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Dear ABCFP Member:

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### 1. ABCFP EXEC TO MEET WITH MINISTER

President Al Balogh, RPF; Vice President Jonathan Lok, RFT; Past President Paul Knowles, RPF; and CEO Sharon Glover are meeting with Minister Pat Bell on Friday

August 1<sup>st</sup> in his Vancouver office. Watch the next edition of **The Increment** for more details.

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## 2. ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE 50% OFF YOUR EXAM FEE!

The exam application deadline is **August 15, 2008**. **If you submit your complete application package (application form and payment) to us on or before August 1, 2008, you will receive 50% off your exam fee.** The 2008 RFT and RPF registrations exams will be held on October 3, 2008, in various locations throughout BC. For general information on the exam, visit the Registration Exam page of the website.

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[Preparing to Write the Exam](#)  
[Registration Exam](#)

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## 3. RPF OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME EXAM

The take-home option is only available to those writing the RPF registration exam. If you choose to write the take-home exam, you will only be required to answer seven of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam. If you do not choose to write the take-home exam, you will be required to write 10 of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam.

The RPF optional take-home exam questions will be available on **August 1, 2008** on the Take-Home Option page of our website. The exam will be due on September 5, 2008. Late submissions will not be accepted.

[Take-Home Option](#)

Please contact the registration department if you have questions about the registration exams.

Registration Department  
E-mail: [admissions@abcfp.ca](mailto:admissions@abcfp.ca)  
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## 4. ABCFP WORKSHOPS

- **2008 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS** will be held in Kamloops and Greater Vancouver on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and in Prince George and Nanaimo on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide is now available for purchase or free download on the Policy Seminar page of the website.

[Policy Seminar](#)

### Win a 2008 Policy Review Seminar Package

Join the online ABCFP Discussion Forum by August 18<sup>th</sup> and you could win free registration to the 2008 ABCFP Policy Review Seminar of your choice complete

with the 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide. Also, each month between June and August one lucky discussion forum member will win an ABCFP logo wear prize pack. The winner for July is **Adam Rodgers, RPF**.

#### [Discussion Forum](#)

- **PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOPS** will be held in Burnaby on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and Port McNeill on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Workshops page of the website to register. For more information, contact Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations ([brobinson@abcfp.ca](mailto:brobinson@abcfp.ca))

#### [Workshops](#)

- **WRITING THE BEST EXAM POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS** will be held in the Village of Queen Charlotte on August 28<sup>th</sup>; Kamloops on September 3<sup>rd</sup>; Port McNeill on September 4<sup>th</sup>; Campbell River on September 5<sup>th</sup>; Terrace on September 9<sup>th</sup>; Prince George on September 10<sup>th</sup>; Chilliwack on September 15<sup>th</sup> and Castlegar on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now available by mail, fax or online on the Workshops page of the website. For more information contact Amanda Brittain, director of communications ([abrittain@abcfp.ca](mailto:abrittain@abcfp.ca)).

#### [Workshops](#)

- **FALL WORKSHOPS PREVIEW** – The fall workshops will be held in numerous communities in October. The topic will be professional reliance. Watch future issues of **The Increment** for more details.

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### 5. BYLAWS BALLOT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Council has approved in principle a number of changes to the ABCFP bylaws. These changes range from minor housekeeping revisions to more significant amendments. Members must ratify these changes in a bylaw ballot which will take place in September. Members will be given the opportunity to vote on each bylaw separately. In order to ratify the changes, each bylaw must earn two-thirds of the votes. Information on the changes to each bylaw is now available on the Bylaw Package page of the website.

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### 6. CALL FOR INVIGILATORS

The following locations still need invigilators for the 2008 registration exams: **Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Port Alberni, Port McNeill and Williams Lake**.

If you are a registered member and willing to help on Friday October 3, 2008, contact the registration department. More information can be found on the Invigilate the Registration Exams page of the website.

#### [Invigilate the Registration Exams](#)

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## 7. ABCFP SEEKS A NEW LAY COUNCILLOR

Dr. Pamela Wright's term as lay councillor comes to an end on March 1, 2009 and the ABCFP has started the search for her successor. The position is listed with the Province's Board Resourcing and Development Office and a position posting is on our website.

[Lay Councillor Posting](#)

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## 8. VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR FIRST NATIONS CAREER FAIR

Members in the Lillooet, Whistler and Pemberton areas may be interested in a volunteer opportunity to represent the ABCFP at the In-SHUCK-ch career fair on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The career fair is part of the larger community celebration of In-SHUCK-ch Days held at Head of the Lake School, Skatin Nations.

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## 9. TREE FROG COMMUNICATIONS OFFERS A FORESTRY NEWS SERVICE

Sandy McKellar, Honourary Member, is offering her daily news service free of charge. See headlines and snippets on forestry issues from local, regional, provincial, national and international papers. Click on the story links for all the details. To sign up, click on the link below.

[treefrogcreative.ca](http://treefrogcreative.ca)

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## 10. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2009 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your community and nominate your community to be the 2009 Forest Capital of BC. This designation is an excellent way to get everyone involved in a year-long celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. 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.

**Nomination Deadline: November 14, 2008.** The winning community will be announced in December 2008 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

[Forest Capital](#)

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## 11. MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE ANNUAL FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION FEATURE

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** (BCFP). Read the Contributor Guidelines to find out how to make a submission to this feature. The submission deadline is **September 2, 2008**.

[Contributor Guidelines](#) 

You can also check out last year's feature in the November/December 2007 issue of BCFP

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## 12. SURVEY REMINDER

The discipline and enforcement transparency committee sent all members a brief survey last week. This survey asks you about the ABCFP's discipline and enforcement processes. The results will form part of a report the committee is compiling for presentation to council in October. Please take a few minutes to participate in the survey.

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## 13. FOREST CLUB DEALS

Save up to 25% on your PNE tickets this year! The Fair at the PNE runs from August 16<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>. Simply order online, pay and print your tickets right away! To redeem go to <http://www.pne.ca/groupsales/> and enter code "08INSIDER."

**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>

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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 nine career listings on the Job Seeks 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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## **15. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?**

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