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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. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY MARCH 31ST TO AVOID REMOVAL

If you have not renewed your membership by March 31, 2009, you will be removed from ABCFP membership and will not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Members who haven't renewed their memberships were sent a letter via registered mail in early March notifying them of the deficiency. If you have any uncertainty about your membership renewal, please log in to the ABCFP website and go to Membership Renewal. It will tell you if your membership has renewed or what is missing.

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.

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

In order to use your membership fees efficiently and because many members require the receipt quickly so they can be reimbursed by their employers, the ABCFP is no longer mailing receipts to members. You can get your receipt and membership card by printing them directly from the website. 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 and your payment has been processed.

[Logon](#)

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2. GUIDELINE ON PROFESSIONAL QUALITY FIELDWORK NOW AVAILABLE

The ABCFP has published a new guideline on professional quality fieldwork on the website. Click on the link below to read this important document.

[Professional Quality Fieldwork](#)

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3. SPRING SERIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

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) and will also be made available online. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

The Spring Series Workshops:

Kamloops

April 14 1:00 to April 15 4:30 Professional Ethics and Professional Obligations
April 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

Campbell River

April 28 am Writing the Best Exam Possible
April 28 1:00 to April 29 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations
April 30 am Professional Reliance

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 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 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 24 am Professional Reliance

Nelson (NEW!)

September 1 am Writing the Best Exam Possible
September 1 1:00 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 10th and 11th
- Kamloops: September 14th and 15th
- Nanaimo: September 17th and 18th

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4. 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.

Kamloops – April 15
Campbell River – April 28
Prince George – May 5
Williams Lake – May 12
Smithers – June 16
Dawson Creek – June 23
Nelson – September 1

For more information, contact:

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5. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS

Members who plan to write the registration exam this year or next year should form or join a local study group and make sure the study group is registered on the ABCFP 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 groups are welcome to contact Brian Robinson, RPF, to arrange local study sessions during his travels.

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[Study Groups](#)

[Discussion Forum](#)

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6. NEW STUDY GROUPS FORMED

The 2009 registration exam is just around the corner. Some individuals have expressed interest in starting registration exam study groups in areas throughout the province. Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining one of these study groups.

| Group Location | Type | Contact |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Campbell River | RPF and RFT | Darrin Finnerty E-mail: darrin.finnerty@interfor.com |
| Dawson Creek/ Fort St. John area | RPF and RFT | Ronald Laurentin, TFT E-mail: Ronald.Laurentin2@gov.bc.ca |
| Fort Nelson | RPF and RFT | Michelle Edwards E-mail: Michelle.Edwards@gov.bc.ca |
| Fort St. James | RPF and RFT | Warren Wilkinson E-mail: warren.wilkinson@gov.bc.ca |
| Kamloops | RPF and RFT | Kim DeRose, FIT E-mail: Kim.DeRose@gov.bc.ca |
| Kelowna/Vernon area | RPF and RFT | James Wolfe, FIT E-mail: james.wolfe@tolko.com |
| Mackenzie | RPF and RFT | Kim Lefebvre, FIT E-mail: kim.lefebvre@abitibibowater.com |
| Prince George | | Shane Neukomm, RPF E-mail: sneukomm@carrierlumber.bc.ca |
| Quesnel | RPF and RFT | Kristin Hendry E-mail: khendry2@hotmail.com |
| Salmon Arm | RPF and RFT | Cara Illerbrun E-mail: cillerbrun@forsite.ca |
| Williams Lake | RFT | Kurt Williams E-mail: Kurt.williams@gov.bc.ca |

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7. UPCOMING FORESTRY EDUCATION EVENTS

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector are part of the professional reliance model envisioned under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The guidelines represent a team approach for developing a terrain management model. This seminar will provide an overview of the Guidelines, specifically, the roles and responsibilities that members of both associations have when carrying out work in the management of terrain stability. Information will be given on when and where a TSA should be carried out and whether or not a TSA has been carried out. Participants will learn forest development strategies that are consistent with the risks and how to interpret the Guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these Guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in practising due diligence which will include considerations around when to engage other professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers

and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with managing terrain stability will benefit from this seminar.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at APEGBC or ABCFP website:

http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp

ABCFP members can register by contacting Ailene Lim at APEGBC.

Ailene Lim

Ph: 604.412.4899

E-mail: alim@apeg.bc.ca

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The “Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings” sets standards for members of the ABCFP and APEGBC involved in forest crossing planning and design. The Guidelines were recently revised to address matters related to engineered culverts. This seminar will provide an overview of the Guidelines, specifically the roles and responsibilities that members of both association have when carrying out work on Forest Crossings. Information will be given on how professionals are to interact with regards to the planning and design of crossings, as well as their limitations. Participants will learn how to interpret the results-based guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these Guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in practising due diligence, by ensuring that they know the appropriate levels at which to involve different professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with forest crossings will benefit from this seminar.

Please note that while the seminar content will be relevant to all members, this is not intended to be a “how to” course on bridge design.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at APEGBC or ABCFP website:

http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp

ABCFP members can register by contacting Ailene Lim at APEGBC.

Ailene Lim

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E-mail: alim@apeg.bc.ca

- **Silviculture II**
Location: Malcolm Knapp Research Forest: April 26-May 3, 2009
Instructors: Dr. Gordon Weetman, Dr. John Barker

For Forestry Pupils/FITs

Silviculture II deals with the stand tending silviculture practices from free growing through to final harvest of a stand. These include thinning, fertilization, pruning,

and silviculture systems and their relationship to timber quality, structural biodiversity, habitat and stand growth and yield and allowable cuts at the forest level. Decision making in crop planning, stand dynamics, operational problems and relevant history policy and regulatory issues and underlining science theory are also covered.

The cost of this course is \$1,150. Accommodation is additional and is payable directly to [Malcolm Knapp Research Forest](#). Amount TBA

PREREQUISITES

Required:

- Dendrology
- Forest Ecology
- Forest Silvics
- Forest Mensuration
- Silviculture 1

Recommended:

- Forest Biometrics
- Forest Economics
- Forest Entomology
- Forest Pathology
- Forest Soils

This course is intended for Forestry Pupils and Foresters-in Training (FITs) enrolled with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. Silviculture II is also open to non-ABC FP members who wish to learn more about silviculture and have the prerequisite courses. Those who feel they qualify for the course, but do not have all the prerequisites must have instructor approval before registering. Please note that Selkirk Management Services is no longer offering this course. Suntrana Enterprises is the new organization putting it on.

For more information and registration please contact:

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Suntrana Enterprises
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8. TRANSFER OF TIMBER CRUISERS FROM ASTTBC TO ABCFP

The transfer is progressing well. Accredited Timber Cruisers (ATCs) and Accredited Timber Evaluators (ATEs) with ASTTBC will be grandfathered over to ABCFP Associate membership once they give their consent to the transfer. The effective date of the transfer will be April 30, 2009. For those existing registered ABCFP members (RFTs and RPFs) who are ATCs or ATEs with ASTTBC, their accreditation status will be transferred to the ABCFP and they will continue their registered class of membership. Since they are already a member of the ABCFP and have paid their registered class membership dues, they will not be charged any extra dues to maintain their timber cruising accreditation status.

If there are any questions concerning this transfer, please contact Brian Robinson, RPF.

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9. SILVER RING CEREMONY – VANCOUVER

Canadian Institute of Forestry (Vancouver Section) is holding a silver ring ceremony for UBC students. This prestigious annual event will be held March 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver. Tickets are \$65 each and the cutoff is Friday March 20th. To purchase tickets, contact:

Candace Parsons, RPF
Ph: 604.822.3547
E-mail: Candace.parsons@ubc.ca

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10. STUDY AND MENTORSHIP GROUP FOR ABORIGINAL MEMBERS

The ABCFP, a few Aboriginal RPFs/RFTs, and other forestry mentors (the "Group Mentors") are forming an ancillary study group for Aboriginal ABCFP members who will be writing the registration exam this year or next. The Group Mentors will provide direction and support to Aboriginal ABCFP members who are preparing for the registration exams. The study group will utilize the ABCFP Discussion Forum to network with other study groups around the province to the benefit of all study groups. If you want to join this study group as an FIT or a TFT, please contact Brian Robinson. The study group will meet by conference call and the Group Mentors and ABCFP will provide study topics, scenarios and mock exam questions to help exam writers.

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11. NEW LAY COUNCILLOR ANNOUNCED

Herb Langin RPBio (Ret), has been appointed by Order in Council to the ABCFP council as of March 1, 2009, for a period of one year. Herb is a past regional director at the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management as well as a past director at the ILMB. He is retired and is now the strategy coordinator for the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition. Herb lives in Prince George.

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12. SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsoring RFTs and RPFs are needed to mentor enrolled members. You must be willing to meet regularly with your enrolled member, review his or her practice diary and ensure your enrolled member is ready for the registration exam. More information is available on the Sponsor a New Member page of the website.

[Sponsor a New Member](#)
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13. 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 275 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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14. THANKS TO THE FORESTRUST AUCTION SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

Thanks to everyone who placed a bid in the ForesTrust Silent Auction. We raised \$1,775 for ForesTrust. The successful bidders should have received an e-mail informing them of how to claim their purchase. You can click on the link below to check out all the successful bidders. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction.

[Silent Auction](#)
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15. 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 is currently one career listing on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

For more information, contact:
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16. QUESTIONS AND 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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