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**NEWSLETTER**

**of the**

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**CHAIRMAN’S THOUGHTS**

On the 75th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, I spent the day in Charlotte at the Society of American Foresters NC Division Summer Meeting with a great cohort of professional foresters. The meeting was entitled “Edge Effect Forestry in Suburbia” and covered multiple relevant topics such as the forest’s role in protecting water sources, invasive weeds, taxes, and land use restrictions. The meeting concluded with a panel discussion on the unique challenges facing foresters when managing working forests in Suburbia.

As I returned home along one of my favorite scenic highways (NC Hwy 24/27 between Charlotte and Carthage), I witnessed firsthand the seemingly overnight impact of urban sprawl across Stanly County through the communities of Locust and Red Cross. Even my drive through the Uwharrie National Forest and miles of industrial and private timberland between Troy and Carthage reflected the impact of highway expansion to accommodate additional traffic through our rural landscape.

At the summer meeting, Ed Listerman (NC RF #571), was recognized for 50 years of membership in the Society of American Foresters. North Carolina has a rich history of professional forest management and I challenge each of you to carry on this tradition by remaining active in our profession and

communicating the role of professional foresters in the management of North Carolina’s Forests.



**OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER**

NCBRF greatly appreciates the service of Gerald Hansen whose six years of service to the Board ended in June 2018. Jerry served as Vice-Chair of the Board for four of his six years of service and was a valuable contribution to the Board and the professionals it serves.

**REGISTERED FORESTER SURVEY**

In order to serve you better and plan for future improvements to the Board’s operations, we’d like to hear your thoughts regarding the Board’s practices and procedures. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCBRF-RF-Survey-2019>

## PROCESS CHANGE FOR REQUESTING CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION CREDITS IN NORTH CAROLINA

1. Hans Rohr has assumed NC CFE Coordinator duties from Ed Pomeroy. CFE requests should be emailed to hans.rohr@ncagr.gov at least 3 weeks prior to the education event to be considered. The submitted email should have a subject line heading that indicates it is a CFE Request.
2. The SAF National Office is close to finalizing an online CFE Request web application. It is currently operational, but SAF has not yet made its use mandatory. SAF’s intent is to make its utilization mandatory at some future point. Anyone interested in submitting their CFE request online through this SAF application can use the following weblink: [SAF CFE Evaluation Request](https://www.eforester.org/Main/Certification_Education/Continuing%20Education/Providers_-_CFE_Pre_Approval/Main/Certification/Providers.aspx?hkey=11ddf848-1df9-4d1f-acd2-c9511b2406f5) Click on the button “Apply Online”. You will need to create an account if you don't already have an SAF logon, but there is no fee. You'll be able to complete the application, upload your agenda, and once SAF evaluates the request you'll receive an email with directions to download your CFE for further distribution. This application process will also automatically post the event in the CFE event calendar once approved. If you need assistance with this new process please contact NC CFE Coordinator Hans Rohr at 910-588-4964 or hans.rohr@ncagr.gov or SAF’s Director of Professional Development Naomi Marcus at 866-897-8720 ext. 888 or marcusn@safnet.org
3. SAF CFE Coordinator Guidelines state that CFE Coordinators may not evaluate events or programs that a. are organized or managed by the CFE Coordinator and/or b. organized or managed by their employer. Since Hans Rohr is an employee of the North Carolina Forest Service, all CFE requests for events or programs that are organized or managed by that organization will need to be submitted via the SAF online website mentioned above rather than being emailed to him for review.

## COMPLAINTS

## In 2018 the Board addressed 3 complaints, 2 of which were against non-registered foresters representing themselves as foresters.

##### As a reminder, Chapter 89B-1(a) of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina states that

##### No person shall use the designation ‘forester’, ‘registered forester’, or any other descriptive terms that include the words ‘forester’ or ‘registered forester’ and that directly convey that the person is a forester without first having been registered under this Chapter.

##### Chapter 89B-15 further states that

##### *A violation of this Chapter is a Class 3 misdemeanor."*

The third complaint concerned local drainage districts and provided some valuable reminders: 1) Know your local regulations. 2) Remember #8 in the Code of Ethics in everything that you say and do. Communicate as if the situation will be a front-page news article. and 3) Be aware that we live in a technology age where everything you say and do can be captured by someone else.

### EXAMINATIONS

The most recent examinations for forester registration were given on August 31, 2018 and on March 29, 2019, both in Pittsboro. The results are as follows:

 Pass Fail

August 31, 2018

 Level 1 Exam 2 0

 Level 2 Exam 7 5

March 29, 2019

 Level 1 Exam 0 0

 Level 2 Exam 11 3

**NEW REGISTRANTS**

Twenty-seven new NC Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:

Joseph Moore RF #1832

James LaFrage, Jr. RF #1833

Thomas May RF #1834

Adam Yates RF #1835

Kenneth Griffin RF #1836

Joshua Bivans RF #1837

Kesi Stoneking RF #1838

Aaron Holley RF #1839

Charles Davis RF #1840

Macy Sawtelle RF #1843

Taylor Whitmire RF #1844

Cody Brooks RF #1842

Brandon Smith RF #1841

Evan Gobble RF #1846

Robert Evans RF #1847

Robert White RF #1845

Jameson Boone RF #1848

Carla Freeman RF #1849

Wesley Sketo RF #1850

Jocelyn Wilson RF #1851

Lauren Killian RF #1852

Clark Morton RF #1853

Colin Shaw RF #1854

Joshua Johnson RF #1855

Ethan Moore RF #1856

Jarratt Broadwell RF #1857

Jonathon Pearson RF #1858

### EXPIRED REGISTRATIONS

Listed below are the names of individuals whose registrations expired June 30, 2018. 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.

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| David Anderton, Jr. | Justin McMillan |
| Raymond Baldwin | Timothy Hegler |
| Jody Brady | Ed Kessler |
| Curtis Brooks | Allyson Peeler |
| Douglas Campbell | James Reese |
| Lester Capps | Thomas Rowland |
| Robert Cloninger | James Sherar |
| William Crain | Merlin Smith |
| John Davis | William Tucker, Jr. |
| Robert Dennis | Stephen Wilson |
| Lorick Fanning |  |
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## ACTIVE REGISTRATIONS

## The number of Registered Foresters now totals 845. Of those, 248 are Consulting Foresters as defined in G.S. 89B, 89B-2.

## ANNUAL RENEWAL NOTICE

**Your current registration expires June 30, 2019.** To remain current, the Board must receive your renewal forms and payment
**PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2019.**

*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 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 available on the Board’s website at [http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm](http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm%20).

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, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Any CFEs earned prior to July 1, 2018 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 in the retired status. 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 at least 6 hours of 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 Affadavit

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

**CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION**

If you are in need of CFE credits, below are links to groups that offer opportunities to earn them online.

SAF - <https://learn.eforester.org/>

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