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Dear ABCFP Member:

The Increment e-newsletter is published up to twice a month 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.

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1. ABCFP WEBSITE SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

Most members would have received an e-mail last week that explained our recent poor access to the website was a result of our ISP, Shaw, upgrading equipment in our area. Further problems caused the website to be completely inaccessible from 6 pm Thursday until 4:30 pm Saturday. Many members continued to have problems accessing the website until today at noon. At this point, all members should have full access to the website in order to pay fees, vote in the council election, and print receipts. If you are

receiving a message telling you that your address has been denied, you should restart your cable/ADSL modems, routers and computers. If you are still experiencing problems, you need to contact your ISP. Again, the ABCFP acknowledges that the timing for this outage couldn't be worse with the council election and membership renewal process underway. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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2. ACCREDITED TIMBER CRUISERS AND EVALUATORS CAN JOIN ABCFP

The ABCFP is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of negotiations with ASTTBC to transfer the Forest Measurements Registration Board which includes the voluntary registration of Accredited Timber Cruisers (ATCs) and Accredited Timber Evaluators (ATEs), to the ABCFP. The transfer will be complete by about the end of April 2009. This transfer means that another group of highly qualified forest practitioners is now part of the ABCFP team. More information will be available shortly on the website.

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3. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

At any time during the renewal period, members can logon to the website to see the status of their membership renewal and determine what, if anything, is outstanding.

Membership Renewal:

Memberships must be renewed by January 31, 2009 or you will be subject to administrative fees. **For members applying for a change in membership status, we must receive the completed applications by January 31st or administrative fees will apply.**

Aboriginal Members Have Opportunity to Self-Identify

Because of the growing importance of Aboriginal issues in BC and due to the increase in the ABCFP's commitment to work closely with Aboriginal communities, we would like to discover how many of our members are of Aboriginal heritage. Members who are of Aboriginal heritage will have the opportunity to self-identify as such on this year's membership renewal form. The self-identification opportunity is entirely optional.

How Do I Renew My Membership?

Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs), transferring professional foresters, special permit holders and limited licence holders must complete three steps to renew their membership:

Step 1: Submit your 2008 Self-Assessment Declaration or a Declaration of Non-Practise.

Step 2: Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

Step 3: Pay your fees.

Enrolled members (FITs and TFTs), forestry pupils, retired members and visiting professional foresters only need to complete two steps to renew their memberships because they are not required to submit a Self-Assessment Declaration.

Step 1: Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

Step 2: Pay your fees.

All steps to renew your membership must be completed by **January 31, 2009** or you will be subject to administrative fees. If you haven't completed these steps by **March 31,**

2009, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership

[Steps to Renew](#)

Download and Print Your Receipt and Membership Card

Because many members require the receipt quickly so they can be reimbursed by their employers, we have made changes to our database to make it possible for you to get your receipt and membership card sooner by printing them directly instead of waiting for a receipt and membership card to come in the mail. Please note that the ABCFP has discontinued the use of the annual decals. If necessary, your membership card can be used to prove current membership in the ABCFP.

Logon to the members only section of the website and click on the Receipts Listing option on the right side menu to download and print your receipt and membership card. Please note that your membership card will not be available until you complete all steps of the membership renewal process.

[Logon](#)

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4. COUNCIL ELECTION NOW ON

The election is now open until January 12, 2009 at 4:30 pm. The 62nd council will take office in February 2009 at ExpoFor in Prince George. Members eligible to vote were sent electronic or mail ballots on December 11th. All members received an electronic ballot unless they specifically requested a paper one or did not have an e-mail address in the ABCFP database.

There are three RPF positions open for election. The following members have been nominated to run for council.

- Valerie LeMay, RPF – UBC Forestry
- Steve Lorimer, RPF – Timber West
- Kerry Rouck, RPF – Gorman Brothers
- Bill Wagner, RPF – Canadian Forest Service
- Matt Wealick, RPF – Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Forestry Limited Partnership

Please note that Andrea Lyall, RPF, has withdrawn from the election. Rick Brouwer, RPF, from Northwest Timberlands has been acclaimed as vice-president.

To vote online, log onto the Online Voting page of the ABCFP website and follow the instructions carefully.

[Online Voting](#)

If you have difficulty logging on or forget your login information, send an e-mail to webmaster@abcfp.ca.

Visit the Council Elections page of the website for more information on the 62nd ABCFP Council Election.

[Council Elections](#)

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5. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS NO LONGER REQUIRED

The Board of Examiners has approved a change in requirements for RPF candidates who have previously been required to complete a professional report. The requirement for the professional report is being replaced by a requirement to complete the take-home examination. ABCFP enrolled members who are currently in the process of completing the professional report will have the option of finishing what they have started or doing the take-home examination instead. Going forward, all enrolled members who would have had to complete a professional report will be required to complete the take-home examination. The take-home examination is a test of an RPF candidate's skills and abilities in the areas of written communications skills, research and investigation, abilities to develop a cogent argument, and abilities to provide relevant observations and conclusions from their research. RPF candidates who have met the professional report requirement retain the option of doing the take-home examination or only doing the sit-down examination.

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6. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK ON SPECIES AT RISK TASK FORCE

The ABCFP and the College of Applied Biologists (CAB) have formed a joint task force to work on an updated species at risk (SAR) paper. Three members from each organization are needed for the task force. The ideal volunteers will be familiar with the tools used in managing SAR, and have work experience in an area of practice requiring the provision of advice/consideration on SAR and their needs. Please contact Sharon Glover, CEO, if you have any questions or to apply for this volunteer position.

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7. ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATIONS

Sponsors must return completed annual evaluation forms for the period December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008 to the association by **January 31, 2009**. These forms provide the association with vital information on an enrolled member's progress towards registration. The ability for an enrolled member to become registered may be delayed if these forms are not returned by the January 31st deadline.

Enrolled member annual evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website.

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8. ABCFP HOLIDAY HOURS

The ABCFP office will be closed from noon on December 24th until 8 am January 2nd. Please note that there will be no December 31st issue of **The Increment**. The next issue will be sent to members on January 15th.

We wish all our members a very happy holiday season!

Our new address is:
330 - 321 Water Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

All e-mail, fax and phone contact information remain the same.

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9. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR EXPOFOR 2009

Don't miss out on the ABCFP's annual conference! This year's conference is more compact and includes optional workshops so more members can get exactly what they want from ExpoFor. Check out the ExpoFor website (www.expofor.ca) for the latest information about the program, sponsors and exhibitors.

Online registration is now available. Please note that if you are GST exempt, you are not able to register online. Please use the registration form that was included in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine. This form is also available on the Registration page of the ExpoFor website.

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10. NEW TENURE REFORM TASK FORCE FORMED

A task force has been formed to bring forward to the ABCFP CEO, a plan recommending how the ABCFP should proceed with the strategic plan objectives on tenure reform. Committee members include:

Brian Robinson, RPF (chair)
Philip R. Blanchard, RPF
Rodney Krimmer, RFT
Mike Larock, RPF
Peter K. Love, RPF
Angeline Nyce, FIT
William L. Wagner, PhD, RPF
Diana Wood, RPF

The terms of reference for this task force is now on the Our Committees page of the website.

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11. MELOCHE MONNEX CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

The Meloche Monnex Continuing Education Award recognizes the importance of continuing education in the professional development of forest professionals. Meloche Monnex offers two \$250 awards each year to those who qualify for an ABCFP Certificate of Professional Development. To qualify for the 2008 award, apply for your Certificate of Professional development by **December 31, 2008**.

For more information about this award, visit the Professional Development Program page of the website.

[Professional Development Program](#)

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12. COUNCIL MEETS VIRTUALLY TO SAVE MONEY

In an effort to save money and reduce our carbon footprint, the council held its first video conference meeting. Thanks go to the Forest Service who allowed council and senior staff to use its video conferencing facilities in several locations around the province. Not only did the ABCFP save funds by holding this virtual meeting, it also helped the association reduce its carbon footprint by not having any air travel for this meeting. While not every council meeting can be held virtually, the ABCFP council is committed to holding at least one video conference a year.

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13. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently 7 career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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