

RANDOM PLOTS

NEWSLETTER of the NC STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

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Board Web Page

The web page for the State Board of Registration for Foresters is now up and running. Thanks to the work of Craig Clarke (RF #909), RFs can access various forms, an updated roster, registration information, past newsletters, Board member information, and exam information at this site:

<http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>

E-mail address ncbrf@aol.com

We invite all RFs to take advantage of this service.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REMINDER

The Board wants to remind all registered foresters of the CFE requirements necessary to maintain their current registration.

Section 89B-11-(b) of House Bill 577 states that The Board shall require registered foresters to attend continuing education courses approved by the Board, not to exceed 12 hours per year, as a condition of renewal.

Rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester have at least 10 hours of CFE per year (6 SAF category 1, & 4 SAF cat. 1, 2, 3, or 4), beginning the fiscal year July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001. All retired foresters wishing to remain on registered status must have at least 3 credit hours per year. RF's will be required to certify their CFE's when they renew their application. Any CFE's earned prior to July 1, 2000, will not be acceptable to be used towards the June 30, 2001 requirements.

A copy of the CFE Contact Hours Notice MUST be submitted with your registration renewal.

Information concerning organizations and/or agencies that offer continuing education opportunities in North Carolina is included in this newsletter.

Board Affirms Code of Ethics

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Registration affirmed the use of the Code of Ethics adopted by the SAF in 1976 as the code that is to serve as guidance for the conduct of registered foresters. Rules initially written by the Board selected the SAF Code of Ethics by reference. The SAF rewrote its Code of Ethics and this new version was adopted by the SAF membership in the fall of 2000. After reviewing the new SAF Code of Ethics it was the unanimous decision of the Board to specifically adopt the 1976 version of the SAF Code of Ethics. Chairman Walden will initiate rule-making procedures to codify this action. Registered foresters and the general public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule change prior to its becoming permanent.

New Registrants

Since September 2000, there have been 24 registered foresters added to the roster. The new RFs are:

Brian J. Spencer #1416
Jeffery L. Zimmer #1417
L. William Conrad #1418
Roger D. Stallard #1419
Regina Dameron #1420
Alfred B. Crouch #1421
Kelly M. Duffield #1422
William G. Meacham #1423
Timothy W. Tabak #1424
Matthew J. Barker #1425
Thomas B. Barrett #1426
K. Wilson Faquin #1427
David O. Halley #1428
Charles M. Little #1429
Howard B. Wright #1430
Gregory M. Hicks #1431
Brian L. Yeich #1432
Jeffrey N. Burleson #1433
Dennis K. Register #1434
Douglas A. Wassum #1435
Jeremy S. Brinkley #1436
Rodney B. Buchanan #1437
Christopher E. Smith #1438
Daniel K. Perkins #1439

Forester Examinations

Effective January 1, 1999, House Bill 577 requires that all individuals applying for registration pass the Forester Exam.

All graduates with a bachelors or higher degree in a forestry curriculum from a school or college of forestry approved by the Board must pass a one-part comprehensive written open-book examination, and must complete two or more years' experience in forestry.

Those individuals who do not have a bachelors or higher degree from an approved school of forestry must pass a two-part exam, and must have six or more years of active practice in forestry work immediately prior to the application. The first part of the exam is a closed book exam designed to show knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry in a university or college approved by the Board. The second part is identical to the open-book exam administered to the forestry school graduates, testing practical applications required in the field of forestry. Only those people with a completed application on file with the State Board of Registration for Foresters may sit for the exam.

The Board offers the examinations twice a year. The most recent examination was offered on March 1, 2001 in Kinston. **The next examination is scheduled for October 19, 2001 in Winston-Salem.**

Board Meetings

The State Board of Registration meets quarterly to conduct its business. Meetings are usually held in March, June, September, and December. Dates of Board meetings are posted on the website.

The next Board meeting is June 5, 2001.

New Board Members

The final terms of Board members Rick Hamilton and Jack Rich expired in June 2000. Their contributions and leadership were particularly valuable during the transition period of the new Registration Act. Both Hamilton and Rich were presented with service awards at the December 2000 Board meeting.

The two new members joining the Board are Dr. Richard R. Braham and Clifford R. Lewis. Both attended their first Board meeting in September 2000.

Richard Braham brings a solid educational background to the registration board. He earned a B.S. in forestry in 1973, and an M.S. in forestry in 1975, both from the University of Michigan. Recognizing the long-term importance of forestry in the South, he moved to North Carolina in 1976, and earned a Ph.D. in forestry from North Carolina State University in 1982. Richard has been on the faculty at NC State since 1978, where he teaches several courses in dendrology and a forestry survey course for non-majors. He also teaches the forest communities course at forestry summer camp. He directs the undergraduate scholarship program in the Department of Forestry, and has served as major professor for about a dozen Master's graduate students, who completed projects ranging from the restoration of longleaf pine to the conservation of an endangered shrub. Richard also works as a private consultant, preparing the plant and vegetation sections of environmental impact statements. He is currently working on a new edition of the tree manual, North American Trees. In addition to being a Registered Forester, he is a Professional Wetland Scientist (#1009). Richard and his wife Anne Margaret [also a registered forester] live in Wake County, where they enjoy tending their fruit trees and vegetable garden.

Cliff Lewis is a native of West Point, Virginia. He received a B.A. in History from Haverford College in 1975 and a M.S. in Forestry from North Carolina State University in 1979. He is president and owner of Piedmont Forestry Consultants, Inc., which is located in Winston-Salem, NC. He is a past president of the NC Society of Consulting Foresters and is currently a candidate member of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF). He is a member of the North Carolina Forestry Association, the Forest Landowners Association, and is active in the Piedmont Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). He and his wife, Leslie, have two children and live in Lewisville, NC. The election of officers was held at the September 9, 2000, meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Derryl L. Walden, RF # 705 would serve as Chairman, Dr. Richard Braham, RF# 833, Vice Chairman, and Clifford Lewis, RF#474, Secretary/Treasurer. Other members include Larry H. Harris, RF # 971, and Lucious Hawkins, member at large.

The Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF)

The NC Board of Registration for Foresters will host the 2001 ASBORF annual meeting. The meeting will be held in Asheville, NC on May 21-22, 2001. Along with the standard business meeting and individual state reports, a field trip to the Cradle of Forestry is scheduled.

ASBORF is a "Board of Boards" formed in 1992, in an effort to promote the discussion of ideas of mutual interest concerning forestry licensing/registration that transcend state boundaries. It is intended to promote, when possible, uniformity among individual Boards and to assist in the investigation and conviction of persons who challenge the laws of one or more states by conducting interstate activities. ASBORF includes the State Boards of Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina and Alabama. The Chairman of ASBORF for 2000/2001 is Don Handley, (S.C.), Marvin Taylor, (Miss.) is Vice-Chairman, and Frank Roth, (Ark.), holds the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Update of Urban Foresters

Due to the increased role and activity of urban foresters in North Carolina communities, the Board felt the need to inform county and city governments of our state's Forestry Registration Act. The following article prepared by Chairman Derryl Walden has been sent to the NC League of Municipalities.

"Urban Forestry - A Good Idea, But..."

Many cities and towns in North Carolina are realizing the increased values added to their communities, both environmentally and aesthetically, by having an active urban forestry program. There are numerous benefits provided by having a professional urban forester on staff to manage the wise and prudent use of trees for a multitude of purposes.

However, one issue that needs to be considered before filling such a position is the state law requiring that in order for anyone to use the title of "forester", urban or otherwise, the individual must become registered by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters. To use the title "Urban Forester" without meeting all legal requirements and being duly registered by the Board is a violation of state law G.S. 89 B-1.

Since the law is only a title act, not a practices act, it does not prevent a non-registered individual from participating in an urban forestry program if the position uses a title such as arborist or horticulturist rather than forester.

For further information, you may contact the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters at P.O. Box 27393, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, by phone at (919) 772-5883, or by e-mail at ncbrf@aol.com.

Derryl Walden

Chairman

NC Board of Registration for Foresters

Continuing Education Opportunities For Natural Resource Professionals

N. C. Society of American Foresters

CFE Contact -Ron Myers 2411 Old U.S. Hwy. 70 W., Clayton, NC 27520, phone: (919) 553-6178, fax: (919) 553-4486, email: ron.myers@ncmail.net

North Carolina State University: - Director, Forestry Educational Outreach Program, NCSU Box 8003, Raleigh, NC 27695-8003, phone: (919) 515-3184, fax: (919) 515-6883,

Homepage: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop>

Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) - North Carolina Chapter

PO Box 18742 Raleigh, NC 27619, phone: (919) 782-7022

Forest Landowners Association - Ronald M. Bost, North Carolina Coordinator, 8137 Luckey Point Rd., Denver, NC 28037, phone: (704)-483-3767, fax: (704) 483-8285, email: rmhost@aol.com

N. C. Forestry Association -, 1600 Glenwood Ave., Suite I, Raleigh, NC 27608, phone: (919) 834-3943, fax: (919) 832-6188,

web address: <http://www.ncforestry.org>

N. C. Division of Forest Resources - A list of Division training sessions available to non-DFR foresters is be posted on the Division's web page:

<http://www.dfr.state.nc.us>

The Board welcomes any comments or suggestions that you may have regarding the administration of the registration law.

We want to encourage all Registered Foresters to be advocates for a strong forestry profession.

If the Board or its members can be of assistance, please contact them directly or through the Board office.