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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.

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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 2008 and January 2009. The 62<sup>nd</sup> council will take office in February 2009 at ExpoFor in Prince George.

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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## 2. BYLAW BALLOT NOW OPEN

Council has approved in principle a number of changes to the ABCFP bylaws. These changes range from minor housekeeping revisions to more significant amendments. Members must ratify these changes in a bylaw ballot which is now open until October 2, 2008. Members will be given the opportunity to vote on each bylaw separately. In order to ratify the changes, each bylaw must earn two-thirds (66%) of the votes. Information on the changes to each bylaw is now available on the Bylaw Package page of the website. Please note that the wording in this document is not perfect. You are being asked to vote on the intent of the bylaw rather than on each word.

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## 3. REGISTRATION EXAM NEWS

The countdown is on. Only three weeks left before the 2008 registration exams are held on October 3, 2008, around the province. Good luck to this year's exam candidates!

All examinees should have received an e-mail earlier this month notifying them of their assigned exam writing locations. If you did not receive this notice, please contact the registration department immediately. The locations of the 2008 registration exams are also available on our website.

[Registration Exam Locations](#)

**Exam Rules** Before writing the exam, carefully read the Registration Exam Rules available on our website.

[Registration Exam Rules \(pdf\)](#)

**Arrive Early** Registration exams will start promptly at 9 am in all locations. Make sure you arrive 20 to 30 minutes early for check in and bring at least one piece of photo ID.

If you have any questions or concerns about the 2008 registration exams please contact the registration department.

Registration Department

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#### **4. NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION REGARDING HIGH-RETENTION HARVESTING**

The ABCFP council has approved a Notice to the Profession regarding high-retention harvesting prescriptions on the coast of BC. A Notice to the Profession is a specific communication on matters of immediate and urgent importance to members regarding the profession or the practice of professional forestry. A Notice to the Profession is not necessarily a standard or guideline and does not serve to identify a particular treatment or approach as a standard of care. The Notice does draw much needed attention to an issue to promote high quality professional work and advance the public trust in the practice of professional forestry. The notice identifies existing guidance to members and draws a specific connection to the application of the guidance in high-retention harvesting situations.

The documents below were produced by the Professional Practice Committee with the assistance of other members.

[Notice to the Profession Regarding High Retention](#)

[Professional Quality Rationale and Commitments](#)

[Statement of Restricted Endorsement of Technical Expertise](#)

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#### **5. YOU GAVE US YOUR INPUT ON THE SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND WE LISTENED**

A revised self-assessment process has been reviewed by the Continuing Competency Committee and by October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the ABCFP will have a simplified self-assessment process. Here are some highlights of the proposed changes:

1. Applicable members will answer a series of questions to determine if they do practise professional forestry.
2. If applicable members do not practise professional forestry **at all**, they do not need to complete a self-assessment but must make a declaration that they do not engage in professional practice.
3. If applicable members do practise professional forestry, they must complete a self-assessment and make a declaration, as before.
4. The self-assessment will be composed of two tables: Table 1 has competency related questions and Table 2 is a professional development plan. The old process had five different tables.
5. There are now 20 questions to answer instead of 33.

Watch the website for more details in early October 2008. For more information, contact:

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## 6. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All three 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.

### How Do I Renew My Membership?

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

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

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership beginning in early October 2008.

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## 7. FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

This workshop explores the broad definition of professional reliance, professional reliance relative to forest legislation, how it compares to professional deference and how it is related to professional accountability. Participants will have a chance to discuss local professional reliance issues and engage in dialogue about how professional reliance should work so the public and peers have confidence in the judgment and advice of resource professionals.

The Fall Professional Development Workshop will be held in the following communities.

September 30 - Kamloops	October 21 - Campbell River
October 6 - Prince Rupert	October 22 - Nanaimo
October 7 - Terrace	October 22 - Quesnel
October 8 - Dawson Creek	October 23 - Victoria
October 8 - Smithers	October 27 - Castlegar
October 9 - Chetwynd	October 27 - Revelstoke
October 9 - Houston	October 28 - Nelson
October 10 - Fort St. John	October 28 - Salmon Arm
October 14 - Prince George	October 29 - Cranbrook
October 15 - Fort St. James	October 29 - Vernon
October 16 - Vanderhoof	October 30 - Merritt
October 17 - Burns Lake	November 4 - Powell River
October 20 - Port McNeill	November 4 - Chilliwack
October 20 - 100 Mile House	November 13 - Burnaby
October 21 - Williams Lake	November 14 - Squamish

For more information and to register by mail, fax or online, visit the Workshops page of the website.

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## **8. NEW APPRAISAL ISSUE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE**

The professional practice in appraisals and cruising task force has posted another issue paper on the website. This paper deals with competence and appraisals and is available on the PPAC Task Force page of the website.

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## **9. ABCFP JOINS MINISTER BELL FOR JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS PRESENTATION**

The ABCFP asked the government for funding for the Junior Forest Wardens (JFW) and, as a result, was very pleased to take part in the funding announcement today (September 16, 2008). ABCFP CEO Sharon Glover joined Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range, and a group of Junior Forest Wardens in Stanley Park to plant a ceremonial tree close to the 1931 JFW tree. Minister Bell announced the \$100,000 in funding for the Junior Forest Wardens to help them reestablish and expand the program. See the Discussion Forum for photos from the September 16<sup>th</sup> event.

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## **10. NEW RADIO AD HITS THE AIRWAVES NEXT WEEK**

The ABCFP is running a new radio ad on the following stations during National Forest Week (September 21 to 28, 2008).

- Sun FM           Penticton/Oliver/Osoyoos/Kelowna/Vernon/Enderby/  
Duncan/Cowichan Valley/Vancouver
- The Port 1240 Port Hardy/Port McNeill/Port Alice
- Magic 1280     Powell River
- Ride 1280      Campbell River/Gold River
- JET FM         Courtney/Comox
- Mountain FM   Nelson/Castlegar/Trail/Grand Forks
- 94 X            Prince George/Vanderhoof/Fort St. James/Fraser Lake
- The Wolf       Prince George/Quesnel/Williams Lake/100 Mile House
- The Peak       Smithers/Burns Lake/Houston
- The Max        Quesnel/Williams Lake/100 Mile House

Check out the website next week to hear the ad.

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## 11. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2009 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your town and nominate your community to be the 2009 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.

**Nomination Deadline: November 14, 2008.** The winning community will be announced in December 2008 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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## 12. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The editorial board is looking for new members. If you would like to have the opportunity to provide advice and guidance on the content and production of **BC Forest Professional** magazine, please send a letter of interest to the editor.

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[Editorial Board Terms of Reference](#)

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## 13. FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF BC AGM

The 2008 annual meeting of the Forest History Association of BC will be held on Saturday September 27, 2008 at the West Coast Railroad Heritage Park in Squamish (39645 Government Road).

- 11 am Business meeting
- 12 noon lunch (\$10-15)
- 1 pm Program including 75 years of the woodfibre pulp mill; Whistler forest history project; Squamish valley forest industry heritage activities (slide show and short film)

For Vancouver Island members who wish to attend the meeting, carpooling from Horseshoe Bay can be arranged for those taking the 8:30 am sailing from Departure Bay. The meeting will end in time for Island members to catch the 5:20 pm sailing from Horseshoe Bay.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Stan Chester or John Parminter by September 24, 2008.

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#### 14. 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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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 pleased 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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#### 15. WHAT'S NEW ON THE DISCUSSION FORUM

Join the ABCFP Discussion Forum before **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** and you could win a free registration to the Fall Workshop of your choice. Also, each month between September and December one lucky discussion forum member will win an ABCFP logo wear prize pack.

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#### 16. 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 12 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](#)

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### **17. 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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