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Dear ABCFP Member:

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

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### 1. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Have you completed all three steps listed below to renew your ABCFP membership? An e-mail was sent out in mid-February to all members who have not renewed their ABCFP membership. December 1, 2006, was the ABCFP membership renewal deadline. Anyone who didn't renew their membership by February 28, 2007, will be charged an additional \$50 administrative fee for late renewal. **Anyone who has not renewed their membership by March 31, 2007, will be removed from membership and will not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.**

Refer to the Membership Renewal Policy for complete details.

## [Membership Renewal Policy](#)

### **How Do I Renew My Membership?**

You must complete all three steps below to renew your membership:

1. Pay your fees including the additional administrative fee(s) for late membership renewals.
2. Complete a self-assessment and submit your Self-Assessment Declaration.\*  
*\*Enrolled members, retired members, life members, honorary members and special permit holders are not required to complete a self-assessment to renew their membership.*
3. Update your Indictable Offence Declaration\*  
*\* Complete if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.*

The fastest way to renew your membership is to use the secure online service available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

## [Online Membership Renewal](#)

You can also renew your membership by mail, fax, phone, or in person at the ABCFP offices using the forms available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

## [Membership Renewal](#)

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## **2. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE EXPOFOR 2007 A SUCCESS**

ExpoFor 2007— held in spectacular Harrison Hot Springs from February 21-23, 2007— was a big success. More than 500 delegates and 40 different trade show exhibitors attended the conference. The sessions delivered thought-provoking topics ranging from the future of BC's forest industry to climate change. At the Inductees Ceremony, we recognized 175 of the ABCFP's 695 new inductees. There was also plenty of time to catch up with old friends in Harrison's relaxing natural springs and at the Icebreaker and President's Awards Banquet. Generous contributions to the annual ForesTrust silent auction raised more than \$4,500 for BC's future forest professionals. Oh, and who could forget the numerous appearances made by the Harrison Sasquatch, making ExpoFor 2007 a truly unique experience.

Special thanks go out to everyone on the host committee who worked tirelessly over the last 18 months, dedicating their free time, expertise and enthusiasm to make this year's conference a real success.

We would also like to thank all the ExpoFor 2007 sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, student volunteers, delegates and everyone who contributed to the ForesTrust silent auction. Your generous support made this event possible.

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## **3. 2006 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE**

The 2006 Annual Report, Making Professional Reliance Work, is now available on the Annual Reports page of the website. The annual report includes a summary of the

association's financial position. Detailed financial statements for the association are also available in a separate document on the Annual Reports page.

[Annual Reports](#)

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#### **4. SEEKING MEMBER COMMENT ON PRACTICE REVIEWS**

Practice Review is the third and final element of the ABCFP continuing competency program. The purpose of a practice review is to provide a direct measure of the competency of ABCFP members and to demonstrate the effectiveness of the other two elements of the continuing competency program – self-assessment and voluntary peer review.

We are looking for your feedback on the Practice Review discussion paper. This is your opportunity to provide input into this process before a pilot of the practice review element is launched in 2008. The discussion paper is available on the Practice Review page of the website.

[Practice Review](#)

Deadline for feedback has been extended until: **April 15, 2007.**

**Send your comments and feedback to:**

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#### **5. SPONSORS NEEDED**

Foresters in Training (FIT), Forestry Pupils (FP) and Trainee Forest Technologists (TFT) must participate in our Sponsor Program as a condition of their enrolment period.

The purpose of this program is to uphold the public interest in the practice of professional forestry by ensuring that enrolled members only engage in professional forestry practice under supervision of an active RPF or RFT and by supporting a mentoring program that counsels new members in competency, independence, integrity and accountability of practice.

Some enrolled members have difficulty finding a sponsor. If you are an RFT or an RPF and have passed the registration exam, you are eligible to be a sponsor. The ABCFP is keeping a roster of persons willing to act as sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact:

ABCFP Registration Department

Ph: 604.687.8027

E-mail: [admissions@abcfp.ca](mailto:admissions@abcfp.ca)

Go to the Sponsor a New Member page of the website for more information on the Sponsor Program.

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## 6. GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL NETWORK OF FOREST PROFESSIONALS

Join your local Network of Forest Professionals (NFP) and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other professionals in your area.

### Benefits of Your Local NFP

As a member of your local NFP, you will have an opportunity to become an advocate for your profession. In the past, NFPs have arranged public forums, local tours and forestry education presentations.

Your local NFP can also help you meet the requirements of the ABCFP's continuing competency program by providing you with the resources to develop workshops or locate members to conduct peer reviews.

Are you preparing for one of the 2007 registration exams? Your local NFP can provide you with support and connect you with a study group in your area.

### How Do I Join?

Contact an NFP chair in your area. The contact information for each community chair is available on the Network of Forest Professionals page of the website:

[Network of Forest Professionals](#)

If you can't find a chair in your community and you are interested in starting your own NFP, contact:

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Manager, Professional Development and Member Relations  
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## 7. FOREST CLUB OFFERS

The Forest Club, ABCFP's expanded affinity partners' program, has exclusive discounts on automotives, entertainment, travel, sports and recreation, jewelry, apparel, financial services, photography, cell phones and more.

This month's featured offers include:

- \$150 savings on an International Club Network golf membership which can save you 20% on green fees and golf cart rentals.
- 15% savings on golf balls, clubs and accessories from Knetgolf.

- Savings on your next purchase or lease of any make and model of automobile, truck or motor sport vehicle purchased at Carter Auto Group.

Signing up is easy, just visit the Affinity Programs page of the website for more information:

[Affinity Programs](#)

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## **8. CONSIDER THE BENEFITS OF CIF MEMBERSHIP**

Over the last year, the Canadian Institute of Forestry – Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) has been engaged in a re-branding and rejuvenation exercise focusing on enhancing the services it provides to its members. Consider becoming a member and take advantage of all the new services the CIF/IFS now has to offer.

In addition to being connected to a powerful network of forest professionals across Canada, CIF/IFC membership will provide you with access to a number of other valuable resources including:

- re-vamped CIF/IFC newsletter
- new online discussion forum
- new electronic lecture series
- discounts on CIF/IFC section and national events, including technical workshops, field tours and conferences
- subscriptions to Canadian Silviculture magazine and The Forestry Chronicle

Read the article written by John Pineau, executive director of the CIF, to learn more:

[Why Belong to the Canadian Institute of Forestry – Institut forestier du Canada?](#)

### **Membership Fees**

The CIF delivers all this value to its new members for an annual fee of only \$115. This fee has been discounted by 20%, which is the same discount offered to ABCFP members who join the CIF when they renew their ABCFP membership.

Visit the Membership section of the CIF website for more information:

<http://www.cif-ifc.org/english/e-index.jsp>

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## **9. STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

The ABCFP's stewardship advisory committee is currently seeking volunteers with a keen interest in actively promoting good forest stewardship. Currently there is no RFT representation on this committee. If you are an RFT with an interest in forest stewardship issues, we want to hear from you.

Visit the Our Committees page of the website for the terms of reference for this committee.

## [Our Committees](#)

If you are interested in joining the stewardship advisory committee, contact:

Dwight Yochim, RPF  
Director, of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship  
E-mail: [dyochim@abcfp.ca](mailto:dyochim@abcfp.ca)

Deadline for expressions of interest: **April 2, 2007**

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## 10. WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

### **Professional Development Calendar**

Add the online Professional Development calendar to your browser's favorites and check back often for new courses and events that are added daily.

[Professional Development Calendar](#)

### **Study Group Page**

Are you looking for support in preparing for the 2007 registration exam? You can join or start your own study group. The Study Group page of the website offers listings of current study groups and provides tips on how to start your own group. In addition, this page features information from other groups that is posted to help fellow exam candidates.

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## 11. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 11 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

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## 12. 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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