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ETHICS - RULES TO LIVE BY

Carl Sagan, Scientist and Writer

Moral Codes that seek to regulate human behavior have been with us not only since the dawn of civilization but also among our pre-civilized, and highly social, hunter-gatherer ancestors. Different societies have different codes. Many cultures say one thing and do another. In a few fortunate societies, an inspired lawgiver lays down a set of rules to live by. Many revered codes have failed to establish a long-lived moral order.

In our everyday lives, as in the momentous affairs of nations, we must decide: 'What does it mean to do the right thing?' In making decisions, we're concerned not only with doing right but also with what works - what makes us and the rest of society happier and more secure. There's a tension between what we call ethical and what we call pragmatic. If, in the long run, ethical behavior were self-defeating, we would not call it ethical, but foolish. Keeping in mind the variety and complexity of human behavior, are there any simple rules - whether we call them ethical or pragmatic - that actually work? Now, a look at some of the rules we were taught from birth and have been encouraged to use throughout our life time.

THE GOLDEN RULE: This is the most admired standard of behavior in the western world. Its formulation was in the first-century Gospel of St. Matthew. Few follow it consistently. When the Chinese philosopher K'ung-Tzu (Confucius) was asked in the sixth century B.C. his opinion of the Golden Rule, he replied, "Then with what will you repay kindness?"

THE SILVER RULE: This rule is different! "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you." The most inspiring 20th-century exemplars of the Silver Rule have been Mohandas Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They counseled oppressed peoples not to repay violence with violence. Nonviolent civil disobedience was what they advocated - putting your body on the line and showing, by your willingness to be punished in defying an unjust law, the justice of your cause.

THE BRAZEN RULE: Stated simply it says "Repay kindness with kindness, but evil with justice." This concept of Confucius might be called the Bronze or Brazen Rule that admonishes, "Do unto others as they do unto you."

THE IRON RULE: Of baser coinage in the Iron Rule, "Do unto others as you like, before they do it unto you." Stated another way it would read, "He who has the gold makes the rules." This is the secret maxim of many, if they can get away with it, and often the unspoken precept of the powerful.

***** EDITOR'S NOTE:** The preceding Rules have been paraphrased from an article appearing in PARADE MAGAZINE, November 28, 1993. It has been published to refresh memories of those who read THE REGISTERED FORESTER that our own Society of American Foresters has had a set of RULES called a CODE OF ETHICS. The SAF Code of Ethics that was adopted November 12, 1948 has been amended by referendum vote December 4, 1971, June 23, 1976, and November 4, 1986. The "Preamble" states that it is to govern the professional conduct of members. Compliance helps to assure just and honorable professional human relationships, mutual confidence and respect, and competent service to society. Perhaps Mr. Sagan's article on RULES bears some respect when placed in proper perspective with the Code of Ethics for foresters. - W. B. De Vall, R.F.

AMERICAN FORESTRY AND PAPER ASSOCIATION'S
Sustainable Forestry Initiative



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Forest industry is often criticized in the news for timber harvesting and other forest management practices. However, many informed people realize that industry has contributed much to the success story of the American forest and its recovery since the early part of this century. Industry has worked in partnership with public agencies and forestry schools in the application of improved forestry practices discovered through years of research and experience. However, adverse publicity promoted by certain groups has caused the public to have concern about the sustainability of our forests. They want assurances that our forest will always be there.

Responding to this concern the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA) developed the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) which was approved by the Board of Directors in October 1994. SFI is a comprehensive program of forest management practices designed to ensure that future generations of Americans will have the same abundant forests that we enjoy today. In developing the SFI, AF&PA sought the views of state officials, academicians from our leading forestry schools, conservation groups, and scores of loggers and woodland owners. From these discussions evolved a comprehensive program that applies to lands owned by companies and promotes sustainable forestry practices on other ownerships as well.

AF&PA implemented SFI in 1995 under the following guiding principles:

- Meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to use the forest for products as well as for ecological and other uses.
- Promote both environmentally and economically responsible practices on AF&PA members' and all other forest lands.
- Improve long term health and productivity by protecting forests against wildfire, pests, and disease.
- Manage forests of biological, geological, or historical significance to protect their special qualities.
- Continuously improve forest management and regularly track progress toward achieving the goal of sustainable forestry.

In early 1996, AF&PA will make available to the public its first annual Sustainable Forestry Report. It will record the sustainable actions taken by member companies throughout 1995. AF&PA represents more than 400 forest and paper companies and related trade associations. Its members account for 95 percent of paper production and 65 percent of solid wood production. This effort offers dramatic evidence of industry's willingness to undertake leadership in assuring the public that America's forests are being managed with future generations in mind.

(For more information, contact Rick Cantrell at AF&PA, 1111-19th Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. Phone (202) 463-2432)

James Lowe, Chairman

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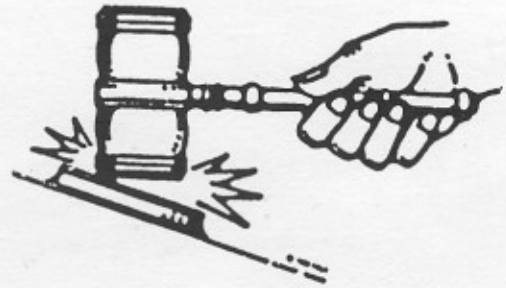
Are you or have you ever been? - **Voir dire** (process used by lawyers who question jurors); **Stare decisis** (stand by the decided); **Pro se** (person who represents himself); **Malum in se** (an act, 'wrong in itself' such as cheating on a test); **Amicus curia** (friend of the court); **In loco parentis** (in place of a parent); **Nolle prosequi** (will not prosecute). - Editor

The persons named below were licensed during the April 1995 meeting of the Board. Please remove this panel and insert in your current copy of the 27th Roster of Registered Foresters compiled January 31, 1994.

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VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Phillip Sasnett, Chairman
(As of April 26, 1995)

Of the seven complaints under investigation following the January Board meeting: four complaints of practicing without a license; one complaint of using the title 'Forester' without being registered; and one complaint of negligence and unprofessional conduct, continued under investigation. In one complaint of unprofessional conduct and negligence as an expert witness, after thorough investigation and testimony before the Board by both parties, the Board found insufficient evidence to justify the complaint and closed the case. Four new complaints were reviewed: two involve practicing without a license; one involves advertising forestry services without being licensed; and one complaint of negligence and unprofessional conduct. All of these continue under investigation. The Board's representative from the Attorney General's Office (AGO), Ms. Gerri Grant, was present to provide legal interpretation and advice for the violation proceedings during the meeting.

As an editorial comment, your Board is concerned about what appears to be an increasing number of serious complaints from the public, especially those of negligence and unprofessional conduct. Efforts are being made to increase the efficiency of the investigation process in order to improve the timeliness of resolution of each complaint. Should you be involved in a complaint, in any manner, your prompt response to requests for information will facilitate this process. An early April meeting with the AGO representative Ms. Grant, yielded some constructive ideas concerning this process.

State Board of Registration for Foresters Policy Statement 380-X-6-.03 (page 160 of the 1994-95 Roster) states, "It shall be the policy of the Board under Section 34-12-2(3) that: the exception allowing for work performed under supervision of a licensed forester excludes the work only and does not permit the public use of the title Forester for those being supervised." (Ala. Code 34-12-35; effective July 29, 1981; Policy Statement No. 3)

Phillip Sasnett, Chairman



NORMAN C. KENT
License No. 935

Serving mankind through life provides a reward when the period ends. Although the goal may have been to reach the final reward with a kind 'well done', the real reward comes when 'life eternal' is written on the tablet of memory - life eternal.

It's The Law



THE MISSISSIPPI FORESTER
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This issue reflects some of the things going on in Mississippi. A copy of The Mississippi Forester, Official Publication of the Board of Registration carries news of interest to Alabama registrants.

Mississippi State University's Extension Service began a short course in 1995...to prepare potential registrants for taking the registration examination.'

A new policy on expired licenses states in part...'Any license not renewed by December 31st of the year of renewal is invalid...Persons practicing with an expired license will be in violation...Reinstatement may come at the Board's discretion within the next two-year period...A hearing before the Board is required.'

A new policy governing examinations administered by the Board is now in effect. Under the policy, 'no examinee will be given the same examination.'

The Board recently clarified its requirement with regard to Continuing Education hours in Category A. It includes professionally-organized course work, seminars, short courses, workshops, and technical sessions which enhance a forester's professional development. A minimum of 6 hours in Category A is required. Excess hours can be used to meet the total of 16 CFE hours.

Other observations, based on the Fall 1994 issue, include a listing of names and license numbers of Registered Foresters whose licenses have been revoked. Reasons given for revocation include non-payment of renewal fees and/or not meeting registration requirements. The Board now has a table-top display for use at meetings and public functions. - Editor.

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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY
Continuing Education Program

Developing a Competitive Advantage (10 hrs.) [Tuscaloosa, AL].....	July 12-13
Timber Harvesting & Procurement (26 hrs.).....	July 24-28
Pest Management in Urban Forests (12 hrs.).....	August 9-10
Thinning Methods & Operations (11 hrs.) [Destin, FL].....	August 22-23
Harvesting Operations in Wetlands (12 hrs.).....	September 13-14
Strategic Presentation Skills (12 hrs.) [Lafayette, AL].....	September 26-28
Point Sampling: A Timber Cruising Workshop (12 hrs.) [Destin, FL].....	October 9-10
Developing Leadership for the High Performance Organization (10 hrs.).....	October 25-26
Keys to Effective Negotiating (10 hrs.) [Tuscaloosa, AL].....	November 8-9
Forestry for Non-Forestry Professionals (10 hrs.).....	November 21-22

Hours listed represent Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credit in Category 1.

1995 Course Offerings

The five-member Board met April 26, 1995 with a full agenda. Eleven applications for registration were reviewed. Eligibility to take an examination was determined during the review. Primary requirements are a degree in forestry from a school accredited by the Society of American Foresters or approved by the Board, two or more years of acceptable experience following graduation, and favorable references. Nine foresters were granted licenses, three having qualified by passing an oral examination, one a written, and five by reinstatement. The number of licenses issued by the Board now totals 1,583. Reciprocity was granted three applicants, one from Mississippi and two from Georgia. Each application for reciprocity is verified by the licensing board in the applicant's state of residence as holding a valid license. Three Forestry Interns were certified bring the total number of forestry school graduates who apply and become certified to 587.

Violations were addressed by committee chairman Sasnett in the presence of Assistant Attorney General, Gerri Grant. The status of contracts was reviewed under §34-12-36, 1975 Code of Alabama. It was the consensus of the Board that officers of the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters and members of its committee on Registration and Licensing be invited to meet with the Board in July. Later in 1995, the chairman of the Division will submit a "Guest Editorial" for publication in The REGISTERED FORESTER as provided in the amended Bylaws of the SAF.

Chairman Lowe announced that Emeritus Professor, Wilbur De Vall will relinquish his editorial duties with the Board effective September 30, 1995. He was appointed to the original Board by then governor James E. Folsom in 1958 and served consecutively on the Board for 29 years. He holds Alabama License No. 3 and has edited The REGISTERED FORESTER since its inception in 1971. The Board chairman or his designee will edit the publication in the future regardless of the publisher selected.

Fees charged by the Board are reviewed annually. Each must be set for the fiscal year ahead according to the Bylaws of the Board. All fees, with the exception of the fee charged for re-examination and late renewal, remain the same as in the past year. The fee schedule (reported elsewhere in this issue) is as follows: APPLICATION FEE, \$50; RENEWAL FEE, \$30, LATE RENEWAL FEE, \$30, RE-EXAMINATION FEE, \$25, and LOST CERTIFICATE FEE, \$10.

Board members were reminded that the 40th Anniversary of the Board will be reached, January 1998. Also, of the 28 foresters who have served one or more terms on the Board, all are living except five. The deceased members are, in alphabetical order, John B. Graves, David E. Hampe, R. Vance Miles, Jr., Carrow T. Prout, and Jacob M. Stauffer. - Editor.



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(city) (state) (zip)

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Residence _____

NEW TELEPHONE: Business () _____ Residence () _____

MAIL FORM TO: Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters
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Believe it or not, it is almost time to renew your license as a Registered Forester for 1996!

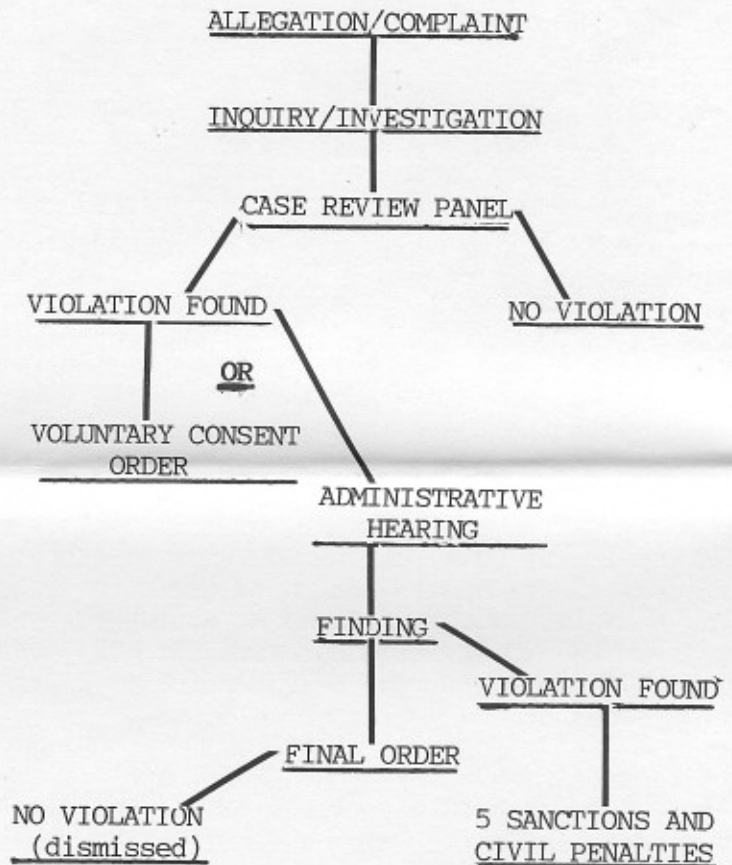
Renewal notices and Continuing Education forms will be mailed out prior to July 1. Please complete these forms and return them with your renewal fee as early as possible.

GOOD NEWS! The Renewal Fee for 1996 remains at only \$30.

BAD NEWS! The Late Renewal Fee has increased from \$20 to \$30. So, if your renewal fee is received **after September 30, 1995**, you will pay \$60 instead of \$30! The reason for the increase stems from the Office Manager's reports for the last two years. She has had to mail about 250 'second notices' and over 150 'third notices' which involves both time and postage at the increased rate.

Please contact Pam Sears, Office Manager, if you have any questions concerning the Continuing Education requirement. She can be reached at (334) 240-9368.

Board of Registration for Foresters
South Carolina Department of Labor,
Licensing & Regulation



The South Carolina Board lists five possible sanctions that could be taken against a registered forester involved in a disciplinary action: They are:

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| <u>PRIVATE REPRIMAND</u> | <u>PUBLIC REPRIMAND</u> |
| <u>PROBATION</u> | <u>SUSPENSION</u> |
| | <u>REVOCATION</u> |

DID YOU KNOW?

The size of the annual timber harvest in the United States today is approximately the same as it was in 1900, and forest growth continues to exceed removals.

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