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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.

www.abcfp.ca

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1. CALL FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The association is now accepting council nominations from the membership-at-large. Elections will occur during December 2007 and January 2008. The 61st council will take office in February 2008 at ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton.

Current List of Nominations:

There are three openings for RPF seats and one opening for an RFT seat on the 61st ABCFP council. Here is the list of candidates the nominating committee has put together:

- Bev Atkins, RFT
- Donna Brochez, RFT
- Ian Emery, RFT
- John Walstrom, RFT
- Jacques Corstanje, RPF
- Christine Lohr, RPF
- Lance Ollenberger, RPF

Current council member, Jonathan Lok, RFT, has agreed to run for the position of vice-president.

The nomination form is available online and nominations are due at **4:30 pm on November 15, 2007**.

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2. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewal Notice:

The recently issued membership renewal notices sent to RPF members contained a typo. The fee description incorrectly stated "Annual *RFT* Membership Dues". It should have stated RPF. The fee amount stated on the notice is the correct amount for RPF membership dues. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Membership Renewal:

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

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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3. DETERMINE HOW TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF AN ELECTION OR BYLAW BALLOT

You can now choose how you receive notice of a council election or bylaw ballot--either in your mailbox or e-mail inbox. E-mail voting is faster and easier than a traditional mail ballot, but by default, your ballot will be mailed to you unless you change your notification.

Visit the Manage Your Mailings page of the website to change your notification method.

[Manage Your Mailings](#)

If you decide to receive your notification by e-mail, you will be required to cast your vote via the secure online balloting system. If you choose to receive your notification by mail, you will receive a mail ballot.

Visit the Voting page of the website for more information.

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4. 2007 REGISTRATION EXAM RESULTS

We will be sending the exam results to all examinees by e-mail starting in early November. If you have not received your marks by November 14th, 2007, please send an email to admissions@abcfp.ca or call 604-687-8027 and ask for the registration department. If there have been any changes to your contact information, please login to our website make the necessary changes.

[Login](#)

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5. FALL WORKSHOP ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

Online registration is now available for the 2007 Fall Professional Development Workshop. The theme for this year's workshop is Applying Professional Reliance under

FRPA. This workshop will address various questions about how professional reliance is supposed to work under FRPA. Workshop sessions will be co-facilitated by ABCFP, industry and Ministry of Forests and Range representatives.

Workshop Dates and Locations

Nanaimo – November 13th

Kamloops – November 20th

Web-cast (during Kamloops session) – November 20th

Prince George – November 22nd

For more information and to register online, visit the Workshops page of the website.

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6. PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR ABCFP 60TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

As you know, the ABCFP is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and we want to commemorate the occasion with a booklet. The booklet will be part of the January/February 2008 issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine.

In the booklet, we want to feature members because you deserve some recognition for all the great work you do every day! Each page of the booklet will have the photos of several members along with their quotes. The booklet will also feature some great photos of BC and factoids about the ABCFP.

We need your help! We are asking everyone to answer a few questions (at the bottom of this message) and send it back with a high-resolution photo. We need at least 100 members to participate in order to make this booklet a success. Please take a couple of minutes to answer the following questions by **November 2, 2007**.

1. Name:

2. Location:

3. Position:

4. Company:

5. Explain your job to a lay person?

6. What is your favorite thing about this job?

7. Why did you get into forestry?

Please send your response and high resolution photograph to:

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7. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS

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 15th**.

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 ABCFP Honorary Membership and the ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also proud to present two awards jointly with fellow professional associations. The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC. The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence is 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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8. REVISED CODE OF ETHICS GUIDELINE FOR INTERPETATION

The ABCFP Professional Practice Committee has revised the ABCFP Code of Ethics: Guidelines for Interpretation which is now posted as a discussion paper on our website. Visit the Papers & Reports page to review this discussion paper. Please provide your questions and comments to Mike Larock, RPF, director of professional practice and forest stewardship, by **November 30, 2007**.

[Papers & Reports](#)

The Professional Practice Committee would like to thank members who provided input on improving the Code of Ethics interpretive guide. This input was the main source for determining interpretive content. If you have any other questions please contact:

Mike Larock, RPF
Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship
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9. LAST CALL FOR FOREST CAPITAL NOMINATIONS

You have until **November 15, 2007** to 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.

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10. DO CUTTING PERMITS AND ROAD PERMITS HAVE TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED?

Cutting Permit (CP) and Road Permit (RP) applications themselves do not have to be signed and sealed by forest professionals because they are administrative documents and do not fall under the definition of the practice of professional forestry as defined in Section 1 of the *Foresters Act*. However, the ABCFP urges members who are submitting a CP or RP to sign and seal them as a sign of professionalism and quality work. Members are reminded that they are accountable for the work they produce regardless of whether it is signed and/or sealed.

Plans, maps, assessments or work to support CPs and RPs are products of professional forestry work and do constitute the practice of professional forestry and therefore must be signed and sealed by a forest professional.

Appraisal data must be completed and submitted by a forest professional. The ABCFP supports the use of the Ministry of Forests and Range's electronic submission system for appraisals and members are cautioned to protect their login information because it is recognized as their electronic seal (only forest professionals are given the ability to submit appraisal data). For more information contact:

Mike Larock, RPF
Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship
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11. EXPOFOR 2008 UPDATES

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

Check out the New ExpoFor Website

The ABCFP forestry conference and annual general meeting, ExpoFor, was rebranded in 2005 and now has a new website and logo to continue the branding initiative. Visit the site often for up-to-date information on all things ExpoFor.

Website: www.expofor.ca

Register Early for ExpoFor 2008

The November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** features the ExpoFor 2008 registration brochure and will be mailed to you during the first week of November. Online registration will also be available in November. You can save up to \$125 by registering early. Visit the Registration page of the ExpoFor website for more information.

[Registration](#)

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to fill a number of positions such as registration clerks, rapporteurs and public forum hosts. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Amanda Brittain by **November 1, 2007**.

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Poster Sessions

Members with interesting case studies or research projects will want to submit posters for ExpoFor's poster display. A special area of the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre has been set aside to display posters depicting both members' and non-members' work. More information will be available on the Schedule of Events page of the ExpoFor website in early November.

[Schedule of Events](#)

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12. FOREST MEASUREMENTS SPECIALISTS TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

The ABCFP will be going through the process of bringing in Accredited Timber Evaluators and Accredited Timber Cruisers as administered by the Forest Measurements Registration Board, into the ABCFP as associate members. This process includes council resolutions and members approving appropriate bylaws. The association will also investigate the feasibility of bringing other types of Forest Measurements Specialists as associate members. Stay tuned.

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13. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club affinity program provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. Save up to 25% off lift passes for the 2007/2008 ski season at the following resorts. The deadline to purchase tickets is **November 15th** and they will be mailed out by the end of November. These lift passes can be used anytime during the 2007/2008 season.

Whistler Blackcomb – World class resort with over 8,000 acres of skiable terrain!

Big White (Kelowna) – 118 runs and five powder bowls.

Silver Star (Vernon) – Okanagan's best place for powder one hour from Kelowna.

Sun Peaks (Kamloops) – Nearly 4,000 skiable acres of terrain.

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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14. CALL FOR SPONSORS

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 Forester Program).

Consider sponsoring enrolled members to help them reach their goal of becoming forest professionals. You can be a sponsor 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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15. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently eight 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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17. UNSUBSCRIBE

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