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Dear ABCFP Member:

**The Increment** e-newsletter is published up to twice a month 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.

[www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)

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### 1. ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

At any time during the renewal period, members can logon to the website to see the status of their membership renewal and determine what, if anything, is outstanding.

#### **Membership Renewal:**

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

Memberships must be renewed by January 31, 2009 or you will be subject to administrative fees. **For members applying for a change in membership status, we must receive the completed applications by January 31<sup>st</sup> or administrative fees will apply.**

### **Aboriginal Members Have Opportunity to Self-Identify**

Because of the growing importance of Aboriginal issues in BC and due to the increase in the ABCFP's commitment to work closely with Aboriginal communities, we would like to discover how many of our members are of Aboriginal heritage. Members who are of Aboriginal heritage will have the opportunity to self-identify as such on this year's membership renewal form. The self-identification opportunity is entirely optional.

### **How Do I Renew My Membership?**

**Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs), transferring professional foresters, special permit holders and limited licence holders** must complete three steps to renew their membership:

**Step 1:** Submit your 2008 Self-Assessment Declaration or a Declaration of Non-Practise.

**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 visiting professional foresters** only need to complete two steps to renew their memberships 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.

All steps to renew your membership must be completed by **January 31, 2009** or you will be subject to administrative fees. If you haven't completed these steps by **March 31, 2009**, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

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

[Steps to Renew](#)

### **Download and Print Your Receipt and Membership Card**

Because many members require the receipt quickly so they can be reimbursed by their employers, we have made changes to our database to make it possible for you to get your receipt and membership card sooner by printing them directly instead of waiting for a receipt and membership card to come in the mail.

The system will be available by November 20<sup>th</sup>. As soon as it is ready, we will e-mail all members with instructions on how to print your receipts and membership cards. Please note that the ABCFP has discontinued the use of the annual decals. If necessary, your membership card can be used to prove current membership in the ABCFP.

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## **2. THE ABCFP IS MOVING**

The ABCFP is moving offices on November 21-22. Our telephone and Internet suppliers will be cutting off service at the old office on November 21 and moving it to the new office on November 22; therefore, members will not be able to reach the ABCFP staff on Friday November 21.

The following staff can be reached via cell phone:

Sharon Glover (CEO) 778.233.0623

Randy Trerise (registration) 778.233.8027

Mike Larock (professional practice and forest stewardship) 778.231.9572

Brian Robinson (professional development and member relations) 250.319.0367 or land line at 250.851.3185

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Amanda Brittain (communications) 778.233.1169

Conrad Malilay (registration) 778.388.4872

Our new address will be:

330 - 321 Water Street

Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

All email, fax and phone contact information will stay the same.

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### **3. EXAM RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The exam results will be available to exam candidates on Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Each exam candidate will receive an e-mail with a URL to the exam results. You need to click on the URL and login with your ABCFP logon name and password to see the webpage that contains only your mark. You will not have access to anyone else's results. Please visit the Getting Your Exam Results page of our website for details.

[Getting Your Exam Results](#)

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### **4. 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, 2008, 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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### **5. ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATIONS**

Sponsors must return completed annual evaluation forms for the period December 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008 to the association by **January 31, 2009**. 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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## 6. ENSURING THE COMPETENCY OF OUR MEMBERS

The ABCFP was instructed by the provincial government to implement a continuing competency program and we have done so. The final phase, practice reviews, was implemented in pilot form in 2008. Not only will practice reviews provide valuable information to members on how to improve their individual practices but they will also assure the public that ABCFP members are competent and ethical thus increasing the profile of the profession.

A practice review consists of a general review that looks at continuing competency, areas of practice related to competency, record maintenance, quality assurance and access to resources. If there are significant negative findings a more detailed technical review is carried out where samples of work product are examined. Although none of the pilot practice reviews required a technical review, two members volunteered for a technical review and no significant negative findings were discovered. For either type of review, the reviewer provides the reviewee with a list of significant negative findings, general comments, recommendations and items which require follow-up.

In the pilot reviews, a common item requiring improvement was that while members sign their professional work and provide their professional designation, many are not sealing or stamping all of their professional work as per Bylaw 10. Members must sign and seal/stamp all their professional work products. Inconvenience is the main reason for not sealing/stamping work. These results indicate that the ABCFP needs to develop an electronic signing and sealing policy.

Other practice review recommendations/findings include:

- Misunderstanding of how to properly complete the self-assessment (this has hopefully been rectified by revising and simplifying the process),
- Continuing education records need to be kept,
- Keep a record of verbal instructions, and
- Ensure there is adequate access to older work files.

In 2009, 10 applicable members will be randomly chosen for practice reviews and the ABCFP will carry out a few practice reviews on volunteers as well.

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## 7. CALL FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DEADLINE TODAY!

The association is now accepting council nominations from the membership at large. Elections will occur during December 2008 and January 2009. The 62<sup>nd</sup> council will take office in February 2009 at ExpoFor in Prince George.

There are three RPF positions and one vice-president position open for election. The following members have been nominated to run for council.

- Valerie LeMay, RPF – UBC Forestry
- Steve Lorimer, RPF – Timber West
- Andrea Lyall, RPF – Squamish Forest Service
- Kerry Rouck, RPF – Gorman Brothers
- Matt Wealick, RPF – Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Forestry Limited Partnership

Rick Brouwer, RPF, from Northwest Timberlands has agreed to stand for vice-president.

The nomination form is available on the Council Election page of the website and nominations are due at **4:30 pm on November 14, 2008.**

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## 8. FOREST TECHNOLOGIST TRANSITIONAL POLICY

The deadline for submitting a membership application under the Forest Technologist Transitional Policy is **November 30, 2008**. It is important to note that applications received by our office by November 30<sup>th</sup> that are considered incomplete will not be accepted under the terms of this policy.

If you, or someone you know, is a forest technician with no diploma or a technologist with an unrecognized diploma and at least five (5) years of work experience in forest technology, this is the **final** chance to take advantage of the transitional provisions under this policy.

To determine if you are eligible to apply for membership as a conditional RFT under the revised *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy*, please visit the following links:

- **Forest Technologist Transitional Policy Document** To read the entire forest technologist transitional policy, please visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **RFT Transitional Policy FAQs** We have included frequently asked questions about the *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy*, as an easy reference guide to some common questions about the policy. To view the frequently asked questions document, visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **Do You Qualify?** If you are not clear whether your work experience qualifies you to apply under any category, please check the guidelines on scope of practice for Registered Forest Technologists. To view this document visit the Policies and Guidelines page of the website: [Policies and Guidelines](#)
- **RFT Membership Application** If after reviewing these documents you are still uncertain whether you qualify, please submit a complete application and the ABCFP will review your credentials. To submit an application for membership as a conditional RFT, please complete the form and submit it to us by **November 30, 2008**. The application is available on Application Forms page of the website: [Application Forms](#)
- **General Routes of Entry** Visit the Routes of Entry page of the website, to find out general information of becoming a Registered Forest Technologist. [Routes of Entry](#)

If you are a **Ministry of Forests and Range or BC Timber Sales** employee, you should contact:

Tom Volkers, RPF  
E-mail: [Tom.Volkers@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tom.Volkers@gov.bc.ca)  
Ph: 250.674.1356

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## 9. FOREST TECHNOLOGIST LIMITED LICENSE

This temporary process is available to candidates who have a great deal of experience in a specific area of forest technology practice, but who don't meet the full scope of RFT practice requirements, to join the association while a permanent process is being developed. The Conditional Forest Technologist Limited Licence process sets out the guidelines that allow these technologists to join the ABCFP. The process is described on our website and we have posted a list of frequently asked questions to address the process:

[Conditional Forest Technologist Limited Licence: Frequently Asked Questions.](#) 

The deadline for submitting an application for Conditional Forest Technologist Limited License is **November 30, 2008**. It is important to note that applications received by our office by November 30<sup>th</sup> that are considered incomplete will not be accepted under the terms of this policy. The application is available on Application Forms page of the website: [Application Forms](#).

Visit the [Temporary Practice Permits](#) page (under the heading, Conditional Forest Technologist Limited License) for more information.

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## 10. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE TODAY!

Each year at ExpoFor, the ABCFP is pleased to present several awards to both members and non-members. You can nominate a worthy individual by visiting our website. **All nominations must be received by November 14, 2008.**

Members can be nominated for the following awards:

- Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year
- Distinguished Forest Professional
- Professional Forester of the Year and Forest Technologist of the Year.

Non-members can be nominated for the following awards:

- The ABCFP Honorary Membership
- The ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also pleased to present the following two awards jointly with fellow professional associations:

- The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management, sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC.
- The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence, sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

For details on how to make a nomination, go to the Awards Nomination page of the website.

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## 11. EXPOFOR 2009 ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

The ExpoFor website ([www.expofor.ca](http://www.expofor.ca)) is being continually updated with information about the program, sponsorship and exhibitors. Don't miss this more compact conference in beautiful Prince George! Online registration is now available. Please note

that if you are GST exempt, you are not able to register online. Please use the registration form that was included in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine.

[Online Registration](#)

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## 12. SAVE WHEN YOU HIT THE SLOPES THIS SKI-SEASON!

The Forest Club brings you the following winter deal on skiing.

- **Whistler/Blackcomb** – Save up to 25%  
World class resort with over 8,000 acres of skiable terrain  
Save up to 40% on rentals!
- **Silver Star**, Vernon – Save up to 15%  
Okanagan's best place for powder one hour from Kelowna
- **Big White**, Kelowna – Save up to 15%  
Offers 118 runs and five powder bowls.
- **Sun Peaks**, Kamloops - Save 15%  
Nearly 4,000 skiable acres of terrain.

**You must order online between October 1 – November 21.**

You will receive your ski tickets in the mail the last week of November.

[Forest Club Ski Deal](#)

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## 13. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently 9 career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

For more information, contact:

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## 14. QUESTIONS AND 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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## **15. UNSUBSCRIBE**

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