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The Board welcomes two new members. **Dr. Jerry Hansen, RF # 1607** joins the Board and has replaced Tommy Tew. Jerry lives in Wilmington and is a forestry manager with the firm of Resource Management Service. Jerry's previous positions included International Paper and Union Camp. He holds degrees from West Virginia University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, including a PhD from SUNY. Jerry has been an active member of SAF since 1976.

Dr. Richard Braham, RF# 833 of Raleigh returns to the Board this year for his second period of service, having previously been a Board member from 1999 to 2006. Dr. Braham replaces outgoing member Steve McKeand. Richard is a professor of forestry at N.C. State University and will develop and administer the exams. Dr. Braham holds degrees from the University of Michigan and a PhD from N.C. State University.

Chairman's Corner

The Board would like to remind all Registered Foresters of the Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) requirements necessary to maintain their current registration.

Every non-retired Registered Forester must earn at least 10 hours of CFEs per year between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. All retired Foresters wishing to remain on registered status must earn at least 3 credit hours per year. RFs will be required to certify their CFEs when they renew their application. Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2012, cannot be used to satisfy the June 30, 2013 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 CFE's per year missed. A late fee of \$3.25/month will also be assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. Alternatively, the former RF will have the option to become "Re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the Registered Forester exam.

The Board posts CFE opportunities on the CFE page of its web site. Some examples of CFE opportunities include NCSU's Forestry and Environmental Outreach Program [FEOP] teleconference series which typically provide 3 hours of Category 1 credits. Visit the website <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/programs.html> for more learning opportunities.

There are still many options available to obtain CFEs with over 4 months remaining in the fiscal year. Don't wait until June to start looking for CFEs!

Larry Such, RF # 623

Renewal forms for June 30, 2013 Renewal

Renewal Forms are on line now. They can be found at: <http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>
Reminder notices will be sent out prior to the June 30, 2013 renewal date. Renewal information is due in our office by June 30, 2013. Please don't wait until the last minute to earn your 10 hours of CFE's.

Editor's Corner

We encourage all North Carolina Registered Foresters to use the title of "Registered Forester" in correspondence and public documents. Landowners and other professionals will identify the title with a high degree of forestry knowledge, excellent service, and good stewardship of our forest resources. Just as a "CPA" instantly invokes respect, the "Registered Forester" designation signifies professionalism.

Dan Edwards, RF # 612

New Registrants

Since June 2012, 13 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

Cass, Randy D.	RF # 1715
Cooper, Roderick D.	RF # 1716
Gehle, David B.	RF # 1717
Jones, Steven B.	RF # 1718
Marlowe, Thomas A.	RF # 1719

Meadows Jr, Steven	RF # 1720
Scarborough, D. Logan	RF # 1721
Turnage, John	RF # 1722
Ball, Steven R.	RF # 1723
Allen, Gregory	RF # 1724
Davis, Justin	RF # 1725
Manor, Zachary	RF # 1726
Mears, P. J.	RF # 1726

Forester Examinations

The most recent examinations for registration were given on 1 in Morganton and on in Greenville. Nineteen applicants took the examination in August and 12 in February. The results are provided below:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
August 13, 2012		
Level 1 Exam	0	6
Level 2 Exam	5	8
February 3, 2012		
Level 1 Exam	1	1
Level 2 Exam	6	4

The Level 1 exam is for those applicants who do not meet the educational requirements of the law, while the Level 2 exam is for those applicants who meet the educational requirements of G.S. 89B-9(a)(1). See details at: <http://www.ncbrf.org/apply.htm>

The Board offers both examinations twice a year. The next examination will be offered Friday, February 22, 2013 Pitt County Ag. Building, Greenville, NC. Please check the Board's website (<http://www.ncbrf.org/>) for more information on taking the exam.

Registration By the Numbers

The number of Registered Foresters now totals 956. Two hundred and ninety-four of those are Consulting Foresters.

CFE Audit Results

The Board completed its sixth audit of continuing education classes attended by Registered Foresters. The Board selected three CFE courses for audit and cross-referenced the attendance records provided by the course sponsors with the CFE credit reports submitted by RFs at the time of renewal. Once again, there was 100% compliance.

The Board will continue to monitor compliance with CFE credit reporting in an effort to maintain the integrity of the CFE requirement.

Continuing education courses play an important role in helping RFs remain current in forestry training and technology. A wide variety of courses, schedules, and

price ranges are currently available to meet the CFE requirement. With a little prudent scheduling, everyone should be able to take relevant courses, and not courses taken at the last minute just to meet the renewal deadline. Remember, these requirements benefit all Registered Foresters and the people we serve. Take it seriously and don't risk disciplinary action by the Board by trying to circumvent the system.

Expired Registrations **(Effective February 1, 2013)**

Listed below are the names of individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2012. 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.

John Angst
Kathleen Broome
Jennifer Carpenter
John Garrett
George Hall
Mark Horne
Roy Jarrard
Marvin Prater
Benjamin Richardson
Daniel Robinson
Richard Thornton

Electronic Mailings

The Board wants to strongly encourage all Registered Foresters to receive this Newsletter and all other information via e-mail rather than postal mailings. By providing the Board with your current e-mail address, the Board can save postage and printing expenses. If you receive a printed version of this newsletter, it means the Board does not have a current e-mail address for you. Please consider providing the Board with your e-mail address and be sure to let us know when your e-mail address changes. Your assistance will help the Board reduce its expenses. The dollar we save is yours!

Links for Continuing Education Classes

Below are links to find classes to obtain CFE hours. Please do not wait until the last minute to earn your CFE's. **You have until June 30, 2013.** (So that means that you have about four months to earn 10 hours of CFE's, if you haven't already earned them.)

SAF - <http://www.safnet.org/education/>

APSAF - <http://www.apsaf.org/>

NCSU - FEOP - <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/feop/>

Webinars - <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/>

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://www.ncbfr.org>

E-mail address info@ncbfr.org

We invite all RFs to take advantage of the information and forms available on the website.

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.