

Discipline Case: 2010-02

Subject Member: Registered Forest Technologist (name withheld)

Referred to: Complaints Resolution Committee

Date of Decision: May 2010

Allegations

This case resulted from a complaint from an ABCFP member about the conduct a fellow ABCFP member. The complaint alleges that the subject member:

1. Submitted cruise data for plots not established in the field.
2. Billed for plots that were not established in the field.
3. Was involved in the forgery and unethical manipulation of cruise data.

The complainant felt that the subject members engaged in conduct unbecoming a member and may have contravened the following bylaws:

11.4.4 Not to misrepresent facts.

11.4.5 To sign and seal professional documents only in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 10 and any other bylaws and resolutions pertaining to the signature and sealing of professional documents.

11.5.1 To act conscientiously and diligently in providing professional services.

12.4.1 Members, in private life, professional practice, or outside professional activities, always conduct themselves honourably and in ways which sustain and enhance their professional integrity and the integrity of the profession as a whole.

Decision

The complaint was withdrawn by the complainant. The complainant and the subject member were able to meet and develop a settlement to this dispute after engaging other parties to help in the settlement. It was agreed that the errors made were as the result of the actions of a non-member and these actions were not condoned by the subject member. A letter outlining the settlement was sent to the ABCFP. As part of the settlement the subject member has agreed to:

1. Do a thorough review of due diligence and quality control procedures.
2. Develop a plan to implement acceptable due diligence and quality control procedures.

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3. Implement these procedures by June 30, 2010.
4. Request a practice audit from the ABCFP to identify opportunities for improvement and provide the subject member with a better understanding of the requirements of the *Foresters Act* and the ABCFP bylaws.