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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not renewed your membership by **March 31, 2007**, you will be removed from membership and will not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

You must complete all three steps below to renew your membership:

1. Pay your fees including the additional administrative fee(s) for late membership renewals.
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 fax, phone, or in person at the ABCFP offices using the forms available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

[Membership Renewal](#)

Refer to the Membership Renewal Policy for complete details.

[Membership Renewal Policy](#)

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2. MPB & HYDROLOGY: THE CHIEF FORESTER'S RESPONSE

Chief Forester, Jim Snetsinger, RPF, addresses the issue of potential watershed flooding in areas of increased harvest due to the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) epidemic in a recent letter. He recognizes that there is risk of flooding and other hydrological problems and ascertains that the Ministry of Forests & Range is actively addressing these concerns. Snetsinger provides recommendations to resource professionals and lists some research findings that may assist in their planning and decision-making efforts.

Visit the Home page of the website to read this letter.

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3. TILMA COMING SOON

The Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TIMA) comes into effect April 1, 2007, and will be fully implemented by 2009. This agreement upholds the requirement that BC forest professionals have to be registered in Alberta in order to practise professional forestry in Alberta and vice versa. At least until 2009, forest professionals have to write the corresponding registration exam when they transfer provinces, or undertake work in the other province on a more than occasional basis. The ABCFP is currently working with Alberta representatives on two things:

- I. An agreement to make it easier for practitioners in one province to work in the other and either not have to register (for short-term or non-recurring contracts) or to register at a lower cost, without the need to write a registration examination (for medium-term or recurring short term contracts).
- II. Other ways to ease transfer between the two provinces.

The ABCFP will keep you updated on TILMA-related developments that pertain to the practice of forestry.

Visit the BC Ministry of Economic Development website to learn more about TILMA.

http://www.gov.bc.ca/ecdev/popt/media_room/bc_ab_trade_investment_mobility_agreement.htm

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4. ABCFP MEETS WITH MINISTER COLEMAN

The executive of the ABCFP, the executive director and senior staff met with the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range on March 30, 2007. It was a very positive meeting where the ABCFP got the opportunity to raise concerns with the Minister on issues such as forest inventories, forest fires and fuel management, increasing capacity at forestry schools and the oil and gas sector.

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5. CALL FOR COMMENTS 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](#)

Send your comments and feedback **by April 15, 2007**, to:
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6. IMPORTANT REPORTS & GUIDELINES RELEASED

A number of timely reports and guidelines have been released. They are available on our website through the links listed below.

Forest Stewardship in Areas with Forestry and Oil & Gas Development in Northeast BC: The Forest Professionals' Perspective

This discussion paper examines the apparent issues surrounding impacts of the oil and gas industry on forestry (primarily in northeast BC). Its purpose is to encourage an informed and constructive dialogue about resource management in areas where expansion of forestry and oil and gas development are sharing and sometimes competing for the same land base. The ABCFP is preparing a response to the report.

[Papers and Reports](#)

Professional Reliance Principles for FRPA Operational Plans and Declarations

This guidance paper discusses the roles and responsibilities for forest professionals involved with preparing, reviewing, and/or approving forestry related operational plans and declarations under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA).

[Policies and Guidelines](#)

Assessment of the Status of Forest Inventories in British Columbia

This report evaluates the current state of BC's forest inventories and provides several recommendations on how to improve the province's approach.

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7. MEMBER MEETINGS

The ABCFP is planning member meetings for the southern interior. This will be your chance to meet with ABCFP council and staff including our new executive director, Sharon Glover and president, Paul Knowles, RPF. Member meetings provide an opportunity to pose any questions you may have about the ABCFP directly to council and staff.

Member meetings are planned for the following locations and dates:

- Kamloops: May 22nd (12 to 1 pm)
- Vernon: May 22nd (4:30 to 6:00 pm) and May 23rd (7 to 8:30 am)

- Penticton: May 23rd (12 to 1pm)
- Grand Forks: May 23rd (7 to 8:30 pm)
- Nelson: May 24th (4:30 to 6 pm)

Additional details will be provided in the April issue of The Increment and local members will receive notification of these meetings by e-mail.

For more information contact:

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8. 2007 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS

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. Participants will have a chance to ask questions and discuss topical issues with policy experts.

The locations and dates for the 2007 policy review seminars 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.

Visit the Policy Seminars page of the website for more information.

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9. ABCFP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Standing Investigations Committee

Are you a registered member who would like to assist in the ABCFP's complaint resolution process? If so, the Standing Investigations Committee (SIC) needs your expertise. The SIC manages and conducts investigations within the complaint resolution process established by ABCFP bylaws. If you have an interest or training in

administrative law processes, investigation, conflict resolution or alternative dispute resolution, you are an ideal candidate.

Please contact:
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Finance Committee

If you would like to provide advice on the ABCFP's financial and administrative affairs, join the Finance Committee.

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Go to the Our Committees page of the website for more information.

[Our Committees](#)

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10. GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL NETWORK OF FOREST PROFESSIONALS

Join your local Network of Forest Professionals (NFP) and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other professionals in your area.

Benefits of Your Local NFP

As a member of your local NFP, you will have an opportunity to become an advocate for your profession. In the past, NFPs have arranged public forums, local tours and forestry education presentations.

Your local NFP can also help you meet the requirements of the ABCFP's Continuing Competency Program by providing you with the resources to develop workshops or locate members to conduct peer reviews.

Are you preparing for one of the 2007 registration exams? Your local NFP can provide you with support and connect you with a study group in your area.

How Do I Join?

Contact an NFP chair in your area. The contact information for each community chair is available on the Network of Forest Professionals page of the website:

[Network of Forest Professionals](#)

If you can't find a chair in your community and you are interested in starting your own NFP, contact:

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11. EXPOFOR

Seeking Ideas for ExpoFor 2008 In Penticton

The dates for ExpoFor 2008, the ABCFP's forestry conference and annual general meeting, are February 20 – 22, 2008 at the Penticton Convention Centre. Since 2008 is the ABCFP's 60th anniversary, the theme for ExpoFor will relate to the 'diamond anniversary.' We plan to recognize pioneers in the BC forest sector and provide opportunities for exhibitors and members to give demonstrations and showcase their work.

If anyone has interesting and enticing ideas for technical sessions please contact:

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Future ExpoFor Dates and Venues

Venues for ExpoFor are booked years in advance. Keep these future ExpoFor dates in mind:

- February 25-27, 2009: Prince George (Prince George Civic Centre)
- March 3-5, 2010: Kelowna (Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort)
- February 23-25, 2011: Vancouver (Fairmont Hotel)

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12. ABCFP IN THE NEWS

The association received a great deal of media coverage in recent weeks. In the newspapers, you may have seen articles on ExpoFor 2007, the new council, award winners or even a career profile of past president Bob Craven. Radio interviews with council and staff have also been broadcast.

Go to the Media page of the website to check it out.

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13. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

On April 2, 2007, the ACBFP will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a paper on stocking standards. Check the website on April 2nd or contact Dwight Yochim, RPF, for more information.

Dwight Yochim, RPF

Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship

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14. APEGBC FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY SEMINAR

ABCFP members living in the Peace area are invited to attend the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC's (APEGBC's) workshop on fluvial geomorphology. The workshop is being held in Fort St. John on May 24, 2007.

Session Fees

ABCFP members registering for this event will receive discounted rates of:
\$269.00 plus GST: For registrations received by May 10th
\$299 plus GST: For registrations received after May 10th

Visit the Professional Development section of the APEGBC website for more information.

http://www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/events/fluvial_ftstjohn.html

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15. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club, ABCFP's expanded affinity partners' program, has exclusive discounts on automotives, 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.

<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, visit the Affinity Programs page of the website.

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16. WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB

Salary Survey

The 2006 survey on members' compensation and benefits was conducted in December and nearly 1,400 members responded. The results are now available on the Surveys and Polls page of the website.

[Surveys and Polls](#)

ExpoFor 2007 Presentations

PowerPoint presentations for selected ExpoFor 2007 sessions are now online. Go to the Program page in the Forestry Conference section of the website to view this information.

[Program](#)

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17. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 12 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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18. 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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19. UNSUBSCRIBE

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