

Official Notice of the AGM

The ABCFP's 63rd Annual General Meeting will take place during Wood is Good 2011, the ABCFP's annual conference, in Vancouver, BC. The AGM will be held on Thursday, February 24th, 2011, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The AGM, council hot seat and resolution session are free for all members and registration to Wood is Good 2011 is not necessary to attend these events.

The preliminary agenda for the AGM is as follows:

1. Adoption of the minutes from the previous annual meeting.
2. Member recognition.
3. Adoption of annual report.
4. Adoption of the audited financial statements.
5. Appointment of auditors.
6. Appointment of one or more returning officers and scrutineers.
7. Reporting of council election results.
8. Ratification of council and staff actions.
9. Business resolutions (if any).
10. Adjournment.

Any matters requiring a vote are restricted to eligible voting members in good standing.

Exciting Developments for Wood is Good 2011

The ABCFP's annual conference and AGM, Wood is Good 2011, will take place on February 24 & 25, 2011 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver in Vancouver, BC.

This year's conference will highlight the link (or non-link) between what forest professionals grow and what the market demands and explore what needs to change to do better in the future.

There have been some exciting developments for Wood is Good 2011 since the registration brochure was printed in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional**.

- The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, His Honour, the Honourable Steven Point has accepted our invitation and will attend the Inductees' Recognition Lunch on Thursday, February 24, 2011.
- Bob Simpson, MLA Cariboo North, has accepted our invitation to speak at the plenary session, "What Needs to Change Faster So Forest Professionals Can Grow What the Market Demands Today and in the Future."

The early bird registration deadline is January 19th. So register now and secure your place at Wood is Good 2011. To register online, go the ABCFP website (www.abcfp.ca), click on the Wood is Good banner on the Home page and follow the links. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Martin, communications coordinator and editor, at bmartin@abcfp.ca.

Council Election Update

The Council election closed on January 10, 2011. Thank you to all those members who took the time to cast their vote. The results will be announced later this month in **The Increment** e-newsletter.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

The deadline to renew your ABCFP membership was December 1, 2010, but you can still renew without being charged any additional administrative fees if you do so by January 31, 2011. After this date, an additional \$30 will be charged on all late renewals. Anyone who does not renew their membership by March 31st will no longer be entitled to practice forestry in BC.

Remember, fee payment is only one of the steps required to renew your membership. Depending on your membership type you may need to do the following:

- Submit your 2010 Self-Assessment Declaration or Declaration of Non-Practise.
- Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your Indictable Offense status.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for complete details by clicking on the Members' Area menu, then My Membership and Steps to Renew.

Salary Survey

We will be launching a salary survey for members via email on January 17, 2011. This year we will be partnering with the Consulting Foresters of BC in the survey. The survey results will provide indicators on income, benefits, employment and job satisfaction in today's economy. The value of the data is that you will be able to benchmark your own salary within your own organization, the forestry industry and with accredited professionals in other industries. The survey closes on January 31, 2011.

ABCFP Strategic Plan: Member Feedback Requested

The ABCFP council approved the 2011 budget at the November 26th meeting. Then, in mid-December, we sent out an update providing members with more information about the budget and how it links to the strategic plan for 2011. Most importantly, we invited your feedback on the strategic plan via the ABCFP website. Early in 2011, we will let you know how your feedback affected the strategic plan and publish a completed strategic plan on the website.

Video Contest for Teens – Win \$500

The ABCFP is encouraging budding teen videographers to make videos about forestry. Teens are urged to get together with friends and create a video that tells us *What the Forest Means to You*. Members' children are welcome to enter this exciting contest.

Videos can be in any genre – a song, comedy, documentary, stand-up comic act etc. A team of judges will select the top five videos and the final winner and runners up will be selected by the ABCFP membership. The top video will be awarded \$500 and smaller prizes will be given to two runners up. The deadline is January 31, 2011. Look on our website, www.abcfp.ca, for more information.