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Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2007. To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of **\$40.00. Checks should be made payable to "State Board of Registration for Foresters"**. Please **DO NOT** send cash. The Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2007**.

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

Continuing Education Requirements

Registered Foresters who do not have "retired" status must 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, 2006-June 30, 2007. Retired foresters who want to remain registered must obtain at least 3 credit hours per year. **RFs are required to submit their CE credits when they renew their registration.** Any CEs earned prior to July 1, 2006 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2007 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 of 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. You must retain copies of all documentation for a period of two years in the event of an AUDIT by the Board.

Please do not send information unless you have all of your CFEs. CFE credit reports should **ONLY** be submitted with your registration renewal. Please do not send them individually.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CE credit hours may wish to check the Board website (<http://ncbrf.org/>) for more information on programs being offered. Additional links with information on available programs throughout the South are also listed on the site.

Registration Renewal and CFE Activity Report forms are also available at the website (<http://ncbrf.org/renew.htm>).

Chairman's Corner

It is renewal time again for Registered Foresters and as it approaches so does the end of my second term on the Board. Serving on the Board for the past six years, the last two as Chairman, has been an honor for me. The Board members that I have served with have been dedicated to the Board's business, the forestry profession, and the citizens of our state. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with each one of them. I have communicated with many Registered Foresters that shared their concern about those individuals misrepresenting themselves as foresters and improperly practicing forestry.

You as Registered Foresters have an opportunity in your career as foresters to positively impact and influence many people, both landowners and citizens. Grasp that opportunity with vigor and if you get the chance to serve on this Board I urge you to take it. It will be additional work on top of everything else you have to do but it will be greatly rewarding and satisfying. Take care and may God bless you in your life's efforts.

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Mike Thompson, RF # 471

Editor's Corner

Would Your Mother be Proud?

These are some of the most significant words I have heard lately. If my Mom is proud, then I've probably done something good. If she is ashamed of me, then I have not lived up to her or my expectations.

At a recent Board meeting, we heard second-hand of a situation where a Registered Forester received a copy of a CFE Contact Hour Notice for a workshop that he did not attend. I suspect that this individual's mother would be ashamed of him for such unethical behavior. Continuing Forestry Education is an integral part of being a Registered Forester. That's how we stay educated and up to date on new developments in

Forestry (Canon #2 below in our Code of Ethics).

We are all obliged to abide by our Code of Ethics, and I certainly hope that this was an isolated case of abuse. Please help us police ourselves. If you are aware of such a dishonest act, please be sure to report it to the Board (Canon #16).

Sincerely,

Steve McKeand, RF # 1246

North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters Code of Ethics

All Registered Foresters agree to abide by this Code as a condition of registration. This code will be used by the State Board of Registration for Foresters to help govern its decisions in adjudicating flagrant misconduct in the practice of forestry under G.S. 89B-13.

CANONS - full list is available at <http://ncbrf.org/laws.htm>

1. A Registered Forester will advocate and practice land management consistent with ecologically sound principles.
2. A Registered Forester's knowledge and skills will be utilized for the benefit of society. A Registered Forester will strive for accurate, current, and increasing knowledge of forestry, will communicate such knowledge when not confidential, and will challenge and correct untrue statements about forestry.
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16. A Registered Forester having evidence of violation of these canons by another Registered Forester will present the information and charges to the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

New Registrants

Since February 2007, 6 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:

Blakely C. Dahlem	1606
Gerald D. Hansen III	1607
Frank M. Riley, Jr.	1608
William E. Vaughn	1609
Jason Payne	1610
Seth Ward	1611

Forester Examinations

The most recent examination for registration was given on February 22, 2007, in Kinston. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Qualifying (Level II)	12	9

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 a 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 27, 2007, in Morganton, NC.**

2007 ASBORG Meeting

The 2007 annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORG) will be held June 7-8 in Choctaw, MS. Board members Mike Thompson (current ASBORG Chair) and Steve McKeand will attend the meeting. If you have issues or suggestions for Mike or Steve on regional matters such as reciprocal registration agreements with other states, please let them know. A more detailed report will be given in the next newsletter.

North Carolina will host the next ASBORG meeting in June 2007 in Asheville.

CFE Audit

The Board will continue to audit continuing education classes attended by registered foresters. The Board cross-references the CFE credit sheets submitted with registration renewals with the attendance records provided by the course administrators. A minimum of five courses is selected each renewal period. Past audits have not revealed any discrepancies.

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, 2007 at NC State University in Raleigh.

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.

Effective June 1st, the **Board has a new email and web address.**

Email: info@ncbrf.org

Check out our new web site at:

<http://ncbrf.org/>

The web pages have current information, renewal forms, and other information pertaining to the Board.

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

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