



# RANDOM PLOTS

A NEWSLETTER

of the

N. C. STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

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## Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomes Mark Megalos, who replaced Richard Braham in November. Mark is an Extension Forestry Specialist with NC State University. His primary job responsibilities include forest taxation, conservation planning, carbon valuation of forests, estate planning, adaptation strategies for a changing climate and general forest management. For the Board, Mark will serve as the primary test administrator.

## Chairman's Corner

Two Registered Foresters were recently contacted by the NC Board of Engineers and Surveyors (BEES) regarding boundary lines and mapping. Concerns raised by the BEES related to the foresters advertising mapping services, the advertising of property line marking by a forester as opposed to actually surveying, acreage determination, and the preparation of certain high quality maps. The Board of Registration for Foresters has not become involved to date.

Foresters are reminded to seek the services of licensed surveyors where prudent, continue to provide maps that are part of ongoing forestry services and always label maps with "not a survey" or similar disclaimer, and clarify that acreage estimates are "approximate, not based on a survey" unless that is the case. GIS and GPS aided maps that are part of an ongoing forestry service are vital and we should continue to upgrade our traditional mapping needs where those maps illustrate and inform users of such information as forest stand shape and location, approximate acres in forest stands, and project details. If topographical and GIS maps are a stand-alone product, and where the purpose of the map is to depict the outer boundaries rather than attributes such as forest stands, the forester should exercise caution. The laws describing the services of surveyors are very broad and written by surveyors to define the work which requires a license.

Finally, I remind all foresters...including myself... that our flagging and painting of timber harvest perimeters is necessary but should not be poorly performed in a manner which places the public at risk. Let's remember to research our projects and perhaps more often recommend the services of professional surveyors.

The Board wishes long time Executive Director Sara Koch much success in her new job as an educator. Sara served Registered Foresters and the public with distinction for many years and she will be missed. We welcome Jennifer Grantham as the new Executive Director, and she and Sara are seamlessly enabling the transition.

In addition, multi-term Board member Dr. Richard Braham (NCSU faculty) has left the Board as his term has expired. Dr. Braham administered tests and has been the ultimate professional. An unknown number of his students roam the woods as Registered Foresters. We are pleased to have Mark Megalos (NCSU Forestry Extension and faculty) join the Board

The NC Board of Registration for Foresters continues to be part of a group of small Boards which is being studied by a legislative oversight committee. We will remind the lawmakers that we do not accept or need public funding, we provide the appropriate oversight of the profession, and the public understands that foresters have a higher degree of knowledge through testing and continuing education. There is no restriction on the practice of forestry by non-foresters, but the title of "forester" requires registration of the individual. It is possible that our Board will be combined with other Boards or eliminated, but Board members will strive to have the Board remain independent.



Secretary/Treasurer Sean Brogan (back row), Board members Gerald Hansen and Richard Braham, previous Executive Director Sara Koch, Board member Dan Edwards, Executive Director Jennifer Grantham and Board member Tom Foxx pose after the November 30 Board meeting.

## Renewal forms for June 30, 2016 Renewal

Renewal Forms are online now. They can be found at: <http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>  
Multiple reminder notices will be sent out prior to the deadline. Renewal information is due in our office no later than June 30, 2016.

## Continuing Education Classes

Continuing Education must be earned after July 1, 2015 and before June 30, 2016. Below are links to find classes to obtain CFE hours:

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

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

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

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

## New Registrants

Since June 2015, 15 new Registered Foresters have been added to the roster. They are:

Ethan Campbell	RF # 1777
Graham Ford	RF # 1778
Tyler Hill	RF # 1779
Joshua Powell	RF # 1780
Paul Turner	RF # 1781
Johnathan Pomp	RF # 1782
Victoria Lockhart	RF # 1783
Garrett Lewis	RF # 1784
Charles Britt	RF # 1785
Charles Bass	RF # 1786
Larry Fuller	RF # 1787
Jordan Gable	RF # 1788
Brady Adams	RF # 1789
Merlin Smith	RF # 1790
Andrew Tait	RF # 1791

## Forester Examinations

The most recent examinations for registration were given on March 26, 2015 in Greenville and on August 14, 2015 in Morganton. The results are as follows:

	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
March 26, 2015		
Level 1 Exam	0	0
Level 2 Exam	3	5
August 14, 2015		
Level 1 Exam	0	0
Level 2 Exam	7	6

## Active Registration

The number of Registered Foresters now totals 882. Of those, 265 are Consulting Foresters as defined in G.S. 89B, 89B-2. An updated roster is now online at [http://www.ncbrf.org/NCBRF\\_ROSTER\\_2015\\_2016.pdf](http://www.ncbrf.org/NCBRF_ROSTER_2015_2016.pdf). If you would like to receive a hard copy, send an e-mail to [info@ncbrf.org](mailto:info@ncbrf.org) by March 11.

## Expired Registration

Listed below are the names of individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2015. Some of these individuals have retired, while others have changed careers, or moved. Some have allowed their registrations to lapse by failing to meet the CFE requirements. These individuals can no longer legally represent themselves as foresters or consulting foresters in North Carolina.

R. Keith Baker	Robert Moorman
Sheree Bowyer	Reed Morgan
Robert Allen Bradley	Steven Oliver
Thomas Cathey	Gary Pautz
Remer Clifton	Casey Phillips
George Coggin	Brandon Price
Talmadge Collier	David Ratliff, Jr.
Gerald Corley	Marvin Reed
Terry Cross	Joesph Roise
Ralph Cullom	John Rutland, III
Larry Davis	Angelo San Fratello
Wesley Davis	Ronny Shepherd
Michael Dodd	Joseph Swartz
Leighton Dowdle, Jr.	Charles Taylor
Don Handley	Edward Travis
Richard Harper	
William Harrell	
Roger Hart	
J. Michael Hendricks	
Steven Jones	
Robert Lamb	
Robert Lundberg	
Steven Mayo	
Justin McMillan	

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