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Dear ABCFP Member:

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## 1. MEMBERS ASKED TO REVIEW AGM MINUTES

It was decided at the 61<sup>st</sup> AGM to have the minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM approved by a special committee composed of the council executive after the minutes had been posted for a period of one month for member comment. Please take a moment to read the minutes and e-mail any errors or comments you have to Sharon Glover, MBA, CEO. Member comments must be received by 4:30 pm on **May 29, 2009**.

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## 2. CALLING ALL ABORIGINAL MEMBERS

The ABCFP is creating a version of our popular Faces of Forestry booklet for use in recruiting Aboriginal students to forestry. The original Faces of Forestry booklet (which is available online) was produced to celebrate members during our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book features pictures and members' comments about on careers in forestry and what they enjoy most about their jobs. It has proven to be extremely popular as a recruitment tool and is regularly used by post-secondary institutions and the ABCFP at career fairs and for high school presentations. Because of the success of the original booklet, we are creating a new booklet that features our Aboriginal members. We will be contacting members who self-identified as Aboriginal by e-mail; however, if we miss you and if you would like to participate, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

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## 3. TWO NEW GUIDELINES NOW ON THE WEBSITE

The ABCFP commissioned a report on stocking standards and the resulting report, including recommendations, is now available online.

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## 4. KAMLOOPS PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE WORKSHOP AND PORT MCNEILL DATES ADDED TO THE SPRING SERIES

The Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop has been revised, shortened to a day and a half, and will be offered in various locations in 2009. The half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible and Professional Reliance workshops have been revised and updated. All three workshops will be offered as a series this spring (see below). Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

Segments of these workshops will be videotaped so they can be made available online next year. We are currently working out technical details so we can provide video clips, scenarios, quizzes and discussion online for these workshops in 2010.

There has been a request for a Writing the Best Exam Possible workshop in the Lower Mainland. If you are interested in attending such a workshop, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

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### **The Spring Series Workshops:**

#### **Prince George**

May 4 1:00 to May 5 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 6 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
May 6 pm Professional Reliance

#### **Williams Lake**

May 11 1:00 to May 12 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 13 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

#### **Quesnel**

May 25 pm Writing the Best Exam Possible **(NEW!)**  
May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 27 pm Professional Reliance

#### **Port McNeill (NEW!)**

In Port McNeill, Mike Larock, RPF, is replacing Brian Robinson, RPF, and will be presenting a shorter, one-day version of the Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop as well as the half-day Professional Reliance workshop. Amanda Brittain will deliver the half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible workshop.  
June 4 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 4 pm Professional Reliance  
June 5 all day Professional Ethics and Obligations

#### **Smithers**

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 16 1:00 to June 17 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 18 am Professional Reliance

#### **Dawson Creek**

June 23 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 23 1:00 to June 24 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 25 am Professional Reliance

#### **Kamloops**

July 15 am Professional Reliance **(NEW!)**

#### **Nelson**

September 1 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
September 1 1:00 to September 2 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
September 3 am Professional Reliance

Information on the Spring Series Workshops is available on the Workshops page of the website. Registration is now available online or by fax.

[Workshops](#)  
[Online Registration](#)

You can also mark your calendar with these tentative dates for the Policy Review Seminars. Members who take two or three Spring Series workshops will receive a 15% or 20% (respectively) discount on their choice of the policy review seminars.

- Prince George: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Kamloops: September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nanaimo: September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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## 5. UPCOMING MEMBER MEETINGS

The following are dates for the upcoming member meetings. Members in each community will receive an e-mail invitation to the meeting; however, any member is welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings will be held in the early evening. More details will be released closer to the meeting dates.

Prince George – May 5  
Williams Lake – May 12  
Quesnel – May 26  
Port McNeill – June 4  
Smithers – June 16  
Dawson Creek – June 23  
Nelson – September 1

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## 6. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS

Members who plan to write the registration exam this year or next year are encouraged to form or join a local study group. Information on how to form a study group and a listing of current groups are on the Study Groups page of the website.

Study group members are encouraged to post questions and information on the ABCFP Discussion Forum and communicate with other study groups to share information.

Study groups should meet regularly and consider the following ideas:

- Develop a list of appropriate study topics
- Assign study topics to study group members
- Distribute summaries of study topics to study group members
- Discuss study topics
- Develop questions to ask on the Discussion Forum or other study groups

Study information has recently been posted on the ABCFP Discussion Forum. Study groups are welcome to contact Brian Robinson, RPF, to arrange local study sessions during his travels.

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## **7. WORKSHOP: WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLES**

We will soon be able to offer an online Aboriginal relations workshop for our members. The workshop is entitled: "Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples – Understanding and Utilizing Cross Cultural Perspectives for Forest Professionals." This workshop is being offered because of our strategic plan initiative to "ensure Aboriginal values, interests and rights are part of a forest professional's competency requirements." In the future, Aboriginal relations competency will be a required part of the continuing competency program for registered members whose job requires proficiency in Aboriginal relations.

We are pleased to have Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. (ICT) offer this online workshop. In the future, Bob Joseph, president of ICT, will be offering face-to-face versions of this workshop in various locations around the province. We are currently working out the administrative details. Members will be able to register for this workshop online from our website. Stay tuned to our homepage in the near future for how you can register for this online workshop.

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## **8. CIF LECTURE SERIES FEATURING THE CHIEF FORESTER**

"Science, sustainability and innovation" is the theme of the next CIF e-lecture series which begins May 13<sup>th</sup>. The featured speakers are Jim Snetsinger, RPF; Glenn Thiem, RFT; Ken Zielkie, RPF; Don Morgan; and Ian Moss, RPF. ABCFP members can take part in the lecture series free of charge. Please visit the CIF website for more information.

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## 9. IMPORTANT REGISTRATION EXAM DATES

Exam eligibility notices will be sent out via e-mail in mid-May. Exam application packages and the 2009 exam resource libraries will also be made available online in mid-May.

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## 10. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2008 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2009. To date, the evaluation forms of over 230 enrolled members (FITs, ASFITs, FPs, TFTs, ASTFTs) have yet to be submitted by their respective sponsors. Unless these evaluations are submitted to the ABCFP, these members will not receive credit for work experience gained in 2008 or be eligible to write the 2009 registration exams.

If you missed the original deadline, you can still submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2009.

Send to:  
Registration Department  
Association of BC Forest Professionals  
330 – 321 Water St  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

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

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## 11. THE ABCFP IS NOW ON FACEBOOK – BECOME A FAN!

The ABCFP now has a Facebook page. We are hoping that both members and people interested in forestry will become fans of our page so we can discuss forestry matters and educate the public about our great profession. We will also be posting photos and videos and encourage members to post their own forestry related content.


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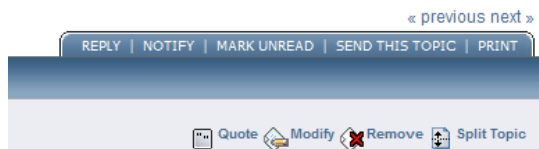
## 12. SENDING ANONYMOUS MESSAGES ON THE DISCUSSION FORUM

There are several ways to send information to another Discussion Forum member that afford different levels of anonymity.

 **Direct E-Mail** - If you click the send e-mail button, it will take you out of the Discussion Forum and into your default e-mail program. The e-mail address of your intended recipients will show and once you send it, your e-mail address will be shown to them.

Note: if you have configured to hide your e-mail from the public, no one will be able to send you an e-mail in this manner. To select the hide e-mail option: logon to the Discussion Forum, click on 'Profile' and then 'modify profile' (in the menu along the left side).

 **Personal Message** - If you click the personal message button, you will be able to send a message to your intended recipient's inbox within the Discussion Forum. An e-mail notification will be sent to the default e-mail program, telling the recipient that a message is waiting. The recipient will have to logon to the Discussion Forum in order to retrieve and read this message. In the message you send, your display name will show. The recipient will also be able to see your user name if he or she uses the 'find member' option when replying. To change your display or user name: logon to the Discussion Forum, click on 'Profile' and then 'modify profile' (in the menu along the left side).



**Reply** - If you would like to reply to an anonymous member's post and retain both of your anonymities, please click reply and do not send a direct e-mail or personal message. Please note that your comments will be visible to all Discussion Forum members.

Visit the ABCFP Discussion Forum for more information and to register or logon.

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### 13. FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION CALL FOR ITEMS

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**. Read the Contributor Guidelines to find out how to make a submission to this feature. The submission deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

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### 14. 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 three 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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## 15. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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