



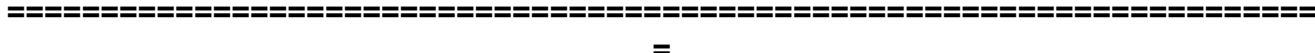
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Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2005. To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of **\$40.00** (forty dollars). The Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2005.**

Failure to submit your renewal form will result in the suspension of your registration.

Continuing Education Requirements

Board rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester obtain **at least 10 hours of CEs per year.** At least six CE credits must be SAF category 1. The remaining four credits can be SAF category. 1, 2, 3, or 4. These credits must be earned during the fiscal year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005. 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 CEs earned prior to July 1, 2004 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2005 requirements.

Failure to obtain the necessary credit hours will result in loss of your registration until the required hours are satisfied. A late fee of

\$3.25/month (maximum of \$40.00) will also be assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. However, the RF has the option to become "re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the registration 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. You must attach a copy of the CFE Certificates for all Category 1 Hours for each Continuing Education course you attended. CFE Certificates are **NOT** required for CFEs credits earned in Categories 2, 3, or 4. Individuals must retain copies of all documentation for a period of two years in the event of an AUDIT by the Board.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CE credit hours may wish to check the Board website ([HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/](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.

Board Member Steps Down

Larry Harris, RF # 971, will leave the Board of Registration when his current term expires June 30, 2005. Harris has served on the Board since October 1998 when he was named to fill the un-expired term of Sam Hughes. Harris was reappointed twice, first in 1999 and again in 2002. He has served as Chairman of the Board since July 2001.

Harris is the last of the current Board members to have served during the transition period when the Forest Registration Act became mandatory in January 1999. Harris' has been instrumental in leading the Board's recent review of the Act and the development of the Registration White Paper.

Chairman's Farewell

As my term as Chairman of the Board of Registration winds down, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve our profession. It has truly been an honor, and has especially been an honor to serve with all board members, past and present, with whom I have had the opportunity to work. You can rest assured that each and every member that I have worked with has been conscientious in making decisions that promote the professionalism of forestry and ultimately the health of our great resource. The diversity of the board has helped to insure that each area of forestry within the state is represented.

Working with the current registration law has not been without its challenges. The vast majority of the complaints have been about individuals who are not registered foresters and over whom the board has very little jurisdiction except to threaten with a criminal action. Quite often the general public sees these people as "foresters" and so goes the reputation of the profession. For the most part, the fact that we have issued so few reprimands and/or probations to registered foresters is testimony of the professionalism of which you can be proud.

In the coming months, you will probably have the opportunity to voice your opinions on changing the current law. I hope that you will

give serious thought as to how you want your profession to be governed and make it the best that it can be.

Larry Harris

Tate Appointed to Board

Governor Mike Easley has appointed Charles L. Tate, Jr. of Lake Waccamaw to the Board of Registration for Foresters. Tate will assume his responsibilities on July 1, 2005. His term will expire June 30, 2008.

New Registrants

Since February, 15 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

Chadwick Brandon	#1551
Cecil Comalander, Jr.	#1552
Gerald L. Corley	#1553
Warren L. Duncan	#1554
Brent Gearhart	#1555
Steven J. Grindley	#1556
John B. Hane	#1557
Justin R. Hilton	#1558
Timothy J. Howell	#1559
Jeremy A. Kessinger	#1560
Tracy A. Knight	#1561
William F. Milliken II	#1562
Brian E. Rogers	#1563
Richard P. Sanders	#1564
Sally W. Tucker	#1565

Four of the individuals obtained their registration through examination. Eleven were granted registration by reciprocity (all with South Carolina).

Forester Examinations

The most recent examination for registration was given on February 22, 2005 in Kinston. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Pre-Qualifying (Level I)	0	2
Qualifying (Level II)	7	12

To become registered, all graduates with a forestry degree from a SAF-accredited school must pass the comprehensive Qualifying Examination.

Individuals without a forestry degree must pass both the Pre-Qualifying (Level I) and Qualifying (Level II) Examinations. The Pre-Qualifying examination is a closed book exam designed to test the knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry.

The Board offers both examinations twice a year. The examination will be offered next on August 29, 2005 in Morganton, NC.

Complaints

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

Tony Brown (Mt. Pleasant, NC)

Mr. Brown, a procurement specialist with Piedmont Hardwood Lumber Company, was representing himself as a forester without being registered. The Board notified both Mr. Brown and his employer that he was in violation of the Forester Registration Act and requested that he stop representing himself as a forester. Mr. Brown and Joe Stirewalt, President of Piedmont Hardwood Lumber Company acknowledged the error and have taken corrective action.

Kevin Carroll (Pikeville, NC)

While conducting business as "Carroll Wood – Reforestation (sic) Specialist", Mr. Carroll also represented himself as a "Procurement Forester" without being registered. The Board notified Mr. Carroll that he was in violation of the Forester Registration Act and requested that he stop representing himself as a forester. Mr. Carroll acknowledged the error and stated he would take corrective action.

The Board requests that all RFs be alert to violations of the registration law and report any infractions to the Board. The Board can only take action when a complaint is filed. The registration law must be fully and fairly enforced if it is to be effective.

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

CFE Audit Completed

The results of the first wide-scale audit of CFE credits attest to the professionalism and integrity of registered foresters. The Board completed its first audit of continuing education classes attended by registered foresters by cross referencing the attendance sheets submitted with registration renewals with the attendance records provided by the course administrators. Five courses sponsored by a variety of organizations were audited. The Board found 100% compliance. All Registered Foresters who claimed CFE credits for the audited courses had attended them.

At a time when honesty and integrity seem to be absent, whether it is the boardroom or the classroom, it is encouraging to know that ethical professionals are managing our forests.

Christmas in June

Item of Interest: Earl Deal, a former, now retired Registered Forester and retired professor in Forestry Extension at NC State University was selected by the National Christmas Tree Association to provide the 2005 White House Christmas Tree. The 18.5 foot Fraser Fir was grown on his tree farm in Alleghany County and will be presented to Mrs. Bush on the 5th of December.

Electronic Mailings

The Board will continue its practice of distributing information when possible to registered foresters via e-mail rather than postal mailings. Because this newsletter

contains information concerning your registration renewal, the Board is required to send notification via First Class mail.

The Board investigated the possibility of on-line renewals, but it is not feasible at this point. Application and renewal forms are available on-line, but they must be submitted in person or by mail.

2005 ASBORF Meeting

Board members Mike Thompson (who serves as ASBORF Secretary-Treasurer) and Richard Braham (who serves as ASBORF Vice-Chairman) attended the 2005 meeting of Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) that was held in Little Rock, Arkansas on May 9-10th. Discussions focused on reciprocity agreements among member states and proposed revisions in CFE guidelines.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Board schedules regular quarterly meetings in January, April, July, and October. Dates of Board meetings are posted on the website. The next Board meeting will be on July 12, 2005 in Lewisville.

The Koch's Corner **(Your Help Helps Me)**

Below is a checklist for the renewal information that you are sending in.

- Fill out all of your personal and business information legibly and completely and **Hi-Lite** any changes;
- Fill out your Continuing Information Form;
- Send in all Category 1 CFE contact notice forms;
- Submit \$40.00 payment. Checks should be made payable to "State Board of Registration for Foresters". Please **DO NOT** send cash.

Please do not send information unless you have all of your CFE's. CFE credit reports

should **ONLY** be submitted with your registration renewal. Please do not send them individually.

If you have questions, please call (919)-847-5441 or email me at NCBRF@aol.com. I will respond to you within one business day.

Thanks. *Sara Koch*

Board Web Page

The web site of the State Board of Registration for Foresters provides RFs with instant access to various forms, current roster, registration information, past newsletters, Board member information, exam information, and continuing education opportunities.

<http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>
E-mail address: ncbrf@aol.com

We encourage all RFs to take advantage of this service.

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