

ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry

(Award for Non-members)

Overview & Criteria

The ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry recognizes an individual outside the membership of the Association of BC Forest Professionals who has made significant contributions to the advancement of sustainable forest resource management over the past one to five years.

The efforts recognized must contribute to the advancement of sustainable forest resource management in some significant respect; that is, to the appropriate balancing of the economic, social and environmental values inherent in British Columbia's forest resources. This may involve contributions in the policy, practice or educational arenas or to the advancement of public awareness and understanding of sustainable forestry.

Persons considering making a nomination for this award should refer to the caliber of past recipients to get an idea of the potential qualifications for this award but recognize that each nomination is unique.

This award was created in 2004 for people not meeting ABCFP Honourary Membership criteria but still deserving an award of merit.

Eligibility

The nominee must meet all of the following:

- not be a member of the ABCFP
- not have been convicted of an indictable offense, and
- have generally lived and worked to ABCFP professional standards.

Deceased persons may be nominated posthumously.

Nominations

Nominations for this award will be accepted until the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted up to mid-November of each year. Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the association's magazine, electronic newsletter and website.

The nomination package must reflect the high calibre of the award and the person being nominated. To be considered for nomination the package must be submitted in its entirety and must include all of the following:

- A one-page statement of nomination outlining the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for this award.
- Letters of nomination from at least six persons, at least three of which must be from ABCFP members.
- Supporting information (i.e. project outlines, publications, reports, plans, maps, photographs,
- A complete resume or biographical sketch of the nominee, including the following items which are applicable:
 - summary of relevant education, employment and training
 - professional responsibilities and achievements
 - previous awards and honours
 - relevant volunteer service
 - other significant contributions

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

Selection Process

Nominations from the membership will be requested in the fall of each year. Recipients are selected by council based on the above criteria. Council may issue more than one Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry each year if nominees meet these criteria.

Presentation

This award is usually presented at the President's Awards Banquet during ExpoFor.