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Dear ABCFP Member:

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### 1. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE TOMORROW!

If you haven't received your renewal notice please contact Julia He ([jhe@abcfp.ca](mailto:jhe@abcfp.ca)) and update your [contact information](#) on our website.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> or administrative fees will apply.**

### **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](#)

### **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.

### **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 by printing them directly. 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.

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## 2. REGISTRATION EXAM REWRITE REQUEST DEADLINE IS TOMORROW

A reminder for those examinees who did not pass the 2008 registration exam, please submit your request for another opportunity to write the exam by no later than **January 31, 2009**. Please contact the registration department if you have any questions.

Ph: 604.687.8027

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

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## 3. COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to the members who were on the ballot for the 60th ABCFP council election and to the more than 800 members who voted.

Steve Lorimer, RPF, of Ladysmith; Valerie LeMay, RPF, of Vancouver; and Kerry Rouck, RPF, of Kelowna have been elected to the 62<sup>nd</sup> ABCFP council and will take office during ExpoFor 2009 in Prince George. Visit the Council Elections page in the Governance section of the website for more information.

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## 4. EXPOFOR 2009 UPDATE

We hope you can join us in Prince George at the Civic Centre on February 27, 2009 for the smaller, redesigned ExpoFor. Because of the changes made to ExpoFor 2009, inductees have the choice of attending the inductee ceremony in Prince George or in Kelowna in 2010. Inductees do not have to take any action other than registering for the ExpoFor of their choice.

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| 8 am     | Breakfast with Minister Bell <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keynote speaker Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range</li></ul>  |
| 9:30 am  | ABCFP AGM and Incoming President's Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keynote speaker Jonathan Lok, RFT, President</li><li>• Sharon Glover, CEO, and Lance Nose, director of finance and administration, will report on the association's business conducted during 2008</li></ul> |
| 10:45 am | Inductees' Recognition Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charges from Paul Knowles, RPF, and Valedictorians, Amanda Davey, RPF, Andrew Davies, RFT, and Julius Huhs, RFT</li><li>• Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Chief Forester, will present inductees with their pins</li></ul>         |
| 12 noon  | Consulting Foresters of BC Awards Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Awards Presentation</li><li>• Special Guest Speaker to be announced</li></ul>   |

The cost for attending ExpoFor is \$50 plus GST. This price covers the cost of the meals and coffee breaks. The inductee rate for the full package is \$20. Alternatively, inductees can register for a complimentary package that includes the AGM, Inductees' Recognition

Ceremony and CFBC Awards Luncheon. Registration will be available online and by fax on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Thank you to our ExpoFor 2009 Sponsors:

- Forestry Innovation Investment
- TD Meloche Monnex
- Forsite

Visit the ExpoFor website for more information and to register online.

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## 5. SILVER RING CEREMONY IN THE CARIBOO

Canadian Institute of Forestry (Cariboo Section) is holding a silver ring ceremony for UNBC and CNC students. This prestigious annual event will be held February 27th at 6 p.m. at the Coast Inn of the North. Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range, will be there as the keynote speaker along with the CIF President, Peter Marshall, RPF, and ABCFP CEO Sharon Glover. Tickets are \$35 each and the option to sponsor a student is also available. To purchase tickets, contact:

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## 6. SAR TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED

The Association of BC Forest Professionals and the College of Applied Biology are pleased to advise that a joint venture to review and revise the "Managing for Species at Risk" document (ABCFP, 2003) to reflect the needs of Biology and Forestry professionals. The project will run from January to March 31, 2009. The ABCFP and CAB will be assisted in this endeavour by a task force consisting of the following:

Consultant Ben van Drimmelen, RPBio, RPF, LLB; Ian Adams, RPBio; Jeff Fisher, RPF; Helen Davis, RPBio; Megan Hanacek, RPBio, RPF; Peter O'Brien, RPF; Wayne Wall, RPBio.

The Task Force will report to the Joint Executive Committee of the ABCFP and College of Applied Biology, and then to the respective councils. At this time it is anticipated that there will be a time focused and limited opportunity for the general membership to review and comment on the paper prior to its adoption.

Questions on this project may be directed to:

Sharon Glover, CEO, ABCFP [sglover@abcfp.ca](mailto:sglover@abcfp.ca) or Linda Michaluk, Executive Director, College of Applied Biology [executivedirector@cab-bc.org](mailto:executivedirector@cab-bc.org)

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## 7. UPCOMING FORESTRY EVENTS

### 2009 COFI Annual Convention

COFI's annual convention will be held in Prince George on April 2-3, 2009. The

convention will examine the topic of climate change and how forestry can mitigate it. For more information visit their website: [www.cofi.org](http://www.cofi.org).

### **2009 CSC Winter Workshop**

The Evolution of Coastal Silviculture: What's New in 2009?

February 12, 2009 – Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC

In keeping up to the ever changing face of coastal silviculture in BC, the workshop will focus on:

- The latest developments in resource stewardship monitoring
- Consensus based strategies from the Coastal Regional Implementation Team (CRIT)
- Carbon Accounting – how does it fit within the future management of coastal forests?
- Where are we going in this time of uncertain economic conditions?

For more workshop details and registration, visit:

<http://www.coastalsilviculturecommittee.com>

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## **8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR 2009**

The half-day Professional Reliance workshop offered in the fall of 2008 has been revised and will be offered in a few more locations in 2009. 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 workshop has been revised to include information on the take-home exam option and there are new examples provided and it will be offered again this year alone and in conjunction with both Professional Reliance and Professional Ethics and Obligations. All three workshops will be offered this spring (see below) and will also be made available online. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops. Registration information will be available shortly.

### **Kamloops**

April 14 noon to April 15 4:30: Professional Ethics and Professional Obligations

April 16 am Professional Reliance

April 16 pm Writing the Best Exam Possible

### **Campbell River**

April 28 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

April 28 noon to April 29 4:30: Professional Ethics and Obligations

April 30 am Professional Reliance

### **Prince George**

week of May 4 Professional Ethics and Obligations, Professional Reliance and Exam Writing. Dates TBA

### **Williams Lake:**

week of May 11 Professional Ethics and Obligations, Professional Reliance and Exam Writing. Dates TBA

### **Quesnel**

May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations

May 27 pm Professional Reliance

## **Smithers**

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

June 16 noon 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 noon to June 24, 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations

June 24 am Professional Reliance

You can also mark your calendar with these tentative dates for 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>

Other workshops which will be developed in 2009 include Aboriginal Relations and Ethical Obligations for Members Submitting and Reviewing Appraisals. Stay tuned for more information on these workshops.

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## **9. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS**

Visit our website to register your study group. Brian Robinson, manager of professional development and member relations, is willing to visit study groups during his travels to help them prepare for the exam. Please contact him for information.

Registering your study group is a great way to communicate with other study groups and share information. Use the ABCFP Discussion Forum to post questions and share information. There is a special section set aside for study groups. We encourage RFT and RPF study groups to work together to help each other out in studying. Watch future issues of the **Increment** and our website for information regarding workshops designed to help you with the registration exam.

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## **10. ASSOCIATE MEMBER UPDATE**

The ABCFP and ASTTBC have reached an agreement on the transfer of Accredited Timber Cruisers and Accredited Timber Evaluators to the ABCFP. We hope to have this transfer completed by the end of April. These members will be Associate Members who can voluntarily join the ABCFP and will be under the membership category as Certified Forest Measurements Specialists (CFMS). They will have similar rights and obligations as registered members. The ABCFP plans to expand CFMS category membership into additional sub-categories other than cruising. The transfer also includes bringing the Forest Measurements Registration Board (their name will probably be changed to reflect the ABCFP Bylaws) to the ABCFP as well. This Board will set standards for associate members and adjudicate membership applications. We are currently working on how their scope of practice will fit with registered members. For more information, contact:

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## 11. FORESTRY RECRUITMENT

The ABCFP has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Forests and Range to fund implementation of our recruitment strategy. This proposal includes a request for short-term provincial funding (usable in 2009 and 2010), followed by an infusion of more funding over the subsequent five years. This investment is required to ensure British Columbia's post-secondary institutions recruit enough natural resource professionals to meet government, business, and other employers' needs. The funding will be directed toward restoring a positive image of the natural resource professions as a career choice for students and will include redefining our profession, information and marketing and organizing a coordinated recruitment effort. For more information, contact:

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## 12. NEW MEMBER OF THE ABCFP TEAM

Jackie Hipwell, RFT, has joined the ABCFP on a one-year contract. She will be working in the areas of forest stewardship and professional practice. Jackie can be reached via e-mail: [jhipwell@abcfp.ca](mailto:jhipwell@abcfp.ca) or by telephone at 250.962.7462.

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

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For more information, contact:  
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#### 14. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

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