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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS

You can now register for the ABCFP 2007 Policy Review Seminar online. These seminars are ideal for anyone needing a refresher on the legislation and policies governing BC forest practices or preparing to write one of the registration exams this fall. At each seminar, participants will have a chance to ask questions and discuss topical issues with policy experts.

Locations and dates are as follows:

- **Kamloops:** September 7th and 8th (Best Western)
- **Greater Vancouver:** September 7th and 8th (British Columbia Institute of Technology)
- **Prince George:** September 14th and 15th (Civic Centre)
- **Victoria:** September 14th and 15th (Pacific Forestry Centre)

Visit the Policy Seminars page of the website for more information and to register online.

[Policy Seminars](#)

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2. REGISTRATION EXAM UPDATE

The 2007 RFT and RPF registrations exams will be held on October 5, 2007, in various locations throughout BC. For general information on the exam, visit the Registration Exam page of the website.

[Registration Exam](#)

Application Deadlines Fast Approaching

The exam application deadline is **August 15, 2007**. If you submit your application by August 1, 2007, you will receive 50% off your exam fee.

The exam application packages and resource libraries are now available on the Exam Applications and Preparing to Write the Exam pages of the website.

[Exam Applications](#)

[Preparing to Write the Exam](#)

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 7 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 take-home exam will be available on **August 1, 2007**, on the Take-Home Option page of the website and is due September 7, 2007.

[Take-Home Option](#)

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

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3. CALL FOR INVIGILATORS AND SPONSORS

Exam Invigilators Needed

The following locations still need invigilators for the 2007 registration exams: Campbell River, Castlegar, Cranbrook, Fort St. James, Kamloops, McBride, Merritt, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, Prince George, Queen Charlotte City, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Terrace, Vancouver, Vanderhoof and Williams Lake.

If you are a registered member and willing to help on October 5, 2007, 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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Sponsor an Enrolled Member

Some enrolled members, including Foresters in Training and Trainee Forest Technologists, are having difficulty finding sponsors to guide them through the Articling Program (formerly called the Sponsoring Forester Program) that is the final step in the process to becoming a registered forest professional.

Consider sponsoring enrolled members and help them reach their goal of becoming forest professionals. You can be a sponsor if you are an RFT or an RPF who has passed the registration exam. Visit the Sponsor a New Member page of the website for more information.

[Sponsor a New Member](#)

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4. 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**.

Visit the Contributor Guidelines page of the website to find out how to make a submission.

[Contributor Guidelines](#)

The submission deadline is **September 4, 2007**.

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5. SUPPORT THE VANCOUVER SUN NATIONAL FOREST WEEK SUPPLEMENT

Following the success of last year, the ABCFP will again highlight the forestry profession in a National Forest Week (NFW) supplement published in The Vancouver Sun. We invite you to get involved in two ways:

Contribute

Members: you are invited to contribute to this public awareness campaign by sharing your educational and work experiences in the forest sector. Students: you are also asked to participate by letting everyone know about your summer spent doing forestry-related activities. All that is required is a short interview and a photo. Submission deadline is **August 22, 2007**.

If you would like to contribute, contact:

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Advertise

The Vancouver Sun is offering generous discounts on advertising for the NFW feature that will run on September 25th. With a readership base of 480,700, this is a great opportunity to showcase your organization. Booking deadline is **September 16, 2007**.

To advertise, contact:

Sarah Curtis
Vancouver Sun – Advertising
Direct: 604.605.2847

[Advertise during National Forestry Week](#)

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6. FALL WORKSHOPS NEWS

Due to a temporary staff shortage, the ABCFP 2007 Fall Professional Development Workshops may be delayed until later this fall. All workshops will provide guidance to members on professional reliance and FRPA implementation.

Visit the Workshops page of the website for updates on this year's sessions.

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7. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2008 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

Make 2008 the year to celebrate forests in your community and nominate your community to be the 2008 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.

[Forest Capital](#)

Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2007

The winning community will be announced in December 2007 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1st until December 31st, 2008.

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8. JOIN THE BATTLE OF THE NETWORK OF FOREST PROFESSIONALS

It's battle time! Network of Forest Professionals (NFPs) around the province will compete for bragging rights by hosting events and activities during National Forest Week (September 23 – 29, 2007). The goal is to educate the community about forestry and the profession. The more ABCFP members you involve and the more people you reach, the better your chances are of winning. After National Forest Week, NFP chairs should send a summary of their campaign to Brian Robinson, RPF. The campaign of the winning NFP will be featured in The Increment and **BC Forest Professional** magazine.

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For more information and to see who has won the battle in the past, visit the Network of Forest Professionals page of the website.

[Network of Forest Professionals](#)

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9. MEMBER MEETING RESULTS

During May, June and July, ABCFP council and staff members toured the southern Interior and Vancouver Island and met with a total of 260 members. Council and staff heard many issues and received valuable feedback from members on how the ABCFP can improve its effectiveness and advocacy efforts. We appreciate attendees taking the time to have a chat and as a result of these meetings, the ABCFP will:

- improve our efforts to let members know about the issues we are working on (e.g. practice review details and forestry recruitment);
- set up a process to resolve member issues and concerns related to professional practice and forest stewardship in a timely manner; and
- follow through on various requests from members.

Stay tuned to the ABCFP website, The Increment e-newsletter and **BC Forest Professional** magazine for further information on these initiatives and upcoming member meetings.

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10. CONTINUING COMPETENCY UPDATE

At the member meetings held this spring and summer, we've heard that members are confused about the third element of the continuing competency program – practice reviews. We are currently preparing an article for the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine that will explain the reasoning behind the practice review element. The purpose of the practice review is not to criticize members, but rather to help them improve their practices. Practice reviews are not punitive, but will offer members ways to make their practices more efficient and effective.

For more information, visit the Practice Review page of the website.

[Practice Review](#)

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11. ABCFP RECRUITING FOR SENIOR POSITION

The candidate search for a director of professional practice and forest stewardship is underway. Reporting to the executive director, this staff senior member leads association efforts in the areas of professional practice and forest stewardship. The incumbent works closely with the association's professional practice committee and forest stewardship advisory committee. This position can be based anywhere in BC and will require travel to Vancouver about twice a month.

Go to the Job Seekers page of the website to apply.

[Job Seekers](#)

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12. LAY COUNCILLOR POSITION OPEN

We are currently accepting applications from individuals interested in filling a volunteer lay councillor position on our governing council. Lay councillors are non-members appointed for a one-year term, but the term can be extended for two additional years. Candidates with First Nations ancestry will be given preference.

If you or someone you know is a non-member with a broad interest in forest policy and BC's forest resources management, please apply following the instructions on the Job Seekers page of the website.

[Job Seekers](#)

Visit the Governance page of the website for more information on the ABCFP Council.

[Governance](#)

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13. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club affinity program provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. This month's featured merchants are:

Choice Hotels: Choice Hotels who represent Comfort, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn are available to members at a discount for travelers anywhere worldwide. Check out the Forest Club to book your next hotel room!

Privilege Play Golf memberships: Do you enjoy golf? Then check out the great savings at many beautiful and challenging golf courses located throughout BC.

Avis Car Rentals and Park n Fly: Traveling this summer? Don't forget to check out the great discounts through Avis Car Rentals and Park n Fly available through the Forest Club.

PNE: Save up to 33% off the admission tickets to the PNE. Great fun for the family!

Click on the link below to sign up and take advantage of these great offers.

<p>SIGN UP NOW TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>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</p>
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For more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

[Affinity Programs](#)

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14. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 18 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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15. 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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