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Editor's err Chairman's Corner

I want to start off by extending a world of gratitude to Mike Thompson and Pat Gaskin for their many years of service to the Board of Registration for Foresters. Mike served on the Board for over 6 years and was the Chair from 2005 to 2007. Mike is as dedicated a forester as I know, and has been an inspiration to me over the years. We will miss his leadership on the Board, but Mike is finally going to enjoy his retirement and new woodworking career. I've noticed bigger smiles from Mike the last few times I've seen him.

Pat Gaskin was the Landowner representative to the Board for 6 years. During my time on the Board with Pat, I always appreciated her dedication, knowledge, hard work, and pleasant disposition. She represented the landowners of the State as well as anyone could hope. We wish her well in her mountain retreat.

I am happy to introduce two new members of the Board, Larry Such and Miriam Brown. Larry has spent his career with the NC Division of Forest Resources (<http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/>) and is currently the Deputy Director. He is a graduate of NC State, and we welcome him as our new Vice-Chairman.

Miriam Brown from St. Pauls is the new Landowner Representative. We look forward to working with her and Larry in the coming years.

Charles L. (Buddy) Tate (Secretary/Treasurer) and D. Thomas (Tommy) Tew remain as Board members, and for the time being, you are stuck with me as Chair, Exam Administrator, and Newsletter Editor.

Steve McKeand, RF #1246

NCBRF Exam Preparation Sessions

NC State's Forestry & Environmental Outreach Program (FEOP) will be holding review / prep workshops about 30 days prior to each exam:

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/NCRF/examprep.html>

Be sure to pass this information along to colleagues who will be taking the exam in the future. For information contact Kelley McCarter at FEOP (919-515-9563) or www.ncsu.edu/feop or Email:

forestry_outreach@ncsu.edu

Continuing Forestry Education (CFE)

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 in our Code of Ethics <http://ncbrf.org/laws.htm>). Each year, RFs must obtain a minimum of 10 hours of CFE credits as part of the renewal process.

Word on the street is that there is confusion about how CFE's are administered and who is

responsible for what. Here is a brief description of the CFE process.

The players:

1. North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters (NCBRF) requires CFE credits for all Registered Foresters (details are explained at <http://www.ncbrf.org/edu.htm>). This is where our official responsibility starts and stops

2. Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the CFE certifying agency that the Board depends upon. There is a CFE Coordinator in each state (<http://www.safnet.org/education/cfecoordinators.cfm>) whose responsibilities include¹:

Receive CFE requests from providers and evaluate them, and assign CFE credit hours for categories 1 and 2.

Ensure that the activity meets the standards of the Certified Forester program credit requirements.

Provide sign-in sheets, sample attendance certificate, and notify providers of approved credit for events.

Remind providers of their responsibilities, especially timely submission of final agenda, attendance records and sign-in sheets to the SAF National Office after the event.

Retain the past three-years of initial applications for CFE evaluation for auditing purposes.

¹This is paraphrased from the new SAF Continuing Forestry Education Handbook to be released in 2008

3. CFE Providers: Organizations such as NC State University (<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/>), NC Division of Forest Resources

(<http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/>), NC Forestry Association (<http://www.ncforestry.org/>), Virginia Tech University (<http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/>), Clemson University (<http://www.clemson.edu/extfor/>), Duke University (<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/>), to name a few offer educational activities typically approved for CFE's by SAF. These organizations do not provide CFE's (this is done by SAF). They seek approval for events to be approved for CFE Contact Hours.

Remember, it is up to you as a Registered Forester to obtain the appropriate CFE credits each year. And it is your responsibility to uphold the integrity of the CFE program.

New Registrants

Since June 2007, 12 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:

- 1613 Peter D. Hancock
- 1614 Rob Lamb
- 1615 Christopher Lilley
- 1616 Thomas Craven, Jr.
- 1617 Brad H. Allen
- 1618 Andrew D. Bailey
- 1619 Joseph A. Davison
- 1620 Jacob O. Foose
- 1621 Joseph B. Goulding
- 1622 Chris Liv
- 1623 Ronny L. Shepherd
- 1624 Brandon L. Price

Expired Registrations (Effective February 1, 2008)

Listed below are the names of 27 individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2007. Some of these individuals have retired, while others have changed careers, or moved. Some have allowed their registrations to lapse for failing to meet the CFE requirements. These individuals can no longer legally represent themselves as

foresters or consulting foresters in North Carolina.

515 Aldos C. Barefoot
954 Jordan V. Beasley IV
665 Jerry L. Bettis, Sr.
714 James H. Boyd, Jr.
1381 John W. Cheatham Jr.
1116 John Hart Crowder III
1531 Freddie Davis III
1256 John Deans
885 Kim FormyDuval
177 Daniel H. Gelbert
491 S. Robin Gelbert
1520 Mark D. Hager
1458 Joseph Hemingway Jr.
1357 James R. Hines III
726 William C. Humphries Jr.
1258 Larry G. Jervis
1429 Charles M. Little
1247 Joseph Bert Noble
1351 Jonathan W. Puckett
1039 Jesse E. Register
1542 Thomas G. Sarno
75 William E. Scholtes
255 James F. Shotwell, Jr.
1543 Nancy D. Stairs
598 Lloyd O. Viets
159 John H. Wehrenberg
129 John C. Wessell

Forester Examinations

The most recent examination for registration was given on August 27, 2007, in Kinston. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
Pre-Qualifying (Level I)	0	3
Qualifying (Level II)	7	13

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 February 13, 2008, in Greenville, NC.**

2008 ASBORF Meeting

The 2008 annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) will be held June 12-13 in Asheville, NC. If you have issues or suggestions on regional matters such as reciprocal registration agreements with other states, please let us know.

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. Dates of Board meetings are posted on the website (<http://www.ncbrf.org/>). The next Board meeting will be March 4, 2008 at the NCDNR Fayetteville Office.

Board Web Page (<http://ncbrf.org/>)

The new web site is up and working well. It provides RFs with instant access to various forms, current roster, registration information, past newsletters, Board member information, exam information, and continuing education opportunities.

Since last June, the email address is: info@ncbrf.org

The web pages have current information, renewal forms, and other information pertaining

to the Board. In particular, the **Renewal Form** and **CFE Activity Report** form are available to download as Word documents and at:

<http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>

I did this last year, and it works like a charm. You can download the file and simply update it annually and send it in.

Feel free to send in renewal forms early.

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.

Steve McKeand

<http://cnr.ncsu.edu/fer/direct/mckeand.html>

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Due to some confusion regarding the last newsletter, would you please take a minute and fill out the form below to let Sara Koch, Administrative Assistant, know how you want your newsletter sent to you.

If we do not receive anything back, and you have an email address on file, Sara will send you an electronic copy only. (Please write or type the information legibly.)

RF # _____ Name _____

Please send my Newsletters and Renewal Information to the following:
(Please only pick one)

By Mail: Address to be sent: _____

By Email: email address: _____

Please respond by email (NCBRF@aol.com) or post:

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