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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published most months for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

[www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)

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## **1. CALL FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

The association is now accepting council nominations from the membership at large. Elections will occur during December 2007 and January 2008. The 61<sup>st</sup> council will take office in February 2008 at ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton.

The nomination form is available online and nominations are due at **4:30 pm on November 15, 2007**.

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## **2. DETERMINE HOW TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF AN ELECTION OR BYLAW BALLOT**

You can now determine how to receive notice of a council election or bylaw ballot either in your mailbox or your e-mail box. E-mail voting is faster and easier than traditional mail ballot, but by default, your ballot will be mailed to you unless you change your notification.

Visit the Manage Your Mailings section of our website to change your notification method.

[Manage Your Mailings](#)

If you decide to receive your notification by e-mail, you will be required to cast your vote via the secure online balloting system. If you choose to receive your notification by mail, you will receive a mail ballot.

Visit the Voting page of the website for more information.

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## **3. FALL WORKSHOP NEWS**

The dates for our 2007 fall workshops are now available. Our fall workshops will address operational questions about how professional reliance is supposed to work under FRPA and will give participants an opportunity to engage in facilitated dialogues about various professional reliance topics.

**Workshop dates and locations:**

Nanaimo – November 13<sup>th</sup>

Kamloops – November 20<sup>th</sup>

Web-cast (during Kamloops session) – November 20<sup>th</sup>

Prince George – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Registration by mail or fax is now available and online registration will be available in September. Registration closes 48 hours before each session.

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**4. RPF OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME EXAM**

The RPF optional take-home exam is due **September 7, 2007**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The take-home option is only available to those writing the RPF registration exam. If you choose to write the take-home exam, you will only be required to answer seven of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam. If you do not choose to write the take-home exam, you will be required to write 10 of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam.

[Take-Home Option](#)

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**5. 2007 REGISTRATION EXAM LOCATION NOTIFICATION**

The registration department sent out notifications of exam locations to exam candidates by e-mail on August 28, 2007. If you are registered for one of the registration exams and have not received a notification of the exam location, contact the registration department immediately.

Registration Department

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**6. TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR THE 2007 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS**

Whether you are a seasoned professional or preparing to write one of the registration exams this fall, this year's Policy Review Seminar has something for anyone wanting an overview of the legislation and policies governing BC forest practices. This year a number of new topics will be presented including Forests for Tomorrow and Future Forest Ecosystems. The fire management panel will also be discussing the most current fire initiatives in BC.

As an added perk for attending the seminar, participants will receive a 100 + page handout containing session notes and slides, which is a great addition to the Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide (available online for free or in hardcopy for purchase).

### **Policy Seminar Locations and Dates**

**Kamloops:** September 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (Best Western)

**Burnaby:** September 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (British Columbia Institute of Technology)

**Prince George:** September 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (Civic Centre)

**Victoria:** September 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (Pacific Forestry Centre)

### **Register Today**

Time is running out to take advantage of discounts for early registration. Visit the Policy Review Seminar page of the website and register for a seminar near you today.

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## **7. FEE INCREASE BASED ON THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

RPF and RFT fees will increase in 2008 to match the 1.8% increase in the Consumer Price Index (inflation). RPF fees will increase by \$5.94 and RFT fees will increase by \$5.40. FIT fees will increase by \$4.45 and TFT fees will go up by \$4.14.

Council has the option of adjusting registered members' annual fees according to the Consumer Price Index each year (see Bylaw 9.4). This action has not been taken since 2002. The adjustment for 2008 is necessary due to the increasing cost of doing business.

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## **8. FINAL CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE ANNUAL FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION FEATURE**

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**.

Visit the Contributor Guidelines page of the website to find out how to make a submission.

[Contributor Guidelines](#)

The submission deadline is **September 4, 2007**.

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## 9. NATIONAL FOREST WEEK PLANS

The ABCFP will be celebrating National Forest Week in style!

- National Forest Week supplement in The Vancouver Sun on September 25<sup>th</sup>. You can participate in the Faces of Forestry feature or by purchasing an ad. For more information about advertising in this supplement, visit the Raising the Profile page of the website. Booking deadline is September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### [Raising the Profile](#)

- Print and radio advertising around the province.
- The ABCFP is partnering with other forestry associations to hand out seedlings to commuters in Vancouver's Waterfront Station on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to PRT for donating the seedlings!
- The ABCFP and the Truck Loggers Association are partnering to host a colouring contest for kids. Children of all ages have the opportunity to draw and colour a picture of what the forest means to them. Winners will have their drawings printed in the associations' magazines and will receive Chapters gift certificates.
- Free START subscriptions for high school and post-secondary students.
- Battle of the Network of Forest Professionals (NFP). NFPs from around the province compete for bragging rights by organizing and implementing the best events/activities during National Forest Week. For more information visit the Network of Forest Professionals page of the website or contact:

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### [Network of Forest Professionals](#)

More events are in the planning stages. Look for the special National Forest Week section of the website in the next couple of weeks.

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## 10. ABCFP STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Jerome Marburg has announced his resignation from the position of ABCFP registrar and general counsel to pursue new career opportunities. Jerome has contributed to our association's success over the last 12 years and he will be truly missed by staff and the many individuals he has worked with over the years.

Jerome wishes to thank members, volunteers and staff for their support during his tenure.

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## **11. FACES OF FORESTRY**

Our members have done so much for our sector that we have decided to get them some recognition. We want to get the faces of our great sector out in the public. We have implemented the Faces of Forestry program which will be used to showcase forest professionals on our website, in The Vancouver Sun supplement and in our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary catalogue. If you want to be part of this program contact: Amit Plaha at [aplaha@abcfp.ca](mailto:aplaha@abcfp.ca).

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## **12. LAY COUNCILLOR POSITION OPEN**

We are currently accepting applications from individuals interested in filling a volunteer lay councillor position on our governing council. Lay councillors are non-members appointed for a one-year term, and the term can be extended for two additional years. Candidates with First Nations ancestry will be given preference.

If you or someone you know is a non-member with a broad interest in forest policy and BC's forest resources management, please apply following the instructions on the Job Seekers page of the website.

[Job Seekers](#)

Visit the Governance page of the website for more information on the ABCFP council.

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## **13. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Each year at ExpoFor, the ABCFP is pleased to present several awards to both members and non-members. You can nominate a worthy individual by visiting our website. All nominations must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Members can be nominated for the following awards: Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Forest Professional, Professional Forester of the Year and Forest Technologist of the Year. Non-members can be nominated for the ABCFP Honorary Membership and the ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also pleased to present two awards jointly with fellow professional associations. The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC. The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

For details on how to make a nomination, go to the Awards Nomination page of the website.

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#### **14. MEMBER STATS ONLINE**

The September/October issue of **BC Forest Professional** is the last issue to include member statistics in the Member News section. Starting in September, member statistics will be available on the ABCFP website ([www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)). By posting these statistics online, we are able to update this information more frequently and fulfill our legal obligation to make statistics available to both members and the public.

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#### **15. MEMBER MEETINGS IN THE NORTHWEST**

Members in the Prince Rupert and Terrace areas are invited to attend member meetings in mid-September. President Paul Knowles, RPF, council member Rick Brouwer, RPF, council member Gordon Prest, executive director Sharon Glover, MBA, and director of communications Amanda Brittain, ABC, are holding member meetings in Prince Rupert on September 12<sup>th</sup> and in Terrace on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Members working in those two towns should have already received an e-mail invitation to the meetings. If you haven't received an invitation, but would like to attend one of the meetings, e-mail Michelle Mentore.

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#### **16. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2008 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC**

Make 2008 the year to celebrate forests in your community by nominating your community to be the 2008 Forest Capital of BC. This designation is an excellent way to get everyone involved in a year-long celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community.

Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. Visit the Forest Capital of BC page of the website for a nomination package and tips for making your bid a success.

[Forest Capital of BC](#)

#### **Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2007**

The winning community will be announced in December 2007 and carry the Forest Capital of BC title from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

#### **Final Report for the 2006 Forest Capital**

Fort Nelson completed an outstanding year as ABCFP 2006 Forest Capital. Read their final report available online.

[Forest Capital Report](#)

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## 17. CALL FOR SPONSORS

Some enrolled members, including Foresters in Training and Trainee Forest Technologists, are having difficulty finding sponsors to guide them through the Articling Program (formerly called the Sponsoring Forester Program).

Consider sponsoring enrolled members to help them reach their goal of becoming forest professionals. You can be a sponsor if you are an RFT or an RPF who has passed the registration exam. Visit the Sponsor a New Member page of the website for more information.

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## 18. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club affinity program provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. This month's featured merchants are:

**Choice Hotels:** Choice Hotels who represent Comfort, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn have discounts available to members for travel anywhere worldwide. Check out the Forest Club to book your next hotel room!

**Privilege Play Golf Memberships:** Do you enjoy golf? Then check out the great savings at many beautiful and challenging golf courses located throughout BC.

**Avis Car Rentals and Park n Fly:** Travelling this summer? Don't forget to check out the great discounts through Avis Car Rentals and Park n Fly available through the Forest Club.

Click on the link below to sign up and take advantage of these great offers.

**SIGN UP NOW**

TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS  
OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Forest Club is brought to you by Association of BC Forest Professionals. The Forest Club is designed to provide members with valuable discounts on a variety of products and services. Sign up today for a complete list of all offers from professional services to entertainment at <http://abcfp.intrd.com>

For more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

[The Forest Club](#)

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## 19. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 17 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

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## 20. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

If you have questions or comments about the items mentioned in this e-newsletter or other communications activities, please contact:

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