

Upcoming Member Meetings

Members are invited to attend the upcoming meetings in several communities. If you live in one of the following communities, you will receive an e-mail with the details of the meeting but anyone from any community is welcome to attend.

Fort Nelson, July 12

Fort St. John, July 13

Dawson Creek, July 14

For more information, contact Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations at 604.639.9187 or brobinson@abcfp.ca

Professional Development Opportunities: Online Workshops

The ABCFP is pleased to announce the launch of two new online workshops. *Writing the Best Exam Possible* and *Professional Ethics and Obligations* are both available on the Workshops page of the website.

Policy Review Seminars

Policy Review Seminars will take place in Kamloops on September 9 and 10 and Nanaimo on September 16 and 17. Both seminars will be webcast live so all members can attend without incurring travel costs. Check the Policy Seminars page of the website for more information.

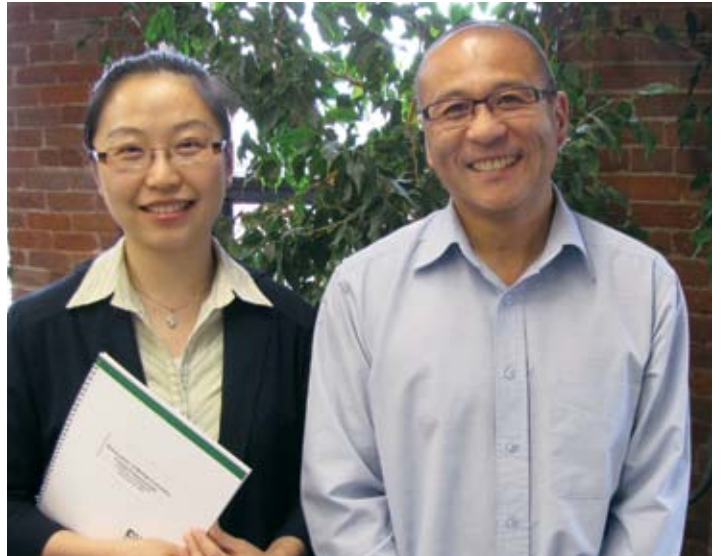
See Your Work in Print! Contribute to Forestry Team in Action

What have you been up to for the past year? Are you working on interesting projects, conducting research or finding innovative ways to get the job done? If so, share your story with your fellow forest professionals by making a submission to the annual Forestry Team in Action feature in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional**. Read the Contributor Guidelines on the website to find out how to make a submission to this feature. The submission deadline is September 7, 2010.

Nominate Your Community for the 2011 Forest Capital of BC

This is your chance to promote forestry in your town. Whether you live in a large, urban centre or a small community, BC's forests influence almost every aspect of life in this province. However, many people don't know this fact and it's up to the ABCFP and our members to try and change the situation. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the search for the 2011 Forest Capital of BC. Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. The ABCFP will evaluate nominations based on a community's relationship to its surrounding forests and the strength of the bid proposal. The winning community will be announced in December and will carry the Forest Capital of BC title from January 1 to December 31, 2011. If you think your community has the stuff and could be the 2011 Forest Capital of BC, download a nomination package available on ABCFP website. The nomination deadline is November 12, 2010, so start gathering support for your community's bid today.

Meet Lance and Julia: The ABCFP's Finance and Administration Team



There are a handful of reasons for a member to phone the ABCFP's finance team. You'd phone Julia if you needed help with a finance enquiry about workshop registration fees, your membership fee or an online job posting invoice. You'd call Lance if you needed special consideration regarding your membership renewal. Together, they run the mass billing for membership renewal – sending out notices and reminders, fielding questions and processing fees. However, most of Lance and Julia's work goes on outside of our members' experience.

Julia is responsible for processing receipts and disbursements for the ABCFP. This involves the input of accounts receivable and accounts payable data, conducting a cheque run twice a month, depositing cheques to the bank, handling online transactions and making collection calls on outstanding invoices.

Julia also does the background work to reconcile general ledger accounts and manages the financial queries in our database. This work helps Lance prepare financial statements that ensure we comply with financial regulations and facilitates the year-end audit.

Lance is responsible for developing an annual budget and presenting it to Council. He prepares monthly financial statements and forecasts for presentation to the finance committee and Council. He is responsible for cash management and oversees our operating and reserve funds. He also looks after any special funding initiatives and the reporting that's required for them. He oversees the year-end audit and makes sure the ABCFP is compliant with regulators such as Canada Revenue Agency and WorkSafeBC.

Separate from his finance work, Lance is also responsible for HR, IT and general office operations. He looks after payroll, HR policies and employee benefits. He is responsible for overseeing our IT contractor. He is in charge of the management of iMIS, the ABCFP's database, and oversees our database contractors. Finally, he is a trustee of ForesTrust, the ABCFP's registered charity.