



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

Spring 2003

Board Encourages Active Participation in the Society of American Foresters

Since the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters was established in 1957, there has been a special relationship between the Board and the Society of American Foresters. The four most obvious connections are: 1) members of the Board must be SAF members, 2) applicants for registration must be graduates of either an SAF accredited curriculum or from a program specifically approved by the Board, 3) the Alabama Division of the SAF nominates candidates for Board appointment by the Governor, and 4) most of the continuing education credits used to maintain current registration are given through SAF.

While all of these connections are important, number 3 is particularly significant. According to the law establishing the Board, the Division nominates three individuals for each Board vacancy and the Governor is restricted to these three nominees in making an appointment. To our knowledge, this method of selecting Board members is unique to Alabama. In our discussions with Board members and registered foresters in other states, a number of difficulties have been identified in the appointment process. In some states, there are no restrictions on who can be appointed. In other states, appointees must be registered foresters but there is no mechanism for obtaining nominations. In these cases there is a tendency for vacancies to go unfilled or be filled with individuals who have no expertise or interest in the Board of Registration.

We should all be grateful to those farsighted individuals who were instrumental in establishing the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters. As a

result of their efforts, the Alabama Board has consisted of members who are dedicated to a professional organization to "benefit and protect the public". In identifying nominees for the Governor's consideration, the Alabama Division, SAF, selects individuals who are well-respected professionals, want to be on the Board and will commit the necessary time.

With the obvious positive relationship between SAF and the Board, it is somewhat disturbing that there are more registered foresters than SAF members in Alabama. If you are one of these registered foresters who is not an SAF member, the Board encourages you to think about becoming a member. A good way to start would be to attend a local SAF chapter meeting.

If you want more information on the SAF, the cur-

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Summary of Enforcement Actions Taken by The Board

In the 2002 fall edition of the Registered Forester an article outlined "The Complaint Process - How the Board Investigates Potential Violations." The article covered step by step the process of filing a formal violation complaint and the actions the Board takes to investigate, resolve, and when required, prosecute the matter. The philosophy of the Board is that educating and seeking voluntary compliance best serve the public interest. Therefore enforcement actions first seek to correct and rehabilitate before pursuing punitive measures. A logical extension of the information furnished previously is to share data on the numbers and status of

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Board Highlights--April 2003

Notes from State Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Foresters met on April 23, 2003 in Montgomery. Members present were: Emmett Thompson, Lehman Bass, Kenneth Day, Melissa Love and Rhett Johnson.

The Board reviewed applications for licensing and approved the following applicants for examination: Eric D. Magnus, Steven D. Payne, John K. Lindsey, Randall E. Whitaker, Joseph B. Waldrep, Paul E. Garmon, Michael J. Caylor, John J. Flood, Gerald L. Brace.

Written exams were held on April 9, 2003 for seven applicants. Six passed the exam; one did not. The Board also approved reinstatement of two applicants; Michael S. Ashe and Huey S. Long. Reciprocity was granted to Robert Lee Parker from Georgia.

Thompson and Oates reported on the Alabama Forests Forever Foundation. As chairman of the Board, Thompson is a member of the Board of Directors for this Foundation. In February the AFFF Board approved setting aside \$140,000 for forestry education grants to be dispersed in July. Oates also reported on a recent landowner survey sponsored by this Foundation.

Thompson presented a "mock up" of an exhibit board that can be used at conferences to promote the concept of registered foresters to landowners. The Board decided to pursue this idea.

The Board also discussed doing an on-line version of its newsletter for those foresters who would prefer to receive an electronic copy. A hard copy version, sent through the mail would still be available for those people who do not want an electronic copy.

The Board discussed the June meeting of the ASBORF; scheduled for June 19-20. This meeting of forester registration boards, from the southeastern states will be held in Auburn.

The Board moved and passed a motion that the fees charged for 2004 remain unchanged from the 2003 fees schedule. See the chart to the right for the 2004 fees.

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Don't Forget! Renewal Time

Renewal forms will be mailed out to all Registered Foresters on the first of July. These must be returned to the Board office by September 30, 2003.

Each Registered Foresters must complete ten hours of continuing education in the two year period prior to license renewal. These CFEs must be completed by September 30th. See page four of this newsletter for excerpts from the Board policy on license renewal. *A fifty dollar late fee will apply to forms received after September 30th.* If forms are not received by December 31, 2003 you must reapply for your license.

2004 Fees

Application Fees	\$ 50
Renewal Fees	
Active	\$ 75
Inactive	\$ 30
Late	\$ 50
Reinstatement Fees	\$125
Lost License	\$ 10

Continuing Education for Foresters Opportunities

Course	Location	Date	CFE Hours
<i>Boundary Law, Easements & Right of Ways</i>	Auburn	July 15-16	12
<i>Balancing Wood, Water & Wildlife</i>	Auburn	July 23	10
<i>Timber Income Tax</i>	Tuscaloosa	July 28	7
<i>Estate Planning for Forest Landowners</i>	Tuscaloosa	July 29	7
<i>Boundary Law, Easements & Right of Ways</i>	Jackson, MS	July 30-31	12
<i>Point Sampling</i>	Auburn	August 5-6	10
<i>Business Management Skills for Foresters</i>	Auburn	August 12	10
<i>Managing Forest Soils and Soil Productivity</i>	Auburn	August 20	10
<i>Contract Law</i>	Macon, GA	August 26-27	12
<i>Business Issues</i>	Auburn	September 16-17	10
<i>Contract Law</i>	Tuscaloosa	September 16-17	10
<i>Balancing Wood, Water & Wildlife</i>	Jackson, MS	October 21	12
<i>Timber Harvesting</i>	Macon, GA	October 14	12

For more information about the above courses, contact Preceda at (334) 514-3000.

Silvicultural Decisions in Tough Economic Times Birmingham June 24-25
Contact Brandi Leopold at (706) 543-3202.

Harvest Planning Atlanta, GA June 25-26
Contact Susan King at (706) 542-6640.

Simulator for Managed Stands Fort Walton July 14-15
Contact Brandi Leopold at (706) 543-3202.

Change of Address Form

Please update the information found in the Roster of Registered Foresters by sending this form by mail to the Board of Registration at 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130; fax: 334-353-3641 or email it to psears@elmore.rr.com).

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board Policy on Continuing Education for Foresters

These are excerpts from the Board's policy requiring continuing education credits for foresters.

(1) To renew a license a registered forester will be required to have completed 10 hours of acceptable continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding the renewal date as a condition for license renewal.

(2) Acceptable continuing education credit hours can be carried over one year provided the hours have not been used to satisfy the previous year requirements.

(3) Registered foresters licensed for less than one year at the date of license expiration will not be required to complete any hours of continuing education prior to that first license expiration, but will be required to have the ten required hours of continuing education as of the second license expiration as a condition for license renewal.

(4) Registered foresters will report the continuing education credits to be applied to this requirement along with documentation as a part of the license renewal form.

(5) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will result in non-renewal of the registered forester license.

(6) Responsibility for documenting the fulfillment of the continuing education requirements provided for in this section rests with the licensee, and the licensee must retain for a period of two years, from the date of license renewal, copies of the evidence to support fulfillment of the requirements. (9) There are six categories of continuing forestry education which cover the various activities for which credit may be granted.

(a) Category 1. Organized course work or activities in forestry or forestry-related subject matter such as silviculture, mensuration, forest pest management, habitat management, urban forestry, forest policy, or professional ethics.

(b) Category 2. The development, preparation, and presentation of forestry or forestry-related course work.

(c) Category 3. Other organized course work or

activities not specifically forestry or forestry-related but which are professionally enriching or directly benefiting the individual in his or her present position.

(d) Category 4. The preparation, writing and publication of forestry or forestry-related subject matter, which requires effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description.

(e) Category 5. Self-improvement in forestry or forestry-related subjects.

(f) Category 6. Holding elected or appointed office or active committee assignment in forestry or allied professional organizations.

(a) A minimum of 5 contact hours must be in Category 1 or 2; however, the entire requirement may be met with hours in Category 1, only.

(b) A maximum of 5 contact hours may be claimed in Categories 3 thru 6.

AF&PA Praises Healthy Forests Initiatives

Washington, DC - W. Henson Moore, President and CEO of the American Forest & Paper Association, praised the U.S. House for an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote passing H.R. 1904, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. The House passed the legislation by a vote of 256-170.

"This bill is a victory for forest lovers and forest owners everywhere," said Moore. "It takes critical steps towards protecting our national forests from catastrophic wildfires, and begins the process of unlocking the science-based forest management toolbox for federal land managers, enabling them to more fully address our grave forest health crisis."

"There are more than 100 million acres of National Forest System land at high risk to catastrophic wildfire, insect infestation, and disease, and more than 90 million acres of federally owned land outside of the National Forest System also at risk of wildfire," continued Moore. "These at-risk areas present a very real threat-not just to the communities built in and around them; not just to the water and air filtered through them; and not just to the millions of acres of critical wildlife habitat contained within them-but to the millions of acres of privately owned forestland adjoining these unhealthy public lands." continued Moore.

New Registered Foresters

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P.O. Box 790
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21 Palmer Drive
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Board Considers Changes to Registered Forester Newsletter

At its last meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of producing an electronic version of the *Registered Forester* newsletter. This would be done in an email format where those who receive the newsletter could link directly to internet sites mentioned in the newsletter, register for continuing education courses on-line and update information more easily. As more foresters become part of the computer age, this will become a more attractive format for members to receive information.

An on-line newsletter could save the Board a considerable amount of money in printing and mailing costs as well as allowing members access to more timely information related to forestry in Alabama. The newsletter would still be available to those of you who prefer to receive a hard copy through the mail.

Please give us your thoughts on this idea. Would it be more convenient for you to receive the Registered Forester Newsletter through email? Would you prefer a hard copy? Send an email to voice your concerns to Rick Oates (rjoates@earthlink.net) or Pam Sears (psears@elmore.rr.com). If you don't have email, please call Pam or fax her a note to express your

thoughts. If we don't have your email address, please send it to Pam so she can update her records.

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rent Alabama Division chairman is Mark Bond (P. O. Box 99 Perdue Hill 36470 or (251) 743-8247). He can provide you with membership information as well as the location and dates of Chapter meetings. Also, the Southeastern SAF meeting will be in Alabama this year, October 5-7 in Mobile. An informative program is being planned that will include enough continuing education credits to maintain registration.

Contributed by Board Chairman Emmett Thompson

In Memorium

*Mrs. Elnora DeVall, the wife of
Dr. Wilbur F. DeVall (RF#3),
passed away on May 1, 2003.
Please remember Dr. DeVall in
your thoughts and prayers.*

Enforcement, Continued from page 1

Complaint Number	Alleged Violation(s)*	Status
2002-001	1,2	Closed; the accused complied with a cease and desist notice.
2002-002	5	Pending; the Assistant Attorney General Counsel assigned to the Board is evaluating an attorney's request for a temporary stay of action pending the availability of the accused.
2003-001	2	Closed; the accused complied with a cease and desist notice.
2003-002	1,2	Pending; accused has been notified to cease and desist and conform with the corrective action.

actual complaints filed with the Board. A summary of ongoing complaint investigations is presented in tabular format on page 6. The information is sanitized to protect the identity of the principals.

***Summary of Violations** 1) Practice or offer to practice the profession of forestry without being registered or exempted. 2) Use in connection with name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that one

is a registered forester, without being registered or exempted in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975 Chapter 12, s34-12. 3) Present or attempt to use as one's own the license of another; or any person who shall give any false or forged evidence of any kind to the board or any member thereof in obtaining a license. 4) Attempt to use an expired or revoked license. 5) Violate any of the provisions of Code of Alabama 1975 Chapter 12, s34-12.

Contributed By Board Member Kenneth Day

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