

New Communications Manager Joins the ABCFP

Brenda Jones joined the ABCFP as communications manager in November 2010. Brenda filled the role previously held by Amanda Brittain who, after five years with the association, left to join Vancity.

As the manager of communications, Brenda is responsible for all communication functions of the ABCFP including media relations, member relations, print publications, e-communications, social media, event management and membership surveys. In addition, she manages two communication coordinators, Brenda Martin and Michelle Mentore, who are responsible for the member magazine, annual conference and website.

Brenda worked for nine years at the South Coast Transportation Authority – TransLink, and the BC Ministry of Transportation and Highways for six years before that. During her tenure at the Ministry of Highways, Brenda was seconded to work with MOF fire response teams during fire season as a public information officer.

Brenda has a bachelors degree with a focus on international studies and organizational development from McGill University and has built some great communications teams and won numerous communication awards.

Brenda can be reached at bjones@abcfp.ca or 604.331.2321.

Council Election Results

Congratulations to the following members who were elected councilors at large to the 64th ABCFP council for a two-year term. Daniel M. Graham, LLB, RPF with the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations in Victoria; Carl A. vanderMark, RPF, with Canadian Forest Products in Houston; and Carolyn A. Stevens, RFT, with the Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands in Burns Lake. Stephen W. Lorimer, RPF, of Saltair Consulting in Ladysmith was acclaimed as vice-president. These members took office in February at the Wood is Good 2011, the ABCFP's forestry conference and AGM.

Thank you to all of the members who let their names stand for the 64th ABCFP council election and to the more than 940 members who voted.

Now is the Time to Form Your Study Groups

RPF and RFT exam candidates should be forming study groups now to prepare for the 2011 exams. We encourage RPFs and RFTs to study together. You can register your study group on the website so the ABCFP can provide support when we are in your community.

If you would like Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations, to meet with your study group, please e-mail him at brobinson@abcfp.ca. Brian is also available to meet with any study group by conference call.



The ABCFP Communications team: (left to right) Michelle Mentore, Brenda Martin and Brenda Jones

Professional Development and Online Workshops

The ABCFP has four online workshops available for our members.

- Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples™
- Professional Reliance Workshop
- Professional Ethics and Obligations Workshop
- Writing the Best Exam Possible Workshop

The workshops are great for general professional development or for preparing to write the registration exam. For more information about them, visit the Workshops page of our website.

ABCFP's Online Job Centre – Lots of Jobs Available

The ABCFP's online job centre hasn't been this busy since before 2008. At the time of writing, there were more than 20 jobs posted on the online job centre. Be sure to take a look the next time you are visiting the ABCFP website.

Job postings cost \$100 per job and can be posted for up to two months.

Can I Read BC Forest Professional Online?

We are now posting **BC Forest Professional** in two formats on the website. As always, you can read a PDF version of the entire magazine. You can now also download individual articles. This option makes it faster for members on dial-up to download the magazine and it is easier to share a favourite article with a colleague.

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