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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published most months for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

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**1. REMINDER FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It's time to renew your membership. The deadline to renew is **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs)** must complete three steps to renew their membership:

**Step 1:** Submit your 2007 Self-Assessment Declaration.

**Step 2:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 3:** Pay your fees.

**Enrolled members (FITs and TFTs), forestry pupils, retired members and special permit holders** only need to complete two steps to renew their membership because they are not required to submit a Self-Assessment Declaration.

**Step 1:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 2:** Pay your fees.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership:

[Steps to Renew](#)

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**2. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SUCCESSFUL EXAMINEES**

Congratulations to the 87 examinees that passed the RPF exam and to the 211 examinees that passed the RFT exam. The January/February 2008 issue of **BC Forest Professional** will include an Exam Feature with results and a list of successful examinees.

**Inductees Lunch**

Your accomplishments will be celebrated during the Inductee Recognition Luncheon on February 21, 2008, at ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton, BC. We are pleased to offer you free admission to this luncheon. Please use the promotional code on the 2007 Registration Exam Results page in the Login section of the website to receive your discount. Those who passed the 2006 registration exams and did not attend the Inductee Recognition Luncheon at ExpoFor 2007, are also invited to attend the 2008 luncheon at no cost. If you have not received your promotional code, contact Michelle Mentore.

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### **3. ABCFP COUNCIL ELECTION**

Exercise your right to vote and influence the direction of the association by casting your vote in the upcoming council election. The ABCFP council election will take place between **December 10, 2007, and January 11, 2008.**

#### **Candidates**

The candidates standing for election to the 61<sup>st</sup> ABCFP council are:

#### **RPF Candidates:**

Jacques Corstanje, RPF  
Kathryn Howard, RPF  
Christine Lohr, RPF  
Lance Ollenberger, RPF  
Frank Varga, RPF

#### **RFT Candidates:**

Beverly Atkins, RFT  
Donna Brochez, RFT  
Ian Emery, RFT  
John Wahlstrom, RFT

Jonathan Lok, RFT, has been appointed by acclamation to the position of vice-president on the 61<sup>st</sup> council.

#### **Candidate Profiles**

The candidate profiles, contained in the Council Election package, will be available online by **December 10, 2007.** You will also receive a copy of the Council Election package with your mail or e-mail ballot.

[Council Election](#)

#### **Voting**

The easiest way to vote in this year's council election is to cast your vote online. Online voting is secure and easy. Visit the Voting page of the website for more information.

You will receive your ballot for the upcoming council election by mail unless you have changed your 'notification to vote preference' on the Manage Your Mailing page of the website to e-mail. If you receive your ballot by mail, you will have the choice of casting your vote by mail or online. If you receive your ballot by e-mail, you will be required to cast your vote online.

[Manage Your Mailings](#)

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### **4. EXPOFOR 2008 UPDATES**

ExpoFor 2008 takes place in Penticton from February 20 to 22, 2008.

#### **Online Registration Now Available**

You can now register online for ExpoFor 2008 by visiting the Registration Page of the ExpoFor website.

## [Registration](#)

### **Poster Sessions**

Are you someone with expertise in areas of science, policy, and sustainable resource management planning and practices? We encourage you to present your ideas in our ExpoFor 2008 poster session. To participate, submit your summary by **December 10, 2007**.

The purpose of this poster session is to inform forestry professionals about:

- highlights in new and emerging innovations in forest science and practices;
- instances where science and Indigenous knowledge has informed and supported innovative policies and plans and;
- the value of public investment in science and innovation.

Time will be allotted during ExpoFor for you to interact with delegates and share your knowledge with them.

Contact Amanda Brittain, ABC, for more information or visit the Schedule of Events page on the ExpoFor website.

## [Schedule of Events](#)

Amanda Brittain, ABC  
Director of Communications  
E-mail: [abrittain@abcfp.ca](mailto:abrittain@abcfp.ca)

### **ForesTrust Silent Auction**

ABCFP's registered charity, ForesTrust, will be conducting its 5<sup>th</sup> annual silent auction during ExpoFor 2008. Donations are needed in order to make this auction a success. Virtually anything that could be auctioned and fetch some dollars would be a suitable for donation. Depending upon the item, the donor may be eligible to receive a tax receipt. If you would like to make a donation, please contact:

Lance Nose  
Manager, Finance and Administration  
E-mail: [lnose@abcfp.ca](mailto:lnose@abcfp.ca)

### **Selling Books at ExpoFor**

The ABCFP invites members who have written books about the forest sector, to sell them at ExpoFor from the ABCFP booth. All we ask in return is a copy of your book to be auctioned off during the ForesTrust silent auction. For more information contact:

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## 5. COUNCIL LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK ON ABCFP STRATEGIC PLAN

The ABCFP council has been working hard over the last five months on a strategic plan for the organization. This plan will be in place for the next three to five years and will guide the association's direction.

We have used many sources to create this plan including a series of members' meetings that were held in various parts of the province. While we didn't make it to all regions, there were themes that arose consistently across the groups we spoke to, so we are confident members' concerns are reflected in the strategic plan.

To date, we have developed new mission and vision statements for the association, as well as four outcomes we would like to achieve. We would like you to review the mission, vision and outcomes.

### **Vision Statement**

*We lead the way to BC's future forest.*

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the ABCFP is to ensure that qualified forest professionals provide BC with excellence in forest management.*

### **Four Outcomes**

1. The ABCFP is recognized by BC's public and First Nations as the foremost authority on matters of professional practice and the principles of forest stewardship.
2. The ABCFP is recognized by all of its members as a highly effective and personally relevant organization.
3. Land and resource management framework that promotes good stewardship of forest land and a viable forest sector.
4. Viable professional forestry workforce.

If you would like to comment, send an e-mail to Paul Knowles, RPF, ([president@abcfp.ca](mailto:president@abcfp.ca)) by **December 14, 2007**.

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## 6. GET IN ON THE DISCUSSION

Dan Graham, director of compliance and enforcement at the Ministry of Forests and Range has agreed to host a discussion forum starting next Wednesday (Dec. 5) on FRPA requirements for confidentiality. Specifically, Dan will discuss whether or not employees of the provincial government with authorities under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* have restrictions that prevent them from reporting information to the ABCFP as a result of an investigation. Register today for the discussion forum to view and participate in this discussion topic

To register for the ABCFP Discussion Forum, use your **full first and last names as your username**. 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 discussion forum, contact the forum administrator:

Denise Leech  
E-mail: [dleech@abcfp.ca](mailto:dleech@abcfp.ca)  
Direct: 604-639-810

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## 7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION DEADLINE

If you are currently on a leave of absence and have not applied to extend your leave absence you will be reinstated on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, and invoiced for the full annual membership fee pertaining to your class and category of membership. For more information visit the Leave of Absence page of the website.

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## 8. ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATIONS

Sponsors must return completed annual evaluation forms, for the period December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007, to the association by **January 31, 2008**. These forms provide the association with vital information on an enrolled member's progress towards registration. The ability for an enrolled member to become registered may be delayed if these forms are not returned by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Enrolled member annual evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website.

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## 9. TERRAIN STABILITY ASSESSMENTS

The joint practice board of the ABCFP and APEGBC has been working on guidelines for the management of terrain stability in the forest sector. Specifically, the board has been focused on advising when and where terrain stability assessments (TSAs) are to be done. The guidelines also address broader issues of terrain stability management such as consideration of risk, and how to manage terrain when a TSA was not done.

A draft document was circulated to members for review and comment during the summer of 2007 and results from feedback will be provided in the near future. For more information contact:

Mike Larock, RPF  
Director of Professional Practice & Forest Stewardship  
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## **10. MELOCHE MONNEX CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD**

The Meloche Monnex Continuing Education Award recognizes the importance of continuing education in the professional development of forest professionals. Meloche Monnex offers two \$250 awards each year to those who qualify for an ABCFP Certificate of Professional Development. To qualify for the 2007 award, apply for your Certificate of Professional development by **December 31, 2007**.

For more information about this award, visit the Professional Development Program page of the website.

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## **11. CALL FOR VIEWPOINTS AUTHORS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF BCFP**

We are looking for contributors for the March/April 2008 issue of BC Forest Professional magazine. The theme of this issue is Mountain Pine Beetle: Where Are We Now? The editorial board has proposed a number of different topics, listed below, they want authors to explore. They also want to hear your suggestions about any additional topics you want authors to cover.

Proposed Topics

1. How are industry and government managing for the mountain pine beetle?
2. How are we utilizing wood affected by the beetle? What new products or technologies have been developed to utilize this wood?
3. How is the mountain pine beetle affecting range lands in BC?
4. How are other provinces, such as Alberta, being impacted by the beetle and how are they mitigating their losses?

If you are interested in contributing an article to the March/April issue or have suggestions for potential topics or authors, contact the editor of BC Forest Professional magazine by December 14th.

Denise Leech  
Editor BC Forest Professional Magazine  
E-mail: [editor@abcfp.ca](mailto:editor@abcfp.ca)  
Tel: 604.639.8103

**The submission deadline for the March/April issue is January 4, 2008.**

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## 12. QUICKSCRIBE

Quickscribe Services is offering **free access** to its legislation services for all TFTs, FITs and FPs preparing to write the registration exam. This unique service enables the client to view detailed information about each legislative amendment and provides direct links to the affected section. Each section is displayed in an easy-to-read, colour-coded layout differentiating how the text reads now, and how it read just prior to the change.

Quickscribe also offers a convenient hard copy legislation manual which includes all of the pertinent legislation required for your study purposes. The special TFT, FIT, FP rate for purchasing the manual is \$69 (normally \$115). The student rate for the updating service is \$59 per year (normally \$99). There are typically 3 to 4 updates per year.

For more information about Quickscribe and their services visit their website at:

[www.quickscribe.bc.ca](http://www.quickscribe.bc.ca).

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## 13. NATIONAL FOREST WEEK ART CONTEST WINNERS

The ABCFP and the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) would like to thank all participants who submitted a picture for our art competition. There were several great submissions, but we have narrowed it down to one winner and two runner-ups for each age group. The winning pictures will be published in the January/ February issue of **BC Forest Professional**.

### **Ages 4-5**

Winner: Madison Van Will (daughter of Lisa Brown, RPF), Age 5, of Port McNeill, BC

First Runner-up: Keena O'Brien, Age 5, of Kamloops, BC

Second Runner-up: Drayden Tyrrell, Age 4, of Fort St. John, BC

### **Ages 6-8**

Winner: Madeline Wiebe, Age 6, of Lee Creek, BC

First Runner-up: Nigel Seggie, Age 6, of Naniamo, BC

Second Runner-up: Mishael Issel, Age 6, of Fruitvale, BC

### **Ages 9-12**

Winner: Yuki Nofle, Age 10, of Abbotsford, BC

First Runner-up: Kiev Guerin, Age 12, of Penticton, BC

Second Runner-up: Zachery Allemekinders, Age 10, of Campbell River, BC

Visit the Raising Our Profile page of the website to see the winning entries.

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## 14. VOLUNTARY PEER REVIEW & MANDATORY PRACTICE REVIEWS

The period of mandatory practice review (MPR) exemption has changed for members who have been reviewed in a voluntary peer review (VPR). They are now exempt for five instead of two years. This means that if a member is reviewed in a VPR every five years

he or she can remain exempt from being chosen for a MPR. For complete information, refer to the Voluntary Peer Review page on the website.

[Voluntary Peer Review](#)

If you are interested in volunteering to become a peer reviewer, please send a resume to:

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

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## 15. MANDATORY PRACTICE REVIEW PILOT PROGRAM

Five practice reviews will be carried out in 2008 as a pilot run of the program. Rather than choosing five lucky members at random, the ABCFP would like to have members volunteer for this pilot. If you are interested in improving your professional practice by completing an MPR, contact:

Brian Robinson, RPF  
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Visit the Practice Review page of the website for more information on this program:

[Practice Review](#)

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## 16. TRUCK LOGGERS ASSOCIATION 65TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXPO

The Truck Loggers Association (TLA) will hold its 65<sup>th</sup> convention and expo from January 15 to 18, 2008, at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The goal of the conference is to deliver insightful, useful information in a venue that creates dialogue amongst stakeholders, decision makers and benefactors of the coastal forest resource.

Registration and more information are available at [www.tla.ca](http://www.tla.ca).

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## 17. FOREST CLUB DEALS

Thinking of doing some traveling this winter? Make sure you check out the Forest Club for the following travel savings.

**Delta Hotels:** Delta Hotel & Suites are upscale, full-service hotels located across Canada. These hotels offer a wide variety of accommodations to suit everyone's distinctive needs. Discounted rates are available through the Forest Club.

**Cruise Plus:** Great deals on sun filled cruises to the Southern Caribbean, San Diego and Mexican Riviera, Panama Canal, and Hawaii! Book now and save on a trip of a lifetime.

**Avis and Budget:** In need of a vehicle rental while visiting? Avis and Budget have locations all across Canada, offering best daily rates to Forest Club members.

**Park n Fly:** Save up to 25% at the Vancouver International Airport the next time you are there. Your distinct discount code is available on the Forest Club site.

**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>

For purchasing instructions and for more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

[Affinity Programs](#)

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## 18. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 15 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

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## 19. 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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