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Dear ABCFP Member:

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## 1. MEMBER MEETINGS IN JULY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Sharon L. Glover, MBA, the ABCFP's new executive director, Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations and Paul Knowles, RPF, ABCFP president, or Al Balogh, RPF, ABCFP vice-president, will continue their road trip around the province. The next stop is Vancouver Island in July when staff and council will hold a number of member meetings and listen to members' ideas, issues and concerns.

### **Member meetings will be held in the following locations:**

- Victoria: Monday, July 9, 2007, from noon until 1 pm
- Nanaimo: Tuesday, July 10, 2007, from 4:30 pm until 6 pm
- Campbell River: Wednesday, July 11, 2007, from 4:30 pm until 6 pm
- Port McNeill: Thursday, July 12, 2007, from 4:30 pm until 6 pm

Invitations to these meetings, which included venue information, were sent out last week to members living on Vancouver Island. If you did not receive an invitation and you want to attend one of these meetings, send an e-mail to: [info@abcfp.ca](mailto:info@abcfp.ca).

### **Attend a Study Session for the 2007 Registration Exams After the Meeting**

Are there enrolled members interested in attending a study session facilitated by Brian Robinson, RPF, after one of the member meetings held in Nanaimo, Campbell River or Port McNeill? Send an e-mail to Brian and let him know which study session you are interested in attending, and we will let you know if a study group will be held at your location.

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

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## 2. ATTEND THE ABCFP POLICY REVIEW SEMINAR

Policy review 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)

Look for the 2007 Policy Review Seminar registration form in the July/August issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine. The 2007 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide will be available on the ABCFP website in July.

[Policy Seminars](#)

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### 3. ANONYMOUS PARTICIPATION ON THE ABCFP DISCUSSION FORUM

Many people we met during the member meetings held in the Interior last month said the online discussion forum would be more useful if they could participate anonymously. They said there are a number of sensitive topics that are not being discussed on the forum, because of the requirement for members to be identified by their full name, and that members needed a vehicle to discuss these topics anonymously.

We want this forum to be a place where members can freely discuss issues affecting their practice. So in response to your requests, members can now choose whether they want to participate in the discussion forum using their full name or an anonymous name. We hope this change will increase the number of subscribers and the amount of professional dialogue that is taking place on the forum.

Make sure you read the Anonymous Participation board which includes important information about how to participate anonymously.

[Discussion Forum](#)

If you have any questions about the ABCFP Discussion Forum, contact the forum administrator:

Denise Leech  
Communications Coordinator and Webmaster  
E-mail: [dleech@abcfp.ca](mailto:dleech@abcfp.ca)

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### 4. ABCFP NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE 2007 FIRE SEASON

Paul Knowles, RPF, ABCFP president and Dwight Yochim, RPF, director of professional practice and forest stewardship held simultaneous news conferences in Vancouver and Prince George on June 20, 2007, to discuss the upcoming forest fire season. These news conferences generated a great deal of media interest resulting in coverage on July 20 and 21st in the following media outlets:

#### Radio News

94X (Prince George) -June 21  
CBC (BC wide)-June 21  
CKNL (Kamloops)-June 21  
CKLR (Courtney/Campbell River)-June 21  
CKNW (Vancouver)-June 21  
Jack FM (Vancouver)-June 21  
News 1130 (Vancouver)-June 21  
Rock 101 (Vancouver)-June 21  
Star 98.3 (Chilliwack)-June 21

#### Live Radio Interviews

CBC BC Almanac (BC-wide coverage) June 21  
CBC Daybreak North (Northern BC) - June 21  
CKNW (Vancouver) -June 21

#### Television

CBC - noon on June 21  
Global – noon and morning news casts on June 20 and 21

#### Newspaper Coverage

Canadian Press - June 21  
Kamloops Daily News - June 21  
Nanaimo News Bulletin (Daily Edition) - June 21  
Penticton Herald - June 21  
Prince George Citizen - June 21  
Prince George Free Press - June 22  
The Province - June 21  
The Recorder and Times - June 21  
The Vancouver Sun - June 21  
Trail Times - June 21  
Victoria Times Colonist - June 21

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## 5. 2007 REGISTRATION EXAMS

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](#)

### Exam Applications and Resource Libraries

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

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.

[Exam Applications](#)

[Preparing to Write the Exam](#)

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

Registration Department  
Ph: 604.687.8027  
E-mail: [admissions@abcfp.ca](mailto:admissions@abcfp.ca)

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## 6. 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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## 7. 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 find out how to make a submission to this feature:

[Contributor Guidelines](#)

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

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## 8. NEW ARTICLING POLICY

The *Articling Policy*, approved earlier this year, replaces the *Sponsoring Forester Policy* that was released in January 2002. This new policy is designed to integrate our newest members, Trainee Forest Technologists and Registered Forest Technologists, into the Articling Program. The provisions of the old *Sponsoring Forester Policy* are incorporated into the new *Articling Policy* without any substantial alterations. This new policy does not change the requirements for current enrolled members and their sponsors.

Read the new *Articling Policy* available on the website:

[Policies and Guidelines](#)

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## 9. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Registration Exam Invigilators Needed

We are looking for volunteers to invigilate the 2007 registration exams. Exams will be held in various BC locations on October 5, 2007. If you have some time to spare and want to help out this year's examinees, visit the Invigilate the Registration Exams page of the website for more information.

[Invigilate the Registration Exams](#)

Interested members should contact:

Registration Department  
Ph: 604.687.8027  
E-mail: [admissions@abcfp.ca](mailto:admissions@abcfp.ca)

### Sponsors for Enrolled Members Needed

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 Program) which is the final step in the process to becoming a registered forest professional.

Consider sponsoring an enrolled member and help them reach their goal of becoming a forest professional. You can sponsor an enrolled member 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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## **10. SEND IN YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE TERRAIN STABILITY GUIDELINES AND THE CONTINUING COMPETENCY PROGRAM**

### **The JPB Wants Your Feedback on the Terrain Stability Guidelines**

The joint practices board (JPB), of the ABCFP and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, has released Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector to assist members in establishing, implementing and updating a Terrain Stability Management Model.

The JPB would like your feedback on these guidelines that are available on the Papers and Reports page of the website:

[Papers & Reports](#)

### **Deadline for feedback is July 20, 2007**

Send comments and questions to:

Dwight Yochim, RPF

Director of Professional Practice & Forest Stewardship

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

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### **The PPC Wants Your Feedback on the Self-Assessment and Peer Review Processes**

The Self-Assessment process – element one of the ABCFP Continuing Competency program – has been in place for two years. The professional practice committee (PPC) wants your feedback on how this process is working and your suggestions for how it can be improved.

The PPC is also looking for comments and suggestions from members on the Voluntary Peer Review process. Your feedback is important and will be integrated into both this element and Mandatory Practice Reviews – the third element of the Continuing Competency program.

For more information on the Continuing Competency program visit:

[Continuing Competency](#)

Send all your comments and feedback to:

Brian Robinson, RPF

Manager, Professional Development and Member Relations

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

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## 11. ABCFP STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

The ABCFP says farewell to Dwight Yochim, RPF, director of professional practice and forest stewardship, who will be leaving the association in early July after 12 years of dedicated service.

Dwight has taken the position of vice-president with Kelly McCloskey & Associates, where he will manage a major new initiative to grow the market in the United States for the use of wood in nonresidential construction on behalf of the Wood Products Council. We wish Dwight all the best in his new endeavours.

In addition to his current duties, Brian Robinson, RPF, will step in on July 9<sup>th</sup> as the acting director of professional practice and forest stewardship until we have found a replacement to fill this vacancy.

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## 12. DONATE TO FORESTRUST

ForesTrust is the ABCFP's registered charity that provides scholarships and bursaries at eight institutions offering forestry programs around BC. ForesTrust scholarships are awarded to students for their academic achievement and dedication to, and passion for, the study of forestry.

Make a donation to ForesTrust and ensure the ABCFP tradition of supporting the next generation of forest professionals continues. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be made as a one-time or monthly donation. Visit the ForesTrust page of the website to learn how you can support BC's future forest professionals.

[ABCFP ForesTrust](#)

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## 13. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club is an affinity program available to all active members of ABCFP. Click on the link below to sign up:

**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>

### Latest Offers

- Carter Auto Family: Save on the purchase or lease of any make and model of automobile, truck and motor sport.

- Ice.com: ICE.com offers beautiful, quality jewellery at everyday prices and the latest styles of diamonds, pearls, necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings. Shop for all your jewellery needs on The Forest Club!
- Hotels by Association: Don't forget to check out the list of discounts at hotels available in BC and Alberta.
- Avis: Receive an additional discount on the best daily rates at Avis. Use your discount in North America, Western Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America/Caribbean. Also, earn 500 Aeroplan Miles for each rental at an airport location & 250 miles for every local rental (please note that conditions apply).

Visit the Forest Club portal to take advantage of these great offers:

[The Forest Club](#)

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#### **14. SOUTH PEACE REGION MEMBERS INVITED TO APEGBC BBQ**

The Peace River Branch of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC invites all Peace Region forest professionals and their families to its annual Family BBQ and Bacci event.

**Where:** Peace Island Park at the Gazebo (second entrance)

**When:** Saturday July 14, 2007, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

For more information, contact: Brendan Miller or Al Zackodnik at 250.787.3415.

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#### **15. ABCFP ONLINE**

##### **Add Your Event to the ABCFP Professional Development Calendar**

Do you have an upcoming course or event that you want other ABCFP members to know about? Add your courses or events to the online ABCFP Professional Development Calendar.

[ABCFP PROD Calendar](#)

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#### **16. JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

There are currently 10 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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## 17. 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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