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Dear ABCFP Member:

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www.abcfp.ca

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1. JOIN THE NEW ONLINE ABCFP DISCUSSION FORUM REPLACING THE ABCFP-POST LISTSERVE

The ABCFP has launched an online discussion forum to provide an area for ABCFP members to freely discuss matters related to their practice and ABCFP membership. This new online forum replaces the ABCFP-Post electronic newsgroup and will be restricted to ABCFP members.

The ABCFP chose to replace the electronic newsgroup with an online forum because of the additional functionality online forums offer including:

- Maintaining a log of discussions that have taken place.
- Allowing users to search the forum using key words or phrases.
- Giving users control over how they want to receive e-mail notification for new messages that have been posted.
- Allowing users to attach documents.

These are just a few of the many features offered by the new ABCFP Discussion Forum.

You must register for the forum, **using your full first and last names as your username**, to view or participate in any discussions. All registrations are subject to approval by the forum administrator. Approvals will take approximately one business day. To register, visit:

[ABCFP Discussion Forum](#)

Once you have registered, read the Getting Started discussion board which will provide you with basic information on how to participate in online discussions.

If you have any questions or comments about the new discussion forum, contact the forum administrator:

Denise Leech
Communications Coordinator and Webmaster
E-mail: dleech@abcfp.ca

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2. MEMBER MEETINGS

The ABCFP's new executive director, Sharon Glover, MBA, and Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations together with Paul Knowles, RPF, ABCFP president, will be going on a road trip in late May to hold member meetings in the Interior.

Member meeting dates and locations:

Tuesday May 22, 2007

- Kamloops: Noon – 1 pm
- Vernon: 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Wednesday May 23, 2007

- Penticton: Noon – 1 pm
- Grand Forks: 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday May 24, 2007

- Nelson: 4:30 pm – 6 pm*
- * All the members of the ABCFP's 60th council will also be in attendance.

Thursday May 31, 2007

- Cranbrook: 5 pm – 7 pm

Members in these communities will be receiving an e-mail invitation, which will include information on meeting venues. If you do not live or work in one of the communities listed above but want to attend a meeting, please e-mail the ABCFP at: info@abcfp.ca.

For more information contact:

Brian Robinson, RPF
Manager, Professional Development and Member Relations
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3. 2007 REGISTRATION EXAMS

Eligibility notices will be sent out by e-mail, or mail to those who don't have an e-mail address, in the week of May 7th to enrolled members who are eligible to write the 2007 registration exams. Exam application packages and resource libraries will also be available at this time on the Registration Exam section of the website:

[Registration Exam](#)

If you are eligible to write one of this year's registration exams but haven't received your exam eligibility notice by May 21st, contact the registration department at:

Registration Department
E-mail: admissions@abcfp.ca
Tel: 604.687.8027 .

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4. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2006 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2007. About 100 enrolled members have still not submitted their evaluations. Unless these evaluations are submitted to the ABCFP, these members will not receive credit for work experience gained in 2006 or be eligible to write the 2007 registration exams.

If you missed the deadline to submit your annual evaluation, submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2007, to:

Registration Department
Association of BC Forest Professionals
1030-1188 West Georgia St.
Vancouver, BC V6E 4A2

Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website:

[You and Your Sponsor](#)

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5. 2007 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS

Policy review seminars are ideal for anyone needing a refresher on the legislation and policies governing BC forest practices or preparing to write one of the registration exams this fall. At each seminar, participants will have a chance to ask questions and discuss topical issues with policy experts.

The locations and dates for the 2007 policy review seminars are as follows:

- Kamloops: September 7th and 8th (Best Western)
- Greater Vancouver: September 7th and 8th (British Columbia Institute of Technology)
- Prince George: September 14th and 15th (Civic Centre)
- Victoria: September 14th and 15th (Pacific Forestry Centre)

Look for the 2007 Policy Review Seminar registration form in the July/August issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine. The 2007 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide will be available on the ABCFP website in July.

Visit the Policy Seminars page of the website for more information.

[Policy Seminars](#)

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6. JOIN A STUDY GROUP

If you are preparing to write one of the 2007 registration exams, consider joining a study group. Study groups provide the benefit of shared knowledge and the support of others who are also preparing to write the exam this fall. Visit the Study Groups page of the website to find or list a study group in your area.

[Study Groups](#)

Register for the New Online ABCFP Discussion Forum

Enrolled members preparing to write the 2007 registration exam can also connect using the new online ABCFP Discussion Forum. This forum has message boards where exam candidates can exchange information. Read the first item in this e-newsletter: [Join the New Online ABCFP Discussion Forum...](#) to find out how to register.

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7. SEEKING MEMBER COMMENT ON THE SELF-ASSESSMENT AND PEER REVIEW PROCESSES

The Self-Assessment process – element one of the ABCFP Continuing Competency program – has been in place for two years. The professional practice committee (PPC) wants your feedback on how this process is working and suggestions for how it can be improved.

The PPC is also looking for comments and suggestions from members on the Voluntary Peer Review process. Your feedback will be integrated into this element and Mandatory Practice Reviews – the third element of the Continuing Competency program.

For more information on the Continuing Competency program visit:

[Continuing Competency](#)

Send all your comments and feedback to:

Brian Robinson, RPF
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8. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2008 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

The Forest Capital of BC program, established in 1988, is an important opportunity to celebrate the central role forests play in shaping our unique BC experience.

Make 2008 the year to celebrate forests in your community. The Forest Capital designation is an excellent way to get your whole community involved in a celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. The community named Forest Capital will have an opportunity to participate in a full year of forest-themed events.

Nominate Your Community Today

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](#)

Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2007

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

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9. ABCFP COMMITTEES NEED YOU

There are currently openings on the professional practice and finance committees:

Professional Practice Committee

The PPC deals with issues related to forestry practice and membership including bylaw proposals and policy analysis, development and implementation.

The professional practice committee (PPC) is looking for members to volunteer on their committee. Preference will be given to those who live in the Interior.

To read the terms of reference for the PPC, visit the Our Committees page of the website:

[Our Committees](#)

Submit resumés by May 31, 2007, to:

Dwight Yochim, RPF

Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship

E-mail: dyochim@abcfp.ca

If you have questions, contact:

Dwight Yochim, RPF or Debbie Zandbelt, RPF, PPC Chair

Tel: 604. 331. 2325 Tel: 250.549.0534

Finance Committee

If you would like to provide advice on the ABCFP's financial and administrative affairs, join the finance committee. Contact:

Lance Nose

Manager Finance & Administration

E-mail: lnose@abcfp.ca

Go to the Our Committees page of the website for more information.

[Our Committees](#)

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10. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. The newest merchants added to Forest Club are:

BossTools

Boss Tools is one of Canada's largest retailers of power, air and hand tools for consumer and industrial application, offering over 4000 products online across Canada.

Playland

BC's famous amusement park features over 35 rides and attractions, something for everyone.

NEBS

NEBS is a leading Canadian company specializing in personalized and branded short-run products and services for Canadian businesses. From creating a great new logo

design to branded cheques, forms, stationery, online payroll and more, NEBS have all the products and services to help businesses manage and promote themselves.

Cruiseplus

Cruiseplus is a Canadian based cruise company providing discounts on many exotic travel packages.

Signing up for Forest Club is easy, just click on The Forest Club banner below. Once you enter The Forest Club site, click on the Register Now to Access Savings link and provide your e-mail address and password.

<p>SIGN UP NOW TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>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://abefp.intrd.com</p>
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For more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

[Affinity Programs](#)

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11. ABCFP IN THE NEWS

Forestry Recruitment Radio Ads

Radio ads encouraging youth to choose careers in forestry will be run from May 21st until May 27th on a number of radio stations outside of the Lower Mainland including:

100 Mile House CFFM - The Max CKBX - The Wolf	Courtenay CFCP - Jet FM	Penticton Sun FM	Quesnel CFFM - The Max CKCQ - The Wolf
Bulkley Valley CFBV - The Peak	Duncan CJSU - Sun FM	Port Hardy/Port McNeill CFNI - The Port	Vanderhoof CIRX - 94X CJCI - The Wolf
Campbell River CFWB - The Ride	Grand Forks CKGF	Powell River CHQB - New Magic	Vernon Sun FM Vernon
Castlegar CKQR	Kelowna Sun FM	Prince George CIRX - 94X CJCI - The Wolf	Williams Lake CFFM - The Max CKWL - The Wolf
	Nelson CHNV		

Ads Welcoming New ABCFP Inductees

Want to know who the newest ABCFP members are in your area? Keep an eye out for ads in your local newspaper congratulating inductees living in your community. ABCFP inductee ads will appear in 43 newspapers around the province in from April 29th until May 6th.

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12. SALARY SURVEY UPDATE

More information about member compensation has been added to the 2006 Salary Survey: Report on Members' Compensation and Benefits, including hours worked based on responsibility and employer group. Information on average salary based on responsibility level and employer group has also been added.

View the full report on the Surveys and Polls page of the website:

[Surveys and Polls](#)

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13. APEGBC FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY SEMINAR

ABCFP members living in the Peace area are invited to attend the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC's (APEGBC's) workshop on fluvial geomorphology held in Fort St. John on May 24, 2007.

Session Fees

ABCFP members registering for this event will receive discounted rates of:
\$269.00 plus GST: For registrations received by May 10th
\$299 plus GST: For registrations received after May 10th

Visit the Professional Development section of the APEGBC website for more information.

http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/fluvial_ftstjohn.html

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14. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 10 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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15. 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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16. UNSUBSCRIBE

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