

NEWSLETTER of the N. C. STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

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Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2003. To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of \$30.00 (thirty dollars). The Board must receive your registration renewal NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2003.

Failure to submit your renewal form could result in a suspension of your registration.

Continuing Education Requirements

Board rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester obtain **at least 10 hours of CE's per year** (6 SAF category 1, & 4 SAF cat. 1, 2, 3, or 4) during the fiscal year July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003. All retired foresters wishing to remain registered must obtain at least 3 credit hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CE credits when they renew their application annually**. Any CE's earned prior to July 1, 2002 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2003 requirements.

Failure to obtain the necessary credit hours will result in the Board's refusal to renew the RF's registration until the required hours are "made up", at the rate of 10 CE's per year missed. A late fee of \$2.50/month will also be assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. However, the RF will have the option to become "Re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the Forester's exam(s).

CFE Activity Report

A copy of the CFE Activity Report is included with this newsletter. Please list the programs attended, the sponsoring organization, date(s) attended, number of contact hours, and the SAF category (1-4) where designated on the form. <u>You must attach of a copy of the CFE</u> <u>Certificates (Category 1 Hours Only)</u> for each Continuing Education course you attended. Individuals must retain copies of all documentation for a period of <u>two years</u> in the event of an AUDIT by the Board.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CE credit hours may wish to check out the Board website (HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/) for more information on programs being offered. Additional links with information on available programs throughout the South are also listed on the site.

Examination Results

The examination for registration was held in February 20, 2003 in Greenville. The results of the examinations are:

	Pass	Fail
Level I	0	3
Level II:	4	0

To become registered all graduates with a bachelor's or higher degree in a forestry curriculum from a school or college of forestry approved by the Board must pass the comprehensive Level II examination.

Individuals that do not have a bachelor's or higher degree from an approved school of forestry must pass both the Level I and Level II examinations. The Level I examination 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.

<u>The Association of Southeastern Boards</u> of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF)

The annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) will be held in Auburn, AL June 19-20, 2003.

ASBORF is a "Board of Boards" formed in 1992, to promote the discussion of ideas of mutual interest concerning forestry licensing/registration that transcend state boundaries. Among the topics to be discussed at the meeting is the SAF Certified Forester program and the implications / impact on state registration programs.

New Registrants

Since January 2003, 11 individuals have earned their forester registration. They are:

Charles S. Armstrong, Jr.	#1493
Sterling A. Brothers	#1494
Daniel P. Ferral	#1495
Kevin S. Fowler	#1496
Gregory L. Hewett	#1497
Jennifer L. Johnson	#1498
Justin S. McMillan	#1499
Christopher P. Manus	#1500
Keri L. Yankus	#1501
John H. Newton	#1502
James C. Stewart	#1503

Of the 11 new registrants, 4 satisfied the examination requirement and 7 were registered by reciprocity with other states.

Additionally, Matthew B. Krawiec, RF 1283 of Duncan, SC and Kevin R. McCormack, RF 692 of Franklin, VA reactivated their registrations that had lapsed.

Enforcement Action

The Board has taken the following action concerning complaints filed since January:

John Ray Callaway (Sanford, NC)

Mr. Callaway represented himself as a forester in some business solicitations/advertisements. The Board notified him that he was in violation of the Forester Registration Act. Mr. Callaway acknowledged the error and said he would take steps to correct it.

Schedule of Events

The next meeting of the N. C. State Board of Registration for Foresters will be held on June 12, 2003 at Laurel Springs, NC.

The next examination for registration (Levels I and II) will be offered on September 5, 2003 in Morganton, NC.