



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

Winter 2020

Uncharted Territory

It has been an interesting 2020 to say the least. The Board faced many unknowns dealing with a pandemic. We learned our laws left no leeway to relax required continuing education requirements, and hard deadlines to renew your Registered Foresters license.

The Board worked diligently with our partners to institute new platforms such as online webinars and Zoom meetings to help our foresters complete the needed CFE's to renew their license. The Board is working to rewrite statutes to alleviate these issues in the future.

We would like to thank each of you for your great attitudes and understanding through this different and challenging time. Your encouraging words and support to the Board has been a blessing to us here as we are maneuvering

in uncharted territory and facing many unknowns beyond the renewal process.

Thankfully we were all deemed essential workers, so our jobs had to go on regardless of the vast shutdowns across our state. Thank you for your dedication and integrity as new ways to accommodate the forestry industry of Alabama were required and will most likely be forever changed.

As always, it is an honor to serve the people of the state of Alabama and our great foresters who continue to put their best foot forward no matter the challenge and assist the great state of Alabama with distinction.

Sincerely

Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters

Association of SOUTHEASTERN BOARDS of REGISTRATION for FORESTERS

The Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) is a group of southeastern state Boards of Registration for Foresters which meet annually to discuss issues regarding registration in member states. Member states include Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia. The purpose of the group is to promote the discussion of ideas of mutual interest which transcend state boundaries, to promote, where possible, uniformity among individual Boards, and to assist in the investigation and conviction of persons who violate the laws of one or more states by conducting interstate activities.

All Board members of member state Boards of Registration for Foresters as well as Board Directors are invited to attend the annual ASBORF meeting.

It is mandated by law that the board meet annually. However, due to the Co-vid 19 virus the 2020 business meeting of ASBORF was held via Zoom August 20, 2020. North Carolina would have been the host state. The group decided to reschedule the in person meeting again in North

Carolina, looking at a possible spring date to be determined later. West Virginia is a new member of the group and will host the meeting in 2022.

Other than the regular order of business to elect officers for the upcoming 2021 year. As expected, the main topic was the virus, all states made no changes to their renewal requirements except for South Carolina, due to their renewal deadline being June 30, it was extended until September 30, 2020.

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Farewell from Tim Albritton



As outgoing member Tim Albritton was instrumental in the board pursuing a process to purchase caps, Chair, Rick Johnson, went through the ceremonial thank you for your service on the Board and presented an old plaque the Board had to Tim. It was very comical to see Tim's reaction once he read the plaque to realize he had been had. Rick then presented Tim with the cap we are working to offer to all our foresters.

Side note: Once settling upon the sample caps to offer to our foresters, the State Examiners said we did not have supporting statutes allowing us to purchase/sell promotional items. As with the other statutes we are working to amend, we are working on this one as well. Stay tuned!

First and foremost, let me say that it has been an honor to serve on the Board of Registration for Foresters for the past five years. I want to thank my employer, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), for allowing me the flexibility to serve. It has been a great learning experience for me. I did not realize how much goes on behind the scenes with the Board.

I have always had a keen fascination with history, so the long list of forestry leaders that have served on the Board did not and does not escape me. Some I have not personally known but have heard their names throughout my career- Jake Stauffer and Wilbur De Vall to name a few. I have worked with and have great respect for many others that have served such as Charles Pigg and Doug Smith. Knowing those who have served has given me a better understanding of the history and reputation of the Board. Needless to say, the list of previous members over the past 63 years is significant.

What about the current state of the Board? My last meeting with the Board was October 28, 2020 and I leave it in good hands with the (4) members and the Executive Director. I am confident we have a very good method for selecting future Board members and my replacement will be appointed soon. The process that is in place has worked well over the years as the selection committee strives to

select a member that will help insure diversity in all aspects. I have no doubt the next forester selected will be up for the task and be an asset to the Board.

There are many things the Board is required to do according to the law. Along with other responsibilities, they handle registration, maintain a roster of registered foresters, and handle complaints and/or violations. However, the task that I felt needed a renewed focus was that of reviewing and updating the written exam questions.

As you might expect, some of the questions on the exam were outdated and/or at least needed revising. The Board took the task seriously and began reviewing the questions by topic area. The Board can choose to update the question, remove it or develop a new question. This is time consuming, but significant progress has been made over the past two or three years.

Finally, let me say, I have worked my entire career in forestry in our Great State of Alabama. It has been over 40 years since I began my forestry experience at Patrick Henry State Junior College in Monroeville (now Coastal Alabama Community College). My forestry experience has been a great one- especially the privilege of being allowed to serve on the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

Sincerely,
Tim Albritton

New Registered Foresters

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please call for an appointment.*

2020–Violations Committee Report

The Board strongly believes that educating and seeking voluntary compliance will better serve the public interest. Therefore, before pursuing punitive enforcement, corrective and rehabilitative actions will be taken. A summary of investigations is presented below.

Complaint No. 20-001

Complaint filed against a Non-Registered Forester by a Forester. Complaint does not fit the purview of the Board. Case Closed.

Complaint No. 20-002

Complaints filed against a Non-Registered Forester by Registered Forester. Investigation on-going.

Complaint No. 20-003

Complaints filed against a Registered Forester by a Non-Registered Forester. No action taken by the Board. Resolved.

In Memoriam

We remember our fellow foresters who passed in 2020

Joseph Lyons Meaher (#0590)

Robert Glenn Berry (#0926)

Board Fees for 2021

Application Fee	\$60.00
Reinstatement Application Fee (Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)	\$150.00
Reciprocity Application Fees (Initial Application)	Same as charged for Alabama Applicants in the reciprocal state
Re-Examination Fee	\$100.00
Renewal Fees	
All Licensees	\$130.00
Late Penalty (Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)	\$100.00
License Replacement Fee (Certificate)	\$50.00
Printed Roster	\$10.00
Registered Forester Window Decal (Auto)	\$1.00
Returned Check Fee	\$30.00

Registered Forester Eligibility List

Logan Gregory Bailey	James A. Dressler	Patrick Allen McKinney
Noah Paul Barcroft	Zachary Shane Dunning	Grant Stearnes Ruthland
William Daniel Brown	John Thomas Fuller	Cole Ray Swanson
John N. Bryan	Hannah G. Gregson	Jonathan Daniel Walker
Andrew David Burns	Jack Buster Hinton	Justin Davenport Waters
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Renewal Reminder

The grace period for 2021 license renewal ends December 31, 2020. If you submitted your renewal but have not received your new ID card, please contact Lea Anna Meadows immediately at 334-240-9301 to make sure the renewal was received and processed.

If you renewed your license online an email was sent to you with your pocket card. If you need me to resend the email with your RF card, please let me know.

Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2020 will be revoked. The Board is required by law to send revocation notices to all non-renewing licensees, including those who, for whatever reason, intentionally allowed their license to lapse.

For foresters who may be looking for continuing education opportunities to renew your 2021 licenses, on-line webinars can be found at the links below.

Southern Regional Extension Forestry (SREF):

has on demand and upcoming webinars.
www.forestrywebinars.net/

Alabama Cooperative Extension Service:

[www.facebook.com/
AcesForestryWildlifeNaturalResources](https://www.facebook.com/AcesForestryWildlifeNaturalResources)

The Alabama Forestry Association:

[www.alaforestry.org/page/
ContinuingEducationOnline](http://www.alaforestry.org/page/ContinuingEducationOnline)

Southern Fire Exchange

[https://southernfireexchange.org/calendars/
category/webinars/](https://southernfireexchange.org/calendars/category/webinars/)
 (Note: no CFE's are available for archived webinars.)

The Society of American Foresters:

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

Please keep these webinar links on file as Co-Vid could continue to limit in person access to workshops.

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Please take a moment to review your current roster information online at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/rosterofforesters.asp>. To submit changes, email LeaAnna.Meadows@asbrf.alabama.gov or submit the online Change of Address form at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Full Name: _____ License Number: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Business City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Cell: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Home City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County _____

Home Phone: _____ Personal Cell: _____

Home E-mail: _____