

## Welcome to the New Council

Thank you to the members who let their names stand for the 63<sup>rd</sup> ABCFP council election and to the more than 1,100 members who voted. Ian Emery, RFT, of Campbell River was the successful candidate for vice-president. He, along with Bev Atkins, RFT, of Williams Lake; Christine Gelowitz, RPF, of Victoria; Curtis Nixon, RPF, of Nelson; and Michael Pelchat, RPF, of Quesnel, who were elected as councillors at large in the 63<sup>rd</sup> ABCFP council, took office in February.

## Become the Forest Professional of the Week

One of the goals of the ABCFP is to increase the public awareness of forestry and forest professionals. Putting a face on forestry is an important part of this goal so we are looking for members to be featured as our Forest Professional of the Week on the website. Each week we will add a new forest professional to the student section of our website and will promote the page on Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in being featured, please e-mail Amanda Brittain, director of communications (abrittain@abcfp.ca). All that is required is answering a few short questions and sending us a photo.

## Plan Your 2010 Professional Development Activities with Online and In-Person Workshops

The ABCFP is pleased to offer two courses online. Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples (presented by Indigenous Corporate Training) and Professional Reliance are currently available on the Workshops page of the ABCFP website. You can also buy the materials from the 2009 versions of Professional Reliance, Writing the Best Exam Possible and Professional Ethics and Obligations workshops on the same Workshops page. The ABCFP will have Professional Ethics and Obligations as well as the Best Exam Possible workshops available online in 2010. We hope that our members will take advantage of the online workshops to save themselves time and money.

Not everyone wants to take an online workshop so Professional Reliance, Professional Ethics and Obligations and Writing the Best Exam possible will be held in Prince George, Campbell River and Kamloops in May. Amanda Brittain, ABC, director of communications, and Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations, will deliver these workshops as well as hold member meetings at the same time. These workshops can be held in other communities if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Brian Robinson, RPF, for more information (brobinson@abcfp.ca).

### Kamloops

Best Exam May 3

Ethics and Obligations May 4-5

Professional Reliance May 5

### Prince George

Best Exam May 25

Ethics and Obligations May 26-27

Professional Reliance May 27

### Campbell River

Professional Reliance May 17

Ethics and Obligations May 18-19

Best Exam May 19

## New Job Centre Section of the ABCFP Website

Now looking for a job or new employee is easier than ever with the newly redesigned Job Centre section of the website. You can find the Job Centre on the far right side of the green menu bar at the top of each page.

Job seekers can go to the Job Opportunities page to view and apply for positions advertised by employers throughout BC and Canada. On the Post Your Resume page, job seekers can send their resumes and descriptions to the association. Descriptions are posted online and interested employers can order resumes for a small administrative fee.

Employers can learn more about how to get the right person for the job on the Hiring Forest Professionals page. They can also send the association their current job openings using the online form available on the Post a Job Opportunity page. If employers want to contact potential employees directly instead of waiting for responses to job advertisements, they can view and order member resumes on the View Resumes page.

The association hopes these changes will make it easier for employers and job seekers to connect with each other and meet each other's needs. Please contact Michelle Mentore (mmentore@abcfp.ca), communications coordinator and webmaster, if you have questions or comments about the ABCFP online job centre.

## New Issue of BC Forest Professional Now Available Online

Our recent survey of members turned up several comments about not wanting to receive paper copies of **BC Forest Professional** magazine as some members prefer to read the magazine online. This option has always been available. Just login to the member's section of the website and go to the Manage your Mailings page. Choose 'Do Not Send' from the dropdown menu under **BC Forest Professional** and click the Submit button at the bottom of the screen.

You can request a reminder email be sent to you when the new issue is posted to the website by emailing Brenda Martin at bmartin@abcfp.ca.

## Now Is the Time to Form Your Study Groups

RPF and RFT exam candidates should be forming study groups now to prepare for the 2010 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 to arrange a meeting with Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations, please e-mail him at brobinson@abcfp.ca. Brian is also available to meet with any study group by conference call.