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Dear ABCFP Member:

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### 1. 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](#)

### **Professional Reports**

If you are planning to write the RPF exam in 2007 and are required to submit a professional report, the first submission **deadline is June 1, 2007**. If your report requires revisions (a second submission), you have until August 1, 2007, to send it in and still be eligible to write the 2007 RPF exam.

Please note: if you did not submit a professional report outline by December 1, 2006 or if your report outline was not approved, you are not eligible to write the 2007 RPF registration exam.

Refer to the new Professional Report Content Standards Preparation Guide, which will provide you with specific information on how to prepare a professional report. This guide is now available on the Professional Report page of the website.

## [Professional Report](#)

### **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.

## [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)

### **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 want to help out this year's examinees and have some time to spare, please contact the registration department.

Go to the Invigilate the Registration Exams page of the website for more information.

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## **2. CALL FOR SPONSORS**

Foresters in Training (FITs), Forestry Pupils (FPs) and Trainee Forest Technologists (TFTs) must participate in the ABCFP Articling Program (formerly called the Sponsoring Program) as a condition of their enrolment period.

The purpose of this program is to support professional development and mentorship for enrolled members as well as to uphold the public interest in the practice of professional forestry by ensuring that enrolled members only engage in professional forestry practice under the supervision of an active RPF or RFT.

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:

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

Go to the Sponsor a New Member page of the website for more information.

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### **3. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2008 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC**

The Forest Capital of BC program, established in 1988, is an important opportunity to celebrate the central role forests play in shaping our unique BC experience.

Make 2008 the year to celebrate forests in your community. The Forest Capital designation is an excellent way to get your whole community involved in a celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. The community named Forest Capital will have an opportunity to participate in a full year of forest-themed events.

#### **Nominate Your Community Today**

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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### **4. VANCOUVER ISLAND MEMBER MEETINGS**

The ABCFP's new executive director, Sharon L. Glover, MBA, Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations and at least one ABCFP executive council member, will be going on a road trip in early July to hold member meetings on Vancouver Island. They will hear member's ideas, issues and concerns.

Member meeting dates and locations:

#### **Monday, July 9, 2007**

- Victoria: Noon – 1 pm

## Tuesday, July 10, 2007

- Nanaimo: 4:30 – 6 pm

## Wednesday, July 11, 2007

- Campbell River: 4:30 – 6 pm

## Thursday, July 12, 2007

- Port McNeill: 4:30 – 6 pm

Members in these communities will be receiving an e-mail invitation, which will include information on meeting venues. If you do not live or work in one of the communities listed above but want to attend a meeting, please e-mail the ABCFP at: [info@abcfp.ca](mailto:info@abcfp.ca).

If interest is there, Brian Robinson, RPF, will facilitate registration exam study sessions after the Nanaimo, Campbell River and Port McNeill member meetings. Please contact him if you would like to participate in one of these study sessions.

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

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## 5. SEEKING MEMBER INPUT ON CONTINUING COMPETENCY PROGRAM

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 this program can be improved.

The PPC is also looking for comments and suggestions from members on the voluntary peer review process. Your feedback will be integrated into this element and the mandatory practice review – the third element of the ABCFP Continuing Competency Program.

To give your feedback, please contact:

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

For more information, visit the Continuing Competency Program page of the website.

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## 6. 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. 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.

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

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## 7. ABCFP DISCUSSION FORUM

### About the Forum

In April of this year, the ABCFP launched an online discussion forum to provide an area for ABCFP members to freely discuss matters related to their practice and ABCFP membership. This new online forum replaced the ABCFP-Post electronic newsgroup and is restricted to ABCFP members.

The new ABCFP Discussion Forum has increased functionality over the previous electronic newsgroup and includes the ability for subscribers to:

- View a log of past discussions
- Search the forum using key words or phrases
- Control e-mail notification for new messages
- Attach documents to messages

### Subscribe and Win

As an added incentive for you to subscribe, we will be entering the first 500 people who register into a draw to win an ABCFP prize pack including one of the new fleece vests and a long-sleeved, quick-dry shirt.

You must register for the forum, **using your full first and last names as your username**, to view or participate in any discussions. All registrations are subject to approval by the forum administrator. Approvals will take approximately one business day. To register, visit:

[ABCFP Discussion Forum](#)

If you have any questions or comments about the new 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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## **8. SEEKING MEMBER INPUT ON THE TERRAIN STABILITY ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE**

The Joint Practices Board of the ABCFP and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC have released a guideline document on terrain stability assessments for member comment.

This document, entitled Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector, provides assistance to members in establishing, implementing and updating a Terrain Stability Management Model (or simply, Model).

Visit the Papers & Reports page of the website to view this document.

[Papers & Reports](#)

Send comments and questions to:  
Dwight Yochim, RPF  
Director of Professional Practice & Forest Stewardship  
E-mail: [dyochim@abcfp.ca](mailto:dyochim@abcfp.ca)

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

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## **9. WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The follow members were recently appointed to ABCFP committees:

- Marty Hiemstra, RPF (Prince George), joined the Finance Committee and the ForesTrust Board of Trustees.
- Mike Jull, RPF (Prince George), joined the Board of Examiners as an alternate for Kathy Lewis, RPF, representing the University of Northern British Columbia.

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

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## **10. CALL FOR NEW CHAIR OF PRINCE GEORGE NETWORK OF FOREST PROFESSIONALS**

The ABCFP is looking for someone to chair the Network of Forest Professionals group in Prince George. The chair coordinates local members' public events and activities in

association with the Cariboo section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry. If you are interested in becoming chair or have questions, contact:

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

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## 11. COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

The ABCFP would like to clarify an important issue about Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Several aspects of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan fall within the practice of professional forestry. As such, these areas require a registered forest professional to do the work. The forest professional responsible is required to clearly sign and seal their work. If you are aware of anyone doing work on Community Wildfire Protection Plans who is not a member, please contact the Registrar.

Jerome Marburg, LLB  
General Counsel & Registrar  
E-mail: [jmarburg@abcfp.ca](mailto:jmarburg@abcfp.ca)

If you have any questions about Community Wildfire Protection Plans, contact:  
Dwight Yochim, RPF  
Director of Professional Practice & Forest Stewardship  
E-mail: [dyochim@abcfp.ca](mailto:dyochim@abcfp.ca)

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## 12. ABCFP ARTICLING POLICY APPROVED

At their last meeting, the ABCFP Council declared that the new Articling Policy is in force and repeals the old Sponsoring Forester Policy. In addition, all current enrolled members will continue under the new Articling Policy. The Articling Policy will be available on the Policies and Guidelines page of the website early next week.

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## 13. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. The theme for June is *Summer Fun* and the featured merchants are:

### **Hotels By Association**

Travelling in BC or Alberta this summer? Make sure you check out the great discounts on Delta and Coast Hotels.

**BC Lions**

The new football season is starting soon, and why not purchase discounted tickets for employees in your office, for your family or as gifts. As the 2006 Grey Cup champions, this year is sure to be another great season.

### **Playland/PNE**

The PNE is a vibrant and dynamic amusement park with access to shows, exhibits, amusement rides, sporting competitions, community events, concerts, cultural activities and of course, the Summer Fair at the PNE. Discounted tickets are available on The Forest Club website.

### **Whitecaps**

The 2006 USL-1 and W-League champions are back for another great season. Come watch great athletes battle it out for another fun filled summer.

Signing up for The Forest Club 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><b>SIGN UP NOW</b> 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 <a href="http://abcfp.intrd.com">http://abcfp.intrd.com</a></p>
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For more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

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## **14. CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY-VANCOUVER ISLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Vancouver Island section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) will be holding its annual general meeting at the Westerley Hotel (Best Western) in Courtenay, 6:30 pm on June 20, 2007. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Coastal Silviculture Committee's summer workshop. Anyone interested in learning more about the CIF (including non CIF members) is welcome to attend.

If you plan to attend, please contact:

Michel Vallee, RPF

E-mail: [vallee@mala.bc.ca](mailto:vallee@mala.bc.ca)

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## **15. JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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## 16. 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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