and other related service activities in Rhode Island and who are legal residents of the state, or whose corporation is incorporated in the state of Rhode Island. Includes: Initiation $60, Yearly Dues $250 = $310.00. Additional Members in a Company add Yearly Fee of $50 Each

☐ ASSOCIATE & ALLIED: Persons engaged in allied trades, out-of-state landscapers or nurseries and legal residents of the state of Rhode Island who obtain less than half their income in the green industry; also businesses that supply manufactured material or services to Association members. Includes: Initiation $60, Yearly Dues $250 = $310.00. Additional Members in a Company add Yearly Fee of $50 Each

☐ PROFESSIONAL & AFFILIATE: College, university or school educators and researchers, government liaisons and members of the media who have evidenced a desire to be affiliated with RINLA and who would like to keep up-to-date with the on-goings of the Association. Includes: Initiation $25, Yearly Dues $100 = $125.00. Additional Members in a Company add Yearly Fee of $50 Each

☐ STUDENT: Any student enrolled in a high school or full-time collegiate horticultural course of study, with required participation on a RINLA committee. Fee: $35.00 (Initiation fee waived, Yearly Dues $35 with proof of educational enrollment.)

BUSINESS CATEGORY: Please indicate your company’s business categories below (these will be noted on our website)

☐ Arborist ☐ CRMC Certified Invasive Manager ☐ Green Infrastructure: Design ☐ Construction ☐ Maintenance ☐ Supplies ☐ Landscape Architect ☐ Landscape Contractor ☐ Pest Control ☐ RI Certified Horticulturist

☐ Equipment ☐ Florist ☐ Irrigation Contractor / Supplier ☐ Landscape Designer ☐ Landscape Lighting ☐ Sod Farm ☐ Supplies:

☐ Flower / Fruit / Vegetable Grower ☐ Garden Center / Retail Nursery ☐ Landscape Maintenance ☐ Masonry Contractor ☐ Organic Lawn & Landscape Maintenance ☐ Landscape Supplies

☐ Other Members & Affiliates ☐ Pest Control ☐ RI Certified Horticulturist ☐ Sod Farm ☐ Supplies:

☐ Licensed Nursery/Commercial Pesticide ☐ Landscape Architect ☐ Landscape Maintenance ☐ Masonry Contractor ☐ Certified Invasive Manager – CRMC (Exp. Date)

☐ Other Members & Affiliates ☐ Pest Control ☐ RI Certified Horticulturist ☐ Sod Farm ☐ Supplies:

LICENSES HELD IN RHODE ISLAND: Please supply license number if applicable:

Arborist # ___________ Dealer # ___________ Commercial Pesticide # ___________ Landscape Architect # ___________

Contractor # ___________ Nursery/Greenhouse # ___________ Certified Invasive Manager – CRMC (Exp. Date) ___________

OTHER AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS: ___________________________

SPONSOR: Sponsor must be a member in good standing of the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association.

Firm Name: ___________________________

Member Name: ___________________________ Member Signature: ___________________________
RINLA CODE OF ETHICS

- To be faithful and trustworthy to my vocation, by applying myself so that I deserve the reputation of quality and service.

- To be successful and demand fair profit, but not accepting profit or success while losing self-respect because of questionable methods in conducting my business.

- To remember that in establishing my business it is not necessary to criticize my competitor, but be true to myself, by being careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise thereby building my image in my industry.

- Whenever there is a doubt as to my rights or ethics, or my position in any given situation, I will resolve any doubt raised.

- True association members with a common purpose belong not because of some benefit obtained, but with the goal of developing true and useful relationships with people of common interests. Benefits are secondary to this goal.

- To always be loyal in my obligations as a citizen of my nation, of my state and my community by word, act and deed.

- We shall abide and be guided by the Federal Trade Commission, Amended Trade Practice Rules of the Nursery Industry.

OBJECTIVES

I. The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association strives to uphold the ideals to improve the image of the Nursery Practitioners, Landscape Contractors, Landscape Architects, Designers and Suppliers through lawful means.

II. Our group is one in which we make and nurture acquaintances, promote and instill the proper use of greenhouse and landscape products, advance lawful fair trade practices, and encourage cooperation of all segments of the green industry in our state.

III. To gather and disseminate all applicable scientific and business data so that we may promote ethical business practices, reasonable competition and incorporate advances in technology and science into our businesses.

IV. To cooperate with all governmental agencies, pertaining to legislative matters in the interest of the public and our industry and engage in all lawful activities that may enhance the efficient and economic progress of our industry.

“I understand that I must attend the Annual Meeting (winter meeting), pay yearly dues and uphold the code of ethics and Association objectives stated to retain my membership in the Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc. (RINLA). I agree to do this as a condition of membership. I understand that if I fail to do so, I will forfeit my initiation fee and all rights and privileges I would have obtained as a member of RINLA.”

“I have read the statements above and agree to abide by them.”

Signature: ___________________________ Date:_____________________

For Office Use Only: __________________

(date approved)