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CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Be Proud of your Title

Let's face it - many landowners and members of the general public do not understand forest management. On top of that, they don't know who to turn to for technical assistance. When they are engaged by someone about their woodlands, how are they supposed to know if they can be trusted?

I raise this point in the context of proudly using your title as a NC Registered Forester. Similar to the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, this title can be a quick and effective way to communicate that you are a sound and trustworthy source of information. As we engage others, I encourage all of us to take a moment to explain what it takes to become a Registered Forester. By sharing our professional standards, we can hopefully rely on them to "spread the word" so their neighbors know who to call on when they need forestry advice.

Sean Brogan

Many Thanks to Dan Edwards

Dan Edwards recently rotated off the NCBRF after numerous years of dedicated and thoughtful service. He volunteered countless hours as Board Chairman, and provided effective leadership on several critical issues (most notably the Legislative Review of Boards and Commissions). When you see Dan, be sure to thank him for his service to our profession.

Update on Legislative Review of Boards and Commissions

A North Carolina Legislative Review Committee has been assessing all Boards and Commissions over the last two years. This was in general related to an effort to reduce the overall number of these entities, and to also remove them from state government oversight. Based on the current draft legislation, the NCBRF is listed as one of the Boards that will be allowed to continue functioning in its current form. We appreciate all the positive input about the NCBRF that many have provided to their elected officials. As the Legislative Long Session nears its end, we are optimistic the NCBRF will be able to move past this review and turn its attention to other matters. If anyone has questions about this, feel free to contact NCBRF Chairman Sean Brogan at 919-857-4818.

CONTACTING THE BOARD OFFICE

The NCBRF Executive Director position is a part-time position, so Jennifer may not always be immediately available when you call. Likewise, foresters are not always in areas with adequate phone service when phone calls are returned. If you call the office and don't get an answer, please leave a detailed message, including your question and phone number and she will get back with you. If your question or request is straightforward, emailing info@ncbrf.org is also a good option that avoids phone tag.

MEET YOUR BOARD



**JENNIFER
GRANTHAM –
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Jennifer has worked for NCBRF since August 2015. She performs all of the daily operations of the Board including reviewing and processing applications for registration, serving as the primary contact for public inquiries, and accounting and record keeping. Jennifer also prepares reports for state government offices and is the Rulemaking Coordinator and the Ethics Liaison. She holds a bachelor's degree in Soil Science and a Master's degree in Natural Resource Administration, both from NC State. Prior to working for NCBRF Jennifer was the Director of Education for the NC Forestry Association.



**SEAN BROGAN –
CHAIRMAN**

Sean was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. His father, who was a landscape architect, arborist and president of a tree care company, inspired him to become a forester. After obtaining forestry and natural resource administration degrees from SUNY-ESF and NC State, he joined the NC Forest Service in 1998. He has held six different positions with this organization, the latest being the Director of Forest Management and Development. Sean lives with his family in north Raleigh, and considers himself very fortunate to have a career that he loves. He is a proud NC Registered Forester and SAF Certified Forester who enjoys putting his experience and skills to use in ways that keeps our working lands working.



**JERRY HANSEN –
VICE CHAIR**

Jerry is a native of Pennsylvania. He earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1976), a master's degree in Silviculture from West Virginia University (1979), and a doctorate in Silviculture from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1983). During his professional career, he worked for Union Camp Corporation and International Paper Company before joining Resource Management Service in 2006. He has been an SAF Certified Forester since 2002 and a North Carolina Registered Forester since 2009.



**MARK MEGALOS –
EXAM
ADMINISTRATOR**

Mark has been an NC State extension specialist since 2005 and has worked as Forest Stewardship and Forest Legacy coordinator, outreach associate and area agent in NC since 1987. He earned degrees from NC State and Rutgers University. When not on the road talking with landowners and professionals he enjoys knife making, wood carving, hunting, wildlife observation and bunny wrangling. Mark administers the Foresters exam and fills the academic slot on the board.



**HAROLD BRADY
– SECRETARY/
TREASURER**

Harold is a consulting forester and a certified arborist. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Southern Pines, NC. He grew up in Raeford, NC and later spent four years in military service. Harold graduated from Fayetteville Technical College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University. After graduation, he became a contract pilot for many years. Harold then worked with Evergreen Timberland Fund and later Squires Timber Company until becoming registered (1996), after which, he became a consulting forester and formed Brady & Associates Forestry, Inc. He also has served for several years and still serves on the Moore County Soil and Water Board.



TOM FOXX

Tom was born and reared in Banner Elk, NC. He graduated from UNC-CH. After graduation, he completed a Co-Op program with the NC Department of Commerce where he was trained in

land use planning. Within the Division of Community Assistance, he eventually became the chief planner in the North Piedmont Field Office in Winston Salem. After 17 years, he left this position to take over management of Grandfather Mountain Nursery, a business that he had started part time. Grandfather Mountain specialized in growing field native plants Christmas trees, seedlings and transplants. Although retired, he still lives in Banner Elk with wife Virginia where his daughter runs the Nursery.

NEW REGISTRANTS

Since June 2016, 11 new NC Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:

Diana Gennett	RF# 1800
Mitchell Brendle	RF# 1801
Larry Harrup	RF# 1802
Frederick Williams	RF# 1803
Robert Taylor	RF# 1804
Jenna Schreiber	RF# 1805
Travis Howell	RF# 1806
Lee Wicker	RF# 1807
Dustin Jernigan	RF# 1809
Albert Lang	RF# 1810
Travis Norman	RF# 1811

CFE APPROVAL

The State Board of Registration for Foresters requires and monitors continuing forestry education (CFE) for NC Registered Foresters. However, the Board is NOT a CFE provider, and the Board does NOT award CFEs. This function is handled in NC by the Appalachian SAF, (ApSAF) and all credits have to be approved prior to the course being offered. The NC Division contact for CFEs is currently Ed Pomeroy. You can reach him by email at ibforester@gmail.com or by phone at 919-756-1110.

LINKS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

Below are links to groups that offer classes that earn 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/>

ANNUAL RENEWAL NOTICE

Your current registration expires June 30, 2017. To remain current, the Board must receive your registration renewal **NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2017.** *Failure to submit your renewal by the deadline will result in the suspension of your registration. This means you cannot represent yourself as a Forester in NC until your registration has been renewed.* A late fee of \$3.25/month (maximum of \$40.00 per year) will also be assessed for a late renewal.

To renew your registration, complete the attached annual renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the renewal fee of **\$40.00.** **Checks should be made payable to “State Board of Registration for Foresters”.** Please **DO NOT** send cash. Copies of forms are also available on the Board’s website at <http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm>.

Annual Renewal Form

1. To complete the form, provide current contact and employment information to be used in the Board’s database as well as the *Roster of NC Registered Foresters*.
2. Also indicate if you would like to receive a printed registration card. Cards will only be mailed to those who indicate that they would like to receive a card.

CFE Activity Report

1. GS 89B-11(b) and by 21NCAC 20 .0123 require that all Registered Foresters shall attend continuing education (CFE) courses annually to maintain their registration and that Registered Foresters shall verify CFE compliance to the Board with each annual renewal.
2. CFE hours must be earned during the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2016 cannot be used toward this year’s CFE requirement.
3. To complete the form, list the programs attended, the sponsoring organization, date(s) attended, number of contact hours,

and the SAF category (1-3) in the appropriate column on the form.

4. Contact hours should total **10 hours** unless you are retired. At least 6 contact hours must be Category 1 hours. Contact hours for retired foresters should total 3 hours and can be Category 1, 2, or 3.
5. ***A copy of the CFE Certificate of Attendance for all Category 1 courses attended must be included.*** They are **NOT** required for CFEs credits earned in Categories 2 or 3.
6. Copies of all documentation must be retained for a period of two years in the event of an audit by the Board.

Consulting Forester Affidavit

If you would like to be listed in the *Roster of NC Registered Foresters* as a Consulting Forester, complete and return the Affidavit.

NORTH CAROLINA REGISTERED FORESTER Annual Renewal Fee Notice & Form

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2017 and will become invalid unless you renew your registration by doing the following:

1. Complete the **Annual Renewal Form** below:
 - a. Fill in the appropriate blanks to provide correct information for the *Roster of Registered Foresters*.
 - b. Indicate preferred location to receive *printed* mail from the Board.
 - c. Check the employment category(s) which best describe your activity and any other valid certifications, registrations and/or memberships.
2. Complete your **CFE Personal Activity Record**:
 - a. List a total of ten (10) hours attended between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
 - b. Include copies of **CFE Certificate of Attendance** for Category 1 credits ONLY. Renewals **WILL NOT** be accepted without these.
3. If you purport to be a *Consulting Forester/Forestry Consultant* practicing in North Carolina, meet the qualifications as defined in N.C. General Statute 89B-, 89B-2 and provide the required affidavit attesting to such qualification.
4. Return the completed forms with your check in the amount of **\$40.00 (forty dollars)** payable to the **State Board of Registration for Foresters, P.O. Box 27393, Raleigh, N.C., 27611**.
 - a. Include a late fee penalty of \$3.25 per calendar month or part thereof past the date of expiration.
 - b. Include registered forester name if not printed on check.

RF # _____

Name: _____
(Print Last Name First)

Home _____
(Address) _____ Phone # _____

Employer _____ Position: _____

Business _____
(Address) _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____ Send Printed Mail to: () Home () Business

Employment Categories:

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|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| General : | Specific: | | | |
| () Public Agency | () Federal | () State | () Local | () _____ |
| () Educator | () University | () Technical | () Preparatory | () _____ |
| () Industry | () Management | () Procurement | () Administrative | () _____ |
| () Private | () Consultant | () Full Time | () Part Time | () _____ |
| () Retired | () Real Estate | () Bank/Trust | () Investment | () _____ |
| () Other (describe) _____ | | | | |

Professional Certifications, Registrations

- () RF Registered Forester/Licensed Forester (List States) _____
 () CF Consulting Forester/Forestry Consultant (As defined by NC Statute / Affidavit)
 () SAF Society of American Foresters
 () ACF Association of Consulting Foresters
 () Other _____

Additional Comments:

I would like a printed registration card to be mailed to me.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Amount paid: _____

Deposit date _____

Deposit # _____

North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters Continuing Forestry Education Personal Activity Record

This form must be returned with your fiscal year 2017-2018 annual renewal, due June 30, 2017.

A copy of each CFE Certificate of Attendance (Category 1 credits ONLY) MUST be submitted with this form.

Rule .0123 CONTINUING EDUCATION reads as follows:

- (a.) All registered foresters shall attend continuing education courses annually to maintain their registration. **Ten** CFE (Continuing Forester Education) credits approved by the Society of American Foresters' CFE Coordinator shall be required each year, except as outlined in paragraph (c.). CFEs must be SAF category 1, 2, or 3, with at least six being from Category 1*.
- (b.) Registered foresters shall verify CFE compliance to the Board with each annual renewal.
- (c.) Those registered foresters who provide information to the Board which verifies that they are fully retired from a career in forestry may qualify to continue their registration by earning a minimum of three category 1, 2 or 3 CFEs annually.

*Category 1 designation includes attending educational forestry related workshops.#

Name (please print): _____

Registration #_____

Course/Program Name	Sponsoring Organization	Date(s) Attended	Contact Hours	SAF Category (1, 2, or 3)

*I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the reported courses directly relate to enhancing my professional knowledge and competence. I understand that any and all credit is subject to verification by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters. **I agree to retain all documentation relating to the above programs for a period of two years.***

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS
AFFIDAVIT**

**NORTH CAROLINA
CONSULTING FORESTER / FORESTRY CONSULTANT**

I, (Name) _____, acknowledge the qualifications and requirements that must be met to practice as a Consulting Forester / Forestry Consultant in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 89B, 89B-2.

I do solemnly swear (affirm) I meet the following specific requirements for Consulting Forester/ Forest Consultant in North Carolina:

- A. I am Registered Forester # _____ in the State of North Carolina. My registration is current.
- B. I graduated from (university/college) _____ in the year _____ having earned a (BS),(BF) (Other > _____ degree in (curriculum) _____
- or -
I have shown equivalent knowledge by successfully passing the written examination administered by the North Carolina State Board of Registration for Foresters in the year _____.
- C. I have read and am governed by the Code of Ethics adopted by the State Board of Registration for Foresters.
- D. I am competent to practice forest management, appraisal, development, marketing, protection, and utilization for the benefit of the public on a fee, contractual, or contingency basis.
- E. I am not engaged and will not engage in any practice that constitutes a conflict of interest, including the procurement of standing merchantable timber, or in any way diminishes my ability to represent the best interests of my clients.
- F. I herewith acknowledge the requirement to file this annual affidavit with the State Board of Registration for Foresters, attesting to my compliance with the conditions of this Chapter.

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (AFFIRM) THAT I WELL AND TRULY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS DEFINED IN G.S. 89B AND G.S.89B-2; TO PRACTICE AS A CONSULTING FORESTER / FORESTRY CONSULTANT IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND THAT I WILL PERFORM SAID SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND ABILITY.

Signature

(Print Name)

(Business)

(Address)

(City) (Telephone)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

the _____ day of _____, 2017

_____(SEAL)

Notary Public

Notary Expiration Date _____