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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published most months 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. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

#### **Deadline for Membership Renewals**

You must complete all steps (see below) to renew your membership by today, **January 31, 2007**, or you will be subject to administrative fees. If you haven't completed these steps by March 31, 2007, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Refer to the new Membership Renewal Policy for complete details.

[New Membership Renewal Policy](#)

## How Do I Renew My Membership?

There are three easy steps to renewing your membership:

1. Pay your fees.
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 or in person at the ABCFP offices by downloading the forms available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

### [Membership Renewal](#)

## Special Offers

Make sure to take advantage of the special offers on FORREX subscriptions and CIF memberships that are available to renewing members.

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## 2. ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATIONS

Sponsors must complete an Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation. These forms provide the association with vital information on an enrolled member's progress towards registration.

**Today, January 31, 2007**, is the deadline to return annual evaluations for the period from December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006. The ability of the enrolled member you are sponsoring to become registered may be delayed if these forms are not returned by the end of the day.

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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## 3. COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to the members who were on the ballot for the 60<sup>th</sup> ABCFP council election and to the more than 1,700 members who voted.

Rick Brouwer, RPF, from Terrace; John Hatalcik, RPF, from Cranbrook and Diana Wood, RPF, from Courtenay have been elected to the 60<sup>th</sup> ABCFP council and will take

office during ExpoFor 2007 in Harrison Hot Springs. Visit the Council Elections page in the Governance section of the website for more information.

[Council Elections](#)

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#### **4. EXPOFOR 2007**

ExpoFor 2007, the 59th ABCFP Forestry Conference and AGM, will be held in Harrison Hot Springs from February 21 to 23, 2007.

##### **Registration Update**

Please note that pre-registration for ExpoFor 2007 ends on **February 16, 2007**. After this date, registration will be available at **Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa** starting on **February 20, 2007 at 6:00 pm**.

On-site registration times are as follows:

Tuesday, February 20	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 am – 5:30 pm
Thursday, February 22	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Friday, February 23	6:30 am – 12:30 pm

To review your registration options and speed-up on-site registration, download and bring a completed registration form with you to ExpoFor 2007. This form is available on the registration page of the website.

[Registration](#)

##### **ForesTrust Auction**

ABCFP's registered charity, ForesTrust, will be conducting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual silent auction on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at ExpoFor 2007. Many great items will be available. Have fun and show your support for ForesTrust at the same time. Donations for the auction are still welcome. If you would like to make a donation, please contact:

Lance Nose  
Manager, Finance and Administration  
E-mail: [lnose@abcfp.ca](mailto:lnose@abcfp.ca)

Visit the ABCFP ForesTrust page for more information on this important cause.

[ABCFP ForesTrust](#)

##### **Canadian Institute of Forestry 'ThinkChange' Workshop**

The Canadian Institute of Forestry's (CIF) rejuvenation exercise is underway and a series of cross-country 'ThinkChange' workshops have begun. These sessions focus on clearly defining what makes the CIF unique and what its members see as the organization's core values. **The third 'ThinkChange' session will be held at Harrison**

**Hot Springs during ExpoFor 2007.** The CIF invites its members to participate in this discussion by joining them in the West Forum room of the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa on **February 20, 2007 from 6 pm to 10 pm.**

Visit the CIF Rejuvenation Exercise page of the CIF website to learn more.

[CIF Rejuvenation Exercise](#)

### **Inductees' Recognition Luncheon**

While we will try our best to accommodate everyone, we anticipate selling out of Inductees' Recognition Luncheon tickets. So if you would like to attend, register as soon as possible.

If you live near Penticton, you may want to consider attending the 2008 Luncheon. Inductees who do not attend the Harrison conference will be honoured at ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton.

[Registration](#)

### **Transportation from Vancouver Airport to Harrison Hot Springs**

Shuttle service is available from the Vancouver Airport (YVR) to Harrison Hot Springs. Delegates can book a 2:00 pm or 8:00 pm bus for Tuesday, February 20, 2007. Airport Link Shuttle will run up to seven buses with each bus holding a maximum of 10 people.

One way fares are as listed:

\$200 for a group of 4 people

\$270 for a group of 8 people

\$300 for a group of 10 people

To book this service and to inquire about return trips contact:

Narinder

Airport Link Shuttle

Ph: 604.594.3333

Website: [www.airportlinkshuttle.com](http://www.airportlinkshuttle.com)

### **Trade Show**

There are only four booths available for the ExpoFor 2007 trade and technology show. Exhibitors will not only have the opportunity to meet their target audience face to face, they will also have their organization featured on the Exhibitor page of the ExpoFor website. Go to the Become an Exhibitor page of the website for more information or visit the Exhibitors page to view the ExpoFor 2007 trade and technology show exhibitors.

[Become an Exhibitor](#)

[Exhibitors](#)

**Sponsorship**

Want to sponsor a specific session, meal or coffee break at ExpoFor 2007? Contact the sponsorship chair or visit the Become a Sponsor page of the website for more information.

Sponsorship Chair  
Dave Lloyd, RPF  
E-mail: [David.Lloyd@prtgroup.com](mailto:David.Lloyd@prtgroup.com)

[Become a Sponsor](#)

Visit the Sponsor page of the ExpoFor website to see who is already sponsoring events at the conference.

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## 5. 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 is **April 5, 2007**.

### **Send your comments and feedback to:**

Brian Robinson, RPF  
Manager, Professional Development and Member Relations  
E-mail: [brobinson@abcfp.ca](mailto:brobenson@abcfp.ca)

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## 6. 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 You & Your Sponsor page of the website for more information on the Sponsor Program.

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## 7. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The ABCFP is seeking volunteers for a two-year appointment to its ExpoFor standing host committee. Previous host committees were responsible for planning and organizing this annual event including registration, finance, decorations, etc. The focus of the new committee will be on theme and program development. While they will give recommendations to ABCFP staff in order to improve the overall event, the majority of the logistical work will be carried out by staff.

Some meetings will be held via conference call and we encourage members throughout the province to join. To be a part of the largest single event the association puts on every year, please submit a letter of interest and resumé to:

Brian Robinson, RPF  
Manager, Professional Development and Member Relations  
E-mail: [brobinson@abcfp.ca](mailto:brobinson@abcfp.ca)

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## 8. FOREST CLUB DEALS

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

Signing up 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.

**SIGN UP NOW**  
TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS  
OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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://abcfp.intrd.com>

For more information, visit the Affinity Programs page of the website.

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## 9. REMINDER TO SIGN AND SEAL YOUR PROFESSIONAL WORK

Are you a RPF and does the document you are producing contain a professional opinion or work product that falls under the definition of the practice of professional forestry as defined in the *Foresters Act*? If so, you are reminded that Bylaw 10.2 requires you to sign and seal your work. For more information, visit to the Back Issues page in the BC Forest Professional section of the website to read an article published in the March/April 2004 issue of FORUM (now **BC Forest Professional**).

[Back Issues](#)

Are you a RFT and does the document you are producing contain a professional opinion or work product that falls under the definition of the practice of professional forestry as defined in *Foresters Act* and does it also fall within the scope of practice for RFTs? If so, you are also reminded to sign and seal your work. If the opinion/work produced falls under the definition of the practice of professional forestry but outside the scope of practice for an RFT, then it must be signed and sealed by an RPF. For more information, go to the Policies and Guidelines page of our website and view the RFT Signing and Sealing Guidelines.

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## 10. WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

### **Council Governance Policy**

As part of the move toward the policy governance approach, the ABCFP council recently adopted policies to help guide them in the governance of the association and the relationship with the executive director. These policies are binding and provide direction to current and future councils. Visit the Governance page of the website to view the Council Governance Policy.

[Governance](#)

### **Good Answers for Part B of the RFT Exam**

Go to the Preparing to Write the Exam page of the website to view sample answers to Part B of the RFT exam and the marks they received.

[Preparing to Write the Exam](#)

### **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.

[Study Groups](#)

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## 11. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 15 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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## 13. UNSUBSCRIBE

If you do not wish to receive future issues of the Increment e-newsletter, please contact:

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