







A photograph of a forest floor. In the foreground, a large, weathered log lies horizontally, its surface covered in vibrant green moss. The log is surrounded by lush green undergrowth, including large-leafed plants. In the background, several tall, slender tree trunks stand vertically, creating a dense forest setting. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the textures of the wood and the vibrant colors of the vegetation.

**VISION**

We lead the way to diverse, healthy and sustainable forests in British Columbia.



A lush forest scene with large trees and a waterfall. The foreground is filled with vibrant green ferns and other foliage. In the background, several tall, slender trees with textured bark stand prominently. A small waterfall is visible in the distance, cascading over rocks. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

**MISSION**

Our mission is to ensure British Columbia has qualified forest professionals and to support them in providing excellence in forest stewardship.





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## Letter to Members



Dear members and other stakeholders:

This has been a year of incredible change in our forests, our forest economy, and in society's interest in our forests. Through this volatile year the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals (ABCFP) has continued to promote the principles of forest stewardship and uphold the public interest. The association started the year with five priorities and has worked diligently on these focus areas.

The five priorities are:

1. increased profile and advocacy;
2. professional reliance;
3. improving technologist integration;
4. strengthening relationships with our stakeholders; and
5. the Continuing Competency Program.

The first priority of increasing profile and advocacy kept staff and volunteers busy in 2007. The ABCFP issued several discussion papers and spoke out on a number of issues affecting our members and the forests of BC.

The ABCFP has been working with the Ministry of Forests and Range and industry representatives on the issue of professional reliance. All of the stakeholders are committed to ensuring professional reliance, a fundamental requirement of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, is successfully implemented in all areas of the forest sector.

Since Registered Forest Technologists (RFTs) joined the ABCFP in 2003, the association has worked hard to ensure RFT members are well represented on committees and council. In 2007, the ABCFP reviewed and updated key RFT documents in order to provide guidance to all members. In addition, the ABCFP worked with post-secondary groups to identify core competencies for admission and guide the development of new education programs.

Senior staff and council made special efforts in 2007 to connect with a variety of stakeholders including government, other natural resource professions and post-secondary institutions. In addition to meeting stakeholders, we opened new dialogues with First Nation communities. A highlight of the year was a trip to Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert where the association had the opportunity to meet with representatives of several First Nations.

The final element of the Continuing Competency Program was put in place this year. The groundwork for mandatory practice reviews was laid and plans to pilot this element in 2008 were finalized. The first voluntary practice reviews took place in 2007 and members offered a number of suggestions for improving the program.

In the rest of this annual report we present you with the highlights of the year's achievements and challenges. We hope you find it both useful and interesting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Knowles".

**Paul Knowles, RPF**  
PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharon Glover".

**Sharon Glover, MBA**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



An increased emphasis on advocacy and publicity, membership meetings, staff changes and a new membership management system have been highlights of 2007. Council also undertook strategic planning exercises that will guide the Association of

BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) through the next five years. Selected highlights and challenges of 2007 are featured on the following pages.







### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS <sup>1</sup>		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
REGISTERED MEMBERS	RPFs (active)	3127	3190	3192	3168	3185
	RFTs <sup>2</sup> (active)	0	344	1306	1364	1262
	RPFs (retired)	132	128	147	171	183
	RFTs (retired)	0	16	18	22	24
	RPFs (life)	198	200	205	211	210
	RFTs (life)	0	1	1	1	1
ENROLLED MEMBERS	FITs <sup>2</sup>	410	338	317	295	305
	FPs <sup>2</sup>	166	144	142	119	91
	TFTs	0	15	29	34	62
SPECIAL PERMITS	Visiting Professional Foresters	0	1	1	0	0
	Transferring Professional Foresters	0	3	4	5	10
	Limited Licensees	2	4	3	3	4
	Honourary Members	12	13	14	15	15
Total Membership <sup>3</sup>		4047	4358	5323	5352	5299
Leave of Absence <sup>4</sup>		149	137	136	139*	135

\* adjusted value

1 the numbers shown here are as of November 30th each year.

2 These numbers include members who are in more than one category (e.g. RFT and FP) at the same time.

3 The totals record the actual number of persons and do not double count persons who are members of more than one category.

4 The leave of absence category does not affect yearly totals.



### ADMISSIONS

A total of 281 candidates wrote the RFT registration exam. The overall pass rate for the RFT exam was 76%. A total of 213 members passed the RFT exam. The pass rate for the 239 people who only wrote Part A of the exam was 82%. The pass rate for the people who wrote the full exam (Parts A and B) was 37%. Seven members only wrote part B and of these, four passed (57%). The highest mark on the RFT registration exam was a tie earned by Donna Lee Brochez, RFT, and Michael George Zaklan, RFT, who both earned 93%.

RFT REGISTRATION EXAM RESULTS		
RFT EXAM PART A	2006	2007
Pass Rate (%)	79	82
Average Mark (%)	63	65
RFT EXAM PARTS A & B		
Pass Rate (%)	55	37
Average Mark (%)	59	54

The overall pass rate for the 113 candidates who wrote the RPF registration exam was 77% (87 passed). As in past years, candidates had the option of writing a take-home exam which was worth 30% of the grade. If they chose to write the take-home exam, candidates were only required to answer seven of the 14 questions on the main exam. The pass rate for people who wrote the take-home exam and the main exam was 76%. The pass rate for the 10

RPF REGISTRATION EXAM RESULTS		
RPF EXAM	2006	2007
Pass Rate (%)	73	77
Average Mark (%)	68	69



candidates who wrote only the main exam was 70%. Of those 10 candidates, four are re-writers who previously passed the take-home exam and the pass rate for this group was 100%. The other six candidates wrote only the main exam and the pass rate for this group was 50%. The top mark on the RPF registration exam was 89% and was earned by Erin Naomi Hunter, RPF.

FIT enrollment increased to 114 in 2007 from 80 in 2006. This is the first significant increase in FIT enrollment in many years.

### RECRUITMENT

Because recruitment is such a challenge for all organizations in the forestry sector, the ABCFP worked with the Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR) to encourage them to fund a full-time position for the Junior Forest Wardens (JFW). The result is that the MFR agreed to offer funding to the JFW to expand membership across the province. The coordinator's job will be to resurrect the JFW movement in BC. The ABCFP hopes that by exposing children to forestry, we will instill a life-long love of the forest and more young people will be encouraged to select forestry as a career later in life. The added interest and knowledge will benefit all the children, not just those who choose forestry as a career.

The ABCFP also continued its involvement with the provincial and federal forestry recruitment initiatives. The association coordinated the development of a *Recruitment Strategy for the BC Forest Sector* and *Investing in our Future: A Business Plan for Recruitment in the BC Forest Sector*. These two reports set the stage for having a provincial recruitment coordinator work with the federal initiative to implement both provincial and federal recruitment strategies.

Work continued on the Inclusivity and Core Competency projects in 2007. These projects refer to defining the core set of competencies required by all RPFs (Inclusivity) and RFTs (Core Competency). While the primary benefit is to provide an opportunity for a more diverse education base for the forest professional, another benefit ensures that the ABCFP meets the federal government requirement for labour mobility of professionals in Canada while at the same time protecting the BC public interest in the practice of professional forestry. The ABCFP participates with other provincial forestry jurisdictions in Canada in developing the transfer ability standards of forest professionals.

### PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE

Professional reliance continues to be a priority for the entire forest sector and is a focus by the ABCFP on a number of fronts. The ABCFP is a partner, together with the Ministry of Forests and Range and industry representatives, on the Professional Reliance Implementation Team. The team continued to work on the implementation of professional reliance under the current legislative model (*Forest and Range Practices Act*). The committee found that professional reliance is not consistently implemented across all areas of practice or in all areas of the province. The committee's report, titled *Applying Professional Reliance Under FRPA (Forest and Range Practices Act)*, provides eight principles required when implementing professional reliance in this area.

The ABCFP produced a series of guidance papers that were distributed to ABCFP members for comment. Comments and feedback from members and from ABCFP committees are currently being integrated into the documents.





The ABCFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Forests and Range and industry representatives, has been examining the professional practice area of timber appraisals. The committee is working to provide recommendations of practice advice for members in 2008.

The association also chairs a group of senior executives which includes members from the Ministry of Forests and Range, Council of Forest Industries, Coast Forest Products Association and Tolko. The group has been working together to develop principles of professional reliance as well as key success measures.

The Interpretative Guide for the Code of Ethics is designed to help members interpret and apply the Code of Ethics in their day-to-day work. The guide was rewritten this year to provide updates and add scenarios to the text that highlight the intended principle. The guide received substantial feedback that has been incorporated into the document.

The ABCFP continues to bridge with government and other organizations in the practice of professional forestry. The association is a participant on the provincial government's FRPA Implementation team. The government team is developing and leading the implementation strategy to promote a provincial consistency in interpretation and application of FRPA and provide leadership by identifying issues, solutions and actions that assist the forest sector in implementing FRPA.

The Practice Advisory Service provides confidential peer-based advice on professional practice issues encountered by members. This year requests to the service were less than in previous years. A total of five requests were made and answered in 2007. This service

is not intended to provide legal advice, but rather to provide suggestions from experienced forest professionals.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Council identified the Continuing Competency Program as a priority for 2007 and good progress was made on the different elements.

The Self-Assessment has been in place since 2005 and all registered members must complete one when they renew their annual memberships. The Voluntary Peer Review element was launched in late 2006. To date, 18 have been completed. The initial feedback has been very positive with some excellent constructive criticism being received.

This constructive criticism and other comments from members led to the first two elements of the Continuing Competency Program, the Self-Assessment and the Volunteer Peer Review, being revised. While the final versions of these elements won't be available until 2008, the revisions make both elements more simple and streamlined to implement.

The final element, the Mandatory Practice Review, was drafted in 2007 by ABCFP staff and the professional practice committee. The draft was sent out for member review in December 2007.

Fall workshops were held in November in three locations (Nanaimo, Prince George and Kamloops). Over 160 people attended the workshops. The theme of this year's workshops was "Applying Professional Reliance Under FRPA (*Forest and Range Practices Act*)."

The reason for the small number of workshops this year was due to the change in senior staff at the ABCFP.





The policy review seminars were popular once again in 2007. Over 240 people attended the seminars in the Lower Mainland, Victoria, Prince George and Kamloops. The ABCFP thanks all the volunteers who helped write the manual and deliver the workshops.

Eight people applied for the Certificate of Professional Development and were entered into a draw for the Meloche Monnex Continuing Education Award in 2007. The winners are listed on the Awards page of this annual report.

The ABCFP participated in the Natural Resource Sector Continuing Learning Forum in 2007. The goal of this forum is to increase continuing education opportunities for people working in natural resources and to make professional development more accessible. Work will continue in 2008.

#### **FORESTERS ACT COMPLIANCE**

Seven formal complaints were sent to the registrar in 2007. All of these cases were referred to the Complaints Resolution Committee for their review. After careful assessment of the evidence the complaints resolution committee has dismissed four of the complaints registered in 2007. There are currently a total of four open cases. Three of the open cases are 2007 complaints and there is one open case from 2006.

The ABCFP worked with staff in the protection branch of the Ministry of Forests and Range and a fire management consultant to provide direction to members of the Union of BC Municipalities on the preparation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). This work included identifying which parts of CWPPs needed to be completed by a forest professional.

#### **FOREST STEWARDSHIP**

The ABCFP produced two reports on stewardship issues in 2007. The first report was on forest inventories and was released in March. It is called *Assessment of the Status of Forest Inventory in BC* and lists several recommendations for improving the forest inventory system. The chief forester responded to our report in April and the ABCFP replied in June.

The second report is called *Forest Stewardship in Areas with Forestry and Oil and Gas Development in Northeast BC – The Forest Professionals Perspective*. This report was also issued in March. Both reports are available on the ABCFP website.

A third stewardship report is being prepared in the area of forest planning. Members of the ABCFP and the public were invited to workshops to discuss the state of forest planning in the province and how barriers to effective planning could be removed from the current process. An interim report was produced in 2007. The final report is expected in early 2008.

A fourth stewardship report is underway in the specific area of stocking standards. The report will analyze the current BC legislative, regulatory and policy framework related to stocking standards and assesses the effectiveness of those policies. In particular, the report will examine how the current stocking standards framework affects stand and forest level planning, practices and stewardship in BC. It will also analyze if the current framework is flexible enough to deal with expected future challenges such as climate change. The report is intended to provide recommendations for improvements to policy and stocking standards, if warranted.



Work on other stewardship and advocacy issues has taken place in 2007. These issues include:

- Restoration of Stanley Park (former staff member Dwight Yochim, RPF, sits on the board).
- ABCFP and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC have worked with WorkSafeBC on the issue of forest roads and on avalanche assessments.
- The ABCFP brought forest fires and fuel management to the media in the spring. The association offered recommendations to mitigate the chance of a bad fire season.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The financial wealth that the association accumulated over the past 15 years allowed council to approve a significant deficit budget for fiscal 2007. While a deficit was budgeted, sound fiscal management and increased revenues led to achieving much better than budgeted results for the operating fund. The year ended with an operating deficit of \$150,637 on revenues of \$1,866,515 and expenses of \$2,017,152. This compares to a budgeted deficit of \$248,160. The association's full financial statements can be found on the website ([www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)).

ExpoFor 2007 in Harrison Hot Springs was budgeted to break even but attained a surplus of \$56,000. Better than expected new enrollments in the FIT and TFT member categories also contributed additional revenues. Some project expenditures exceeded budget, but government contributions for those projects covered much of the variances.

Contrary to the trend of the last four years, actual discipline expenses exceeded budget by \$7,704 this year. This difference was funded by the Reserve Fund, pursuant to policy.

The Reserve Fund is very healthy and grew by \$34,299 this year from interest and dividend income, less the amount transferred to the Operating Fund. The value of the Reserve Fund is shown at cost on the financial statements (\$794,837). The market value is higher at \$859,995. The Reserve Fund has a very conservative investment policy. The rate of return achieved this year was 3.86%.

ForesTrust has had a good year. Proceeds from the surplus of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM, along with donations from colleagues, friends and family in memory of Mark Sunstrum, helped establish endowed bursaries of \$10,000 each at the University of Northern BC (UNBC) and the College of New Caledonia. The Mark Sunstrum Foundation Memorial Endowment Bursary will generate annual awards of \$500 which will be given to deserving students at each of the schools in perpetuity.

Two existing endowments at UNBC were providing annual awards of \$1,300 and \$1,400 respectively. These endowments have generated sufficient income to the extent that the awards have been increased to \$2,000 each.

#### **2007 FORESTRUST WINNERS**

- British Columbia Institute of Technology  
Wayne Cochrane Memorial Award (\$800)  
Recipient: Lucas Hennecker
- Selkirk College  
ABCFP Scholarship (\$1,000) Recipient: Audrey Ehman
- Thompson Rivers University  
ABCFP Scholarship (\$1,000) Recipient: Mika Hirano
- University of British Columbia  
ABCFP Scholarship (\$2,000) Recipient: Tyler O'Farrell







- University of Northern British Columbia  
ABC FP Bursary (\$900) Recipient: Peter Kerckhoff  
ABC FP Bursary (\$500) Recipient: Renata Woodward  
ABC FP Award for Excellence Recipient: Emily Muller
- Malaspina University College  
ABC FP Scholarship (\$1,000) Recipient: Jennifer Hutt

The major area of focus for the Finance and Administration team has been the integration of a new membership management system called iMIS. This system will replace the outdated MTrack to help staff work more effectively and efficiently. A working group of staff representing all departments has been working for just over a year on this project. iMIS will give members access to more information on the website. In order to avoid complications with the council election and membership renewal, the new membership management system will be launched in early 2008.

### GOVERNANCE

The ABCFP experienced quite a bit of staff change in 2007. The new executive director, Sharon Glover, MBA, joined the ABCFP in February to succeed retiring Van Scoffield, RPF. Sharon works closely with council in setting the strategic direction of the association and also oversees the day-to-day operations. Randy Trerise, RPF, joined the ABCFP as registrar in October. Randy and his team ensure members are properly registered and regulated. Randy took over for long-time registrar Jerome Marburg. Mike Larock, RPF, joined the staff in October as the director of professional practice and forest stewardship. Mike's role is to manage the association's advocacy function and to work on professional practice issues. Mike took over from Dwight Yochim, RPF, who left the ABCFP to pursue other interests within the forestry sector. Also new to the staff team this year is Baljinder Kullar. Bal works with Randy as a registration coordinator.

### EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Senior staff and council members met with members of several First Nations communities in the North West this year. Topics of conversation included the benefits of using forest professionals, education and recruitment, and concerns the First Nation communities had about forestry.

The executive of council met with the Minister of Forests and Range, and discussed the areas that the association has been advocating on, such as inventories and the association's position on fire management as well as support for the Junior Forest Wardens program.

As always, the ABCFP and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) have enjoyed an excellent relationship this year. The joint practices board (JPB) of the two organizations was very busy in 2007. This year's major focus was Terrain Stability Assessments (TSAs). Two separate task forces have been working on TSA issues such as creating skill sets for qualified registered professionals, guidelines for both professions and a terrain stability management model. The result of all this work will be made available to members in 2008.

In February, the College of Applied Biology in BC and the ABCFP signed a Memorandum of Understanding that established a Joint Committee to promote dialogue and cooperation between the two organizations around solutions to resource issues and to pursue joint initiatives of common interest. The two associations are currently working on a joint communiqué to their members which will remind members to practice only in areas where they are competent. The two groups have other joint projects which they would like to pursue which are contingent on finding funding for the projects.



### COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER RELATIONS

Considerable effort was put into media and public relations activities in 2007. The result was a number of good articles in papers in key markets around the province. The communications team also helped council members write articles and get them published in their local papers.

National Forest Week was a success with print and radio advertising taking place across the province. The Vancouver Sun printed a special forestry supplement once again. The ABCFP partnered with the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) and Forestry Innovation Investment to produce National Forest Week t-shirts. The shirts were given away with seedlings and other information at Vancouver's main transit hub, Waterfront Station. A staff member was interviewed on the television news as a result of this publicity event.

The ABCFP and the TLA hosted a children's art contest in celebration of National Forest Week. More than 200 entries were received from both individual children and classrooms. A winner was selected from each of three age groups.

Numerous improvements were made to the ABCFP website. Some page banners were changed to feature our members' photos and quotes. ExpoFor, our annual conference and AGM, received its own dedicated website in 2007.

Senior ABCFP staff and council members met with many members this year. About 300 members in the Thompson, south Okanagan, Kootenays, Vancouver Island and the North West, attended member meetings. In spite of the large geographic range of the meetings, members had some common concerns that they shared at these meetings. These concerns included:

- recruitment;
- access to continuing education opportunities;
- Continuing Competency Program; and
- professional reliance.





## GORDON PREST

In our current ABCFP strategic plan, one goal or outcome is: "The ABCFP is recognized by the people of BC including First Nations as taking a leadership role on matters of professional

practice and the principles of forest stewardship." Our council has pondered long and hard in our strategic planning retreats over the question of whether the ABCFP should differentiate between looking after the best interests of the general public and the best interests of First Nations. After much deliberation in council, and discussion with other members, the decision was made to distinguish between the interests of the general public and First Nations.

As the Aboriginal lay councillor appointed to the ABCFP Board in 2004, I thought the answer to this question quite simple and obvious as First Nation people and interests pre-existed those of the general public by some 10,000 years. More recently, First Nation interests have also been constitutionally protected under Section 35 (1) of the *Canada Constitution Act, 1982* which states:

- The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed.

The entire history of the long and sometimes difficult relationship between the Aboriginal people of Canada and the British Crown can be found behind those seventeen simple and seemingly straightforward words. That association has evolved since first contact, as new relationships have been formed with

## Lay Councillors' Reports

Canada and the provinces through various landmark court decisions on aboriginal rights, title and modern treaties.

In order to tell this story, we must start at the beginning. When France conceded its interest in Canada to Great Britain, King George III issued a Royal Proclamation of 1763, which recognized the British Crown did not automatically become owners of the lands inhabited by the indigenous peoples. Rather, the Crown only gained an exclusive right against other European nations to acquire lands from the indigenous peoples in three situations:\*

- Voluntary sale;
- Voluntary cession (through treaties); or
- Conquest.

Consider these three situations in the form of questions at the time British Columbia entered confederation with Canada in 1871:

- Did BC First Nation people sell their ancestral lands to Canada? NO
- Did BC First Nation people enter into voluntary cession of ancestral lands? NO
- Did BC First Nation people enter into war and were conquered? NO

So until such time as any of these situations are properly addressed and resolved, I pose the simple question: In British Columbia, who owns the land? This is the genesis or origin of the Aboriginal land question in BC and the reason we are seeking court decisions and struggling through a treaty process in the 21st century.

As an interim measure, until such time as treaties are negotiated and to address the aboriginal land question, the province, through the Ministry of Forests and Range, has developed an

extensive process called the "Provincial Consultation Guidelines on Aboriginal Rights and Title." These guidelines outline in great detail the process which any RPF/RFT must follow for any activity on Crown lands, as they are instructed to diligently enter into meaningful consultation with First Nations.

In order to address the goal that the ABCFP be recognized by BC First Nations as taking a leadership role on matters of professional practice and principle of forest stewardship, the association staff have developed a series of yearly objectives and strategies. Implemented over the next three years, these aim to create more awareness on the part of the association and its member on First Nation issues and perspectives on forest lands, as well as to introduce the ABCFP to the various First Nation communities throughout BC.

*Gordon Prest of Merritt was appointed a lay councillor in 2004 and has been reappointed for another three-year term. Gordon has spent all of his working life in forestry in positions ranging from timber cruiser to forest ranger to forestry teacher.*

\* the only exception to these three situations or rules, was when the colonial power could show that the lands were empty (terra Nullius) and not owned or occupied by any other peoples



**PAMELA WRIGHT, PhD**

The role of the two lay councillors on the ABCFP council is to represent the public and I'm pleased to report that the other councillors are interested and actively seek out our opinions on a regular basis.

Because I live and work in the northern part of BC, I see first-hand what is happening to northern communities which are dependent on forestry for their survival. The forest sector in all of BC, but especially in the north, is facing significant impacts from a myriad of sources including the mountain pine beetle epidemic, climate change and economic fluctuations resulting from the downturn in the US construction market and the value of the loonie.

Both individuals and communities are feeling the impact as forests change and mills shut down. Although we've been talking about these issues for years, it is time to devote serious attention to developing economies and livelihoods that are based on forest values that go beyond the traditional dimensional lumber market and towards innovative ideas such as beetle-wood enhanced cement board and increasing shelf life for beetle wood. We must also invest real attention in exploring wildland recreation, nature-based tourism and non-timber forest products.

It is important to emphasize that the current downturns in traditional forestry employment opportunities do not mean the end of forestry careers. In fact, now, more than ever, it is necessary to have forest professionals managing the forests of British Columbia. However, the changes we need to see are going to require a new type of forest professional than we are used to.

In my role as a professor at the University of Northern BC, I see the new types of programs and courses being offered to students. These programs put an increased emphasis on forest ecology and conservation biology, forest recreation, First Nations traditional knowledge and management systems, biochemistry applications, and forestry commerce.

The ABCFP has been working with the universities and other professional forestry associations across the country to modernize the requirements for a forest professional and to attract good students to forestry. I am pleased with the way the ABCFP has been working with other organizations to increase the recruitment of people into forestry.

There is tremendous opportunity here for young people to become the next generation of forest professionals but to achieve that we must work together and challenge the bounds of what we have traditionally defined as a forestry career. I look forward to another exciting year with the ABCFP and continued work in this area.

*Dr. Pamela Wright of Prince George was appointed as lay councillor in 2006. She serves as associate professor in the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management program at UNBC and as the chair of the BC Protected Areas Research Forum. She lives outside of town and has started a small Christmas tree farm.*





## REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST PROFESSIONALS

The statement of financial position and statement of revenue and expenditures of Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals shown above are in our opinion accurately extracted from the complete financial statements of the Association for the year ended November 30, 2007 which we reported upon under our auditors' report dated January 18, 2008.

Vancouver, BC  
January 18, 2008

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# Statement of Financial Position

Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

November 30, 2007

Approved by Council

  
Paul Knowles, President

  
Sharon Glover, Executive Director

		2007			2006
		OPERATING FUND	RESERVE FUND	TOTAL	
ASSETS	CURRENT ASSETS				
	Cash	\$ 996,767	\$ -	\$ 996,767	\$ 1,183,881
	Marketable securities	-	738,259	738,259	701,993
	Accounts receivable	68,030	-	68,030	28,155
	Due to Operating Fund	-	-	-	10,657
	Due from Reserve Fund	7,704	-	7,704	-
	Interest receivable	-	56,578	56,578	47,815
	Prepaid expenses	45,204	-	45,204	38,782
		1,117,705	794,837	1,912,542	2,011,283
	CAPITAL ASSETS	183,452	-	183,452	114,163
	<b>\$ 1,301,157</b>	<b>\$ 794,837</b>	<b>\$ 2,095,994</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,446</b>	

		OPERATING FUND	RESERVE FUND	TOTAL	2006
LIABILITIES	CURRENT LIABILITIES				
	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 224,142	\$ -	\$ 224,142	\$ 222,088
	Due to Operating Fund	-	7,704	7,704	-
	Due to Reserve Fund	-	-	-	10,657
	Deferred revenue	589,542	-	589,542	482,538
		813,684	7,704	821,388	715,283
	DEFERRED LEASE INDUCEMENT	11,515	-	11,515	23,030
	<b>825,199</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>832,903</b>	<b>738,313</b>	

		OPERATING FUND	RESERVE FUND	TOTAL	2006
NET ASSETS	UNRESTRICTED	335,203	787,133	1,122,336	1,315,667
	RESTRICTED	-	-	-	-
	INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	140,755	-	140,755	71,466
		475,958	787,133	1,263,091	1,387,133
		<b>\$ 1,301,157</b>	<b>\$ 794,837</b>	<b>\$ 2,095,994</b>	<b>\$ 2,125,446</b>



# Statement of Revenue And Expenditures

Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

November 30, 2007

	2007				2006
	OPERATING FUND		RESERVE FUND	TOTAL	
REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Annual registered membership fees	\$ 1,365,091	\$ 1,368,093	\$ -	\$ 1,368,093	\$ 1,378,148
Other membership fees	248,632	280,463	-	280,463	353,794
Annual meeting income	-	56,814	-	56,814	20,135
Interest and dividends	38,000	43,555	34,299	77,854	72,039
Advertising and mailings	67,000	78,598	-	78,598	66,735
Gain on sale of marketable securities	-	-	-	-	4,061
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	-	(2,869)
Other	2,000	38,992	-	38,992	38,882
	1,720,723	1,866,515	34,299	1,900,814	1,930,925

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
Committee work	619,650	671,811	-	671,811	599,330
Office	315,150	311,597	-	311,597	290,810
Staff	1,034,083	1,033,744	-	1,033,744	886,692
Other	-	-	7,704	7,704	-
	1,968,883	2,017,152	7,704	2,024,856	1,776,832
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ (248,160)	\$ (150,637)	\$ 26,595	\$ (124,042)	\$ 154,093

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### DISTINGUISHED FOREST PROFESSIONAL

This award is the highest honour we bestow upon members. **Ken Day, RPF**, was presented with the Distinguished Forest Professional award for outstanding service to the profession and for furthering the principles of the association.

### HONOURARY MEMBER

Honourary Membership is the highest award presented to a non-member. **Sandy McKellar** was recognized for her outstanding contribution to forestry education.

### FOREST TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

**Ian Emery, RFT**, was recognized for his dedication to the profession of forestry and the ABCFP.

### FOREST ENGINEERING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence is co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. **Al Chatterton, RPF** was presented with this award which recognizes excellence and promotes cooperation and leadership in forest engineering.

### BILL YOUNG AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Bill Young Award of Excellence in Integrated Resource Management is co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Biologists of BC. **Paul Lawson** was presented with this award, which promotes cooperation between forest, fish and wildlife management as well as fostering leadership in integrated resource management.

### BC FOREST PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Best Letter: "Engaging the Public" by **Bill Bourgeois, PhD, RPF** September/October 2007

Best Article: "Value-Added Wood Products from British Columbia – Getting beyond the Rhetoric" by **Robert Kozak, PhD** January/February 2007

### MELOCHE MONNEX CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

**Rodney Derouin, RPF** and **Patrick Brochez, RPF** each received a \$250 continuing education award sponsored by Meloche Monnex Inc.







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