

ABC FP Membership Statistics – Current as of April 19, 2011

The Following People Are Not Entitled To Practice Professional Forestry In British Columbia:

NEW RETIRED MEMBERS

J. Howard Carter, RPF; Robert Enfield, RPF; Alan Fry, RPF; Gregor W. Lee, RPF; Roderick Meredith, RPF; Walter Palubiski, RPF.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nicole J. Bauche, Michael Christopher Bessler, Tara Leigh Bergeson, James William Burck, Donald Blake Clutterham, Jr., Alysia Jennifer Dobie, Carole E. Fleetham, Julie Rae Gabert, Bruce Healey, Steven C. Hills, Indra LaLari, Christopher Alan Lee, Hugh Geroge Murdoch, Steven George Payne, Philippa M.J. Rodrigues, Michael Mathew R. Shook, Marlene Corinne Thimer, Christopher A. Waite, Michael Paul White.

RESIGNATIONS

Darren J. Allen, David J. Andermatt, Brian Clement Atherton, Kristen Lee Beaumont, Andrew L. Brazier, Leroy Joshua Carr, Donald B. Clutterham, John DeWit, Helen Theodora Eggen, Keith W. Fowler, Frank Blair Gourlay, John Barry Duffy Jenkins, Melvin Jarrett Johnson, Larissa Karow, Jamie Robert Kennedy, Matthew D. Klingenberg, David Knight, Kenneth R. Lomas, Bradley Gordon Mitchell, Norman Ralph Pelton, Robert E. Rogers, Lillian Ann Rutledge, David A. Shaw, Sarah Leila Shipley, Mark Walter Andrew Spence, Arthur Edward Strome, Anna Helena Terebka, Ross Talbot Thomson, James Michael Webb.

REMOVALS

Seyed Hosse Abedin Zadeh Kivi, Jessica Ainsworth, Brian Michael Allen, Robert Alexandruk, Kenneth Anderson, Winfried Armleder, Daniele Battistella, Fred Berehoff, Kevin Boness, Louis Bourcet, William Bowden, Robert Bregg, Geoffrey Scott Cahill, Nadia Chan, Jason Chard, Nicholas Samuel W. Cheveldave, Michael J. Cody, Stephanie

Cote, Vlad V. Cucinschi, John Stuart Currie, Davide Cuzner, Jennifer Robin D'Aoust, Eugene Desnoyers, Victor Drohomirecki, Andrew Duizer, David W. Eaglestone**, Donald Earles, Margaret Eddington, Michelle Edwards, Yousry El-Kassaby, Hans-Volker Ellinghaus, Dale Forner, Noel Gairdner, Jarrod Gaudry, David R. Gluns, Fraser Grey, Richard Hall, Calvin G. Hauk, Norman T. Helewa, William Hilton, Kevin Jock Honeyman, Korina Houghton, Gregory Logan Hutchinson, Robert Steven Jonasson, David Kirkpatrick, Richard Koe, Doug Konkin, Jarmo Laitinen, Benjamin Rodney Lane, Pedro Antonio Lara Almuedo, Robert Lawrence, Bradley Theodor Layton, Steven Lemke**, Kelly James Macdonald, Robert Maclean, Martin Maslis, Robert McCainsh, Timothy James Mcclenaghan**, Robert Lesley Mcgregor, George Mckee, Alyssa Greer Milne, Alfred Roy Modahl, Shawn Torin Murray, Dick T. Nakatsu, Karena O'Brien, P. Osberg, Daniel Palanio*/**, Robert John Paterson, Keith Pedersen, Timothy John Phillips, Kent Pincott, Claude Plante, Mathew Pocock, Frank Ponto, Michael Pruetter, Cameron Quesnel, Edward Leonard Richardson, David Riddell**, David Stanley Robertson, David Alan Robinson, Stephanie Sambo, Lee Schaeffer, Jeffrey Sharp, James Murrey Slade, David Slater, Greg Spence, Bill J. Strodl, David Sullivan, Guy J. Taylor**, Stanley Thiessen, Joan Thomas, Kevin William Turley, Michael Paul Wagmann, Crystal White, Brynmor Lloyd Williams, Kevin Wilson**, Robert J. Wilson, H. Wayne Wood.

* Member was removed from the membership Rolls as an RFT and still maintains his active status as an Accredited Timber Cruiser (ATC).

** Member has applied for reinstatement

RECLASSIFICATION FROM ATC TO ATE

Jason Malcolm Leonard Smith, RFT, ATE

NEW ENROLLED MEMBERS

Jillian Lindsey Affleck, TFT; Brianna Michelle Lukkar, TFT; Heather Irene McKenzie, FIT; Deborah Lynne Webster, FIT.

REINSTATEMENTS

Travis Jason Glasman, RPF; Morgan Faye Kennah, RPF; Corey David Kenji Kuromi, FIT; Sharon Jean Sims, RPF.

DECEASED

J. Alfred Cuthbert RPF(Ret); Gary Robert Forster, RFT; Sylvia Graham, RPF; Stephen Z. Ocsko, RPF.

It is very important to many members to receive word of the passing of a colleague. Members have the opportunity to publish their memories by sending photos and obituaries to **BC Forest Professional**. The association sends condolences to the family and friends of the following members:

Sylvia Graham

RPF #2738 | 1962 - 2011



On March 24, 2011, Sylvia Graham, beloved wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend passed away peacefully at her home in Quesnel, BC at the age of 48. She was predeceased by her dad, Jake Regehr. Sylvia will be lovingly remembered by her husband Bill Graham; mom Olga Regehr of Winnipeg, MB; sisters Dorothy Schwab (Dave) of Winnipeg, MB; Norilynn Epp (Ed) of Waterloo, ON; sister-in-law Barbara Bowers (Matt) of Vancouver, B.C.; nieces Sarah, Rebecca, Erin, Alexandra, and Kathleen; nephews Ryan and Hayden; and numerous friends and extended family members.

Sylvia was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She often recalled happy memories

of her childhood, including camping trips with her family and many hours sauntering through the forest at the family cottage in Ontario. Her name Sylvia, meaning “of the forest,” reflected her love of nature and the outdoors which was seen in her art and her career as a forester.

Sylvia was an independent, free spirit who followed her own path. She graduated from the Advertising Art program at Red River Community College in Winnipeg in 1983. After pursuing a short career as a graphic designer, she moved to Vancouver to study forestry at UBC. It was there that she met her kindred spirit and husband, Bill, who she described as her greatest joy. They were married in 1992 and settled in northern BC, where Quesnel became their home base.

After moving to Quesnel, Sylvia worked as a forester for Weldwood and West Fraser. In addition to her professional career as a

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forester, Sylvia was an active member of the arts community in Quesnel and Wells, BC. Many of her happiest moments were spent creating her various forms of art. She often expressed her gratitude for the support and mentorship she received from her colleagues in the forestry and arts communities.

Sylvia’s Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life, giving her peace and understanding during her courageous battle with cancer during the past five years. While reflecting upon this journey, Sylvia wrote these words:

*Courage is to know that we will all pass
Courage is to live even as we die
Courage is to carry on and do
your best for those left behind*

A celebration of Sylvia’s life has been held at Maple Park Alliance Church in Quesnel.

Submitted by Bill Graham

Dick Kosick

RPF #419 | 1932 - 2010



Born in Saskatchewan into a farming family with 13 children, Dick received a BSc Ag. from Saskatchewan and an MF from Belgium where he quickly had to learn French.

Sven Rasmussen, the retired Chief Forester of Tahsis Company which managed Tree Farm License (TFL) 19 at Gold River, BC and Dick’s former boss says, “Dick was one of the best foresters in Canada.” He was far ahead of his time as a forest manager in so many aspects of the forestry business. His timber development planning recognized and minimized impacts on non-timber values. Silviculture played a key role. He was a keen participant in the Coastal Provincial Tree Improvement Committee and strove to ensure that the Tahsis Company was fully committed to that cause. His stewardship saw to the maintenance of soil, environmental quality and the productive

capacity of the land and forest in TFL 19. He also had a good business sense.

In 1990, in recognition for his forest management accomplishments on TFL19, Dick received the Bill Young Award of Excellence in Integrated Resource Management, an award sponsored jointly by the ABCFP and the Association of Professional Biologists of BC.

Dave Lewis, RPF, Truck Logger Association, Executive Director, speaking about Dick’s vision and respect for recreational values in harvest planning, said recently that “I did not know Dick personally, but that’s the thing about giants, you don’t have to be that close to them to still know that they are a giant.”

Dick began his career as a forester for Tahsis Co. in 1958. His various job titles included Assistant Chief Forester, Chief Forest Engineer and Forest Manager at Gold River. Following a merger with Pacific Forest Products in 1985 and subsequent mergers ending with TimberWest, he spent his final years in property management and consulting on timberland appraisals working out of Qualicum Beach, BC. Altogether, he spent 50

years working and living on Vancouver Island.

Dick was active in community affairs. He initiated the Pacific section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry in 1972 and as a school trustee he encouraged taking forest education into local schools. He also encouraged the formation of a local Jr. Forest Warden club by forestry staff.

Dick was always upbeat, singing and whistling as he worked and encouraged others to have a positive outlook. An outdoors man, he loved to hunt and fish. He also skied and played softball but his favourite sport was hockey.

Nearing his end in June 2010 and although ill, he still organized and participated in the annual company golf tournament, keeping his illness private. Eight days before he succumbed to a rare lung cancer, he was helping his son Nick bottle wine.

He leaves behind his wife Ann, four children and 11 grandchildren. Our sincere condolences to Ann and Dick’s family.
Submitted by Brian McCutcheon, RPF, Life Member, and Bruce Devitt, RPF, Life Member

Stephen Zoltan Ocsko

RPF (RET),
LIFE MEMBER #609
1933 - 2010



Steve was born in Nogradveroce, Hungary, on October 10, 1933, and died suddenly at home on Galiano Island on May 27, 2010. He is survived by his loving wife and partner, Barbara, his sons Stephen and Jamie, his daughters Enico (Zul), grandsons Marshall and Truman, and Stephanie (Joe). Steve is also survived by a brother and three sisters, and their extended families who still reside in Hungary.

In 1956, at the outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution, Steve was a student at the University of Sopron Forest Engineering. These were very difficult times for him. As a young student, he considered himself fortunate to be given the opportunity to finish his studies in Canada with the Sopron Forestry Faculty at the University of British Columbia where he graduated, Sopron Division BSF in 1959.

That same year, Steve began his career as a forester with Shelby Sawmills Ltd., in Prince



George. Since then, he has played many different roles in forestry. 1961: Engineering Assistant, BC Forest Service, Kamloops District, Nelson District, Prince George District. 1964-71: Assistant Divisional Forester, Macmillan Bloedel Ltd., Nanaimo. 1971: T.M. Engineering Consultant, Thomson and Associates Ltd., Victoria. 1972-77: Chief Forester, Crows Nest Industries Ltd., Fernie, 1975: Prepared and presented the Company's brief to the Pearce Royal Commission on Forest Resources. Also, his forestry occupation included various surveys, including major hydroelectric projects: the Libby, Mica, and Revelstoke Dams. 1978-81: Instructor, Forest Harvesting, Forest Engineering, and Management Planning at Selkirk College, Castlegar. Steve took great pride in all aspects of his profession.

In 1982, Steve retired from forestry and moved to Galiano Island. He directed his energy into building and operating his own company, Bodega Resort Ltd., incorporating

a lodge and secluded log cabins in a pastoral setting. He also established the only trail riding business on Galiano Island. He enjoyed riding and sharing his knowledge of the forest with old and young alike. He maintained twenty miles of scenic trails (part of the land he leased from Macmillan Bloedel) for riding, hiking, and fire access.

In the mid 1990s, self-taught, Steve became an artist. His love for carving emerged from his deep intimacy with nature and his poetical and spiritual interest in the universal myths. Steve lived in close contact with nature for all of his life and, as one of the pioneering surveyors of BC, explored the province from Vancouver Island to the Rockies and the Yukon. Many of his stone carvings were sold at the British Columbia Provincial Museum in Victoria. Steve carved over a 1,000 stones, giving and donating dozens to family and friends, as well as to many community associations.

Never indifferent, he was constantly sowing seeds. His outstanding work ethic, optimism, enthusiasm, and his true passion for life are the ongoing legacies Steve leaves to his family, and many friends. He will be dearly missed.
Submitted by Barbara Geary

J. Alfred (Alf) Cuthbert

RPF (RET) #704
1919-2011



James Alfred (Alf) Cuthbert, RPF (Ret), born April 13, 1919, passed away at the age of 91 on February 17, 2011 in Oliver, BC. Alf was born in Aneroid, Saskatchewan and moved to BC with his family when he was thirteen. His family homesteaded near Cecil Lake and, as part of the family's ranch operations, ran a sawmill. This may have started young Alf on his very productive and active career as a teacher and professional forester.

Obtaining his teaching certificate from Normal School, in Victoria, BC in 1940, Alf started teaching at the elementary school in Dawson Creek in September 1940. In 1941, Alf enlisted in the army and served Canada overseas during WWII. His excellent instructor skills were recognized

and he was given the responsibility of training soldiers in Canada and England.

Upon his return from England in 1946, Alf briefly taught elementary school in Pouce Coupe before attending UBC where he studied forestry. In 1952, Alf graduated with a BA and BSF, First-Class; "cum laude." After brief stints working with the Canadian Forestry Service and BC Forest Service, he taught at Port Alberni High School. During which time he developed the first forestry course to be offered at the high school level. In 1965, he moved his family to Burnaby where he was an instructor at BCIT in the Forest Resource Program. He also had the patience during this time to teach his eldest daughter Colleen and son Bob in forestry. Before Alf retired from BCIT in 1982, he took two sabbaticals, one to help set up the curriculum for a forestry school in Kenya for Canadian International Development Agency and the second to work as a placement officer in Papua New Guinea, for CUSO. Alf also taught and developed correspondence courses in forestry at Green Timbers. After Alf retired,

he continued to work at one of the disciplines he loved the most, (besides mathematics!), forest mensuration, which he taught at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

Alf had a very gentle nature and loved teaching. His favorite things involved making things out of wood or going for long hikes in the forest. He was known for his quick wit which first year students often experienced. He is survived by his wife Mavis and children Colleen (Glenn), Donna (Michael) and Bob (Leah).

Alf will always be remembered as the "favorite teacher" by his students and greatly missed by his family and friends.
Submitted by Bob Cuthbert, RFT