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## FROM CRUISING TO THE FORUM

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After more than four decades of active practice in the profession of forestry, I am convinced there is no more satisfying career choice than to be a Registered Forester; whether working to manage the resource or manufacturing forest products. Most who have chosen this profession, are led to it, as I was, by a deep love of nature, a strong commitment to the woodlands environment, and a constant desire to manage and protect the forest resource.

The problems for us, though many, would have simpler solutions if we only had to deal with the science of forestry. Complications arise as what we do and how we do it continues to be attacked by those who practice mass hysteria through the media. It makes little difference that their message is built upon misrepresentation, misunderstanding, and even outright lies. Their aggressiveness in trying to stop all commercial cutting of trees must be counteracted and their faulty premise exposed.

It is the Registered Forester who is uniquely qualified, by knowledge and experience, to be the spokesperson in communicating the positive and beneficial message of responsible forestry. There should be no reluctance in proclaiming in any public forum, the message that the forest is a crop which will be harvested either by nature or man. If nature harvests nobody benefits; if man harvests, society benefits.

Of course, this means cutting trees but never has the opportunity for good forestry and forest management been more critical than now. We, in the industry, know that we are reaping the benefits of the forest management practices of generations before us. This is not to say everything done in forestry in the past was laudable. It is to say, however, that there are trees to harvest because of some good prior forest management practices. We are fortunate to have in place in our State today Best Management Practices for forestry not only to assuage the controversies relative to harvesting of the forest resource but also to insure the growth for generations to come.

We urgently need to restore public confidence that we are good stewards of the forest, that a balance can be reached between industrial development and protection of the environment. One does not have to preclude the other.

The Registered Forester of today must rise to the challenge and not only become well informed but also become outspoken on the issues which threaten his very livelihood. This public relations concept is somehow foreign to those ideals which led us to a forestry career but will yield unforeseen lasting benefits. It is necessary to stop the brainwashing of our children by those forces eager to see our industry fade away. The opportunities for public presentations are limitless and resources are available to those who will boldly answer forestry's detractors. Established programs like Project Learning Tree, for school children being utilized in 48 states and five foreign countries, and Alabama's Teacher's Conservation Workshop, which served a record number 80 classroom teachers this year, both bring into focus the balance between industry and nature. Becoming familiar with their contents is a good place to start in pro-active research. (Continued, page 4)



James R. Lowe  
Chairman

James R. Lowe, R.F., Chairman

Officers of the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters, attended the July meeting of the Board at the invitation of the chairman. Representing the SAF were Mike Beach, Chairman, and Mike Smith, Chairman-elect. Beach presented the annual "State of the Society" report to the Board. The Board then briefed the delegation on its past activities and future plans.

The joint meeting of Board and Division, during the July meeting of the Board, was initiated July 28, 1976 under the chairmanship of Wilbur De Vall. John McCullough represented the Chapter (now Division) and was accompanied by members of the Chapter's Committee on Foresters' Registration and Licensing. The meetings have been held, without interruption, for eighteen years.

"Forestry appears to be in the midst of an evolution or revolution". "Many active SAF members are out on the cutting edge of political and public issues that affect our profession". These were statements made by Mike Beach during his report. He continued, "It appears that at a critical time for our profession, interest and activities of foresters vary considerably and are not focused on the resolution of current public issues concerning forestry." "The SAF represents the profession of forestry in the U.S. and does have influence in the area of public policy." "SAF membership in Alabama represents about half of the number of Registered Foresters in the State." "Too many of us are willing to let others take the heat or do the battle."

After reflecting on Mike's statements, it seems to me that if the membership in SAF were represented by a higher percentage of foresters who apply their knowledge everyday in forest management and/or are directly involved in wood procurement or timber harvesting, the SAF would be much better balanced between theory and practice. Foresters who are experienced in 'running a business' need to be pro-active in the Society and lend their voices to the formulation of policy. Without this influence, the SAF could be unduly pressured toward supporting 'big government' solutions rather than 'free enterprise' solutions. Your voice is needed in the Society of American Foresters at any and/or all levels.

The Board also had the pleasure of a visit by George Brown and Brian Oswald who made presentations on the forestry program at Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama. "Within the last three years, the forestry program at A&M has grown from two to five faculty members and from 15 to 115 students" according to Brown. He continued, "We anticipate adding two more to our faculty this year and expect to grow to approximately 130 students." He added, "Funding has been secured for several new, research projects, which complement our academic program development." "Our goal is to achieve SAF accreditation, thereby becoming the first, accredited forest program at an historically black college or university."

Forestry is changing. The Board is striving to stay current on issues and to administer the registration of forester's Code in a fair and equitable manner. Comments from Registered Foresters are welcomed at any time.

## Schedule of 1994 Forestry WORKSHOPS Auburn University

### Federal Laws & Regulations Affecting Forest Management Activities (5 hrs)\*\*

Mobile .....	September 20
Montgomery .....	September 21
Huntsville .....	September 22

### Alabama Laws & Regulations Affecting Forest Management Activities (5 hrs)\*\*

Mobile .....	October 5
Montgomery .....	October 6
Huntsville .....	October 7

### Timber & the Federal Income Tax (5 hrs)\*\*

Mobile .....	November 28
Birmingham .....	November 30
Huntsville .....	December 2

## Short Courses SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

(All short courses are held at the Auburn University Hotel & Conference Center unless otherwise noted.)

### Continuing Education Program

Keys to effective Negotiating	Sept. 28-29
Forest Roads	Oct. 5-6
Thinning Methods & Operations (Tuscaloosa)	Oct. 10-11
Harvesting Operations in Wetlands	Oct. 26-27
Urban Tree Selection & Management	Nov. 2-3
Managing a Longleaf Pine Ecosystem (Andalusia)	Nov. 9-10
Forestry Herbicides: Regulatory Compliance	Dec. 13-14

For more information about the Alabama CFE program, contact Chris Isaacson at 205-844-1042.

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Please insert this page in the back of your 27th Roster for 1994-95. All persons were issued licenses during the July 1994 meeting of the Board.

The following applicants were granted Reciprocity based on verification that they possessed a valid license issued by the Boards shown opposite each name.

Cannon, Gary P.....	Georgia
Carignan, Thomas E., Jr.....	Georgia
Hart, Kit. P.....	Mississippi
Teter, Paul D.....	Georgia

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CONTINUING EDUCATION/An Interpretation

Some retired Registered Foresters still feel they should be exempted from the C.E. requirement. Bob Nonnemacher, who chairs this committee for the Board cited the law saying that "In Alabama continuing education is a requirement of the State Legislative Sunset Committee, and the requirement cannot be circumvented." Further he emphasized that continuing education "Appears to be the best means available to assure that we as professionals are not becoming outdated in the knowledge required to serve the public". - Editor.



Dear Forestry Leader:

The Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters solicits your support in assuring that the forestry community in Alabama adheres to the Alabama Code concerning the registration and licensing of foresters. For a copy of the 1975 Code of Alabama, please contact the Board's office.

The forester's registration and licensing law was passed to help assure that the forest landowner received forestry recommendations and plans on his timberland that were prepared by trained, competent and experienced graduate foresters. This is even more important today with the technology advances in forestry and in the application of the ever growing environmental regulations.

Please review your operations to assure that you are in compliance. Points to consider include:

- Use of title "Forester" on letterheads, business cards, advertisements and reports only if the individual is a registered forester in the State of Alabama.
- When you engage forestry consultants, assure that they employ registered foresters and that they perform all forestry work under the direct supervision of registered foresters.
- Assure that forestry services, or advice, provided by your organization for landowners is performed under the direct supervision of registered foresters.
- Review your forestry staff and encourage every graduate forester to become registered and licensed in Alabama.

The Board sincerely appreciates your action on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

*James R. Lowe*

James R. Lowe, R.F.  
Chairman

BOARD BUSINESS AGENDA/Two Days

In addition to the items reported by the Chairman, the Board reviewed six applications for registration, Certified 18 Forestry Interns, licensed nine (see Roster Update), and set the Late Renewal Fee at \$50.

The SAF representatives discussed four major topics with the Board - the 'Image of Foresters', 'SAF membership vs Registration', 'Sunset Committee Report', and 'Continuing Education'. Chairman Beach will write a guest editorial for the Fall Issue, The REGISTERED FORESTER. He will also receive an ABSTRACT of the Registration Law from the Board. The exchange of concerns among SAF members and members of the Board proved most productive. - Editor.

# It's The Law



LEGAL COUNSEL GOVERNS - Bill Sahlie, (L) Chairman, Violations Committee, looks over a new rule of the Board with Bob Lowe, Chairman, as Legal Counsel, Gerri Grant, Assistant Attorney General lends her approval.

## EXPIRATION/RENEWAL OF LICENSES

380-X-3-.06 Expiration and Renewal Procedures. All licenses expire and become invalid on the 30th of September each year unless renewed by that date. Three months prior to the expiration date, each registrant will be notified by the secretary by mail of the expiration date of the license and the amount of the renewal fee for the ensuing year. A final renewal notice will be mailed thirty days prior to the expiration date. Licenses may be renewed during the three months following September 30th, but no later than December 31st, by payment of a late renewal fee set by the Board. Registrants failing to renew their licenses by September 30th will be notified by the secretary by mail by October 10th, that unless the renewal and late renewal fees are received by December 31st, the said license will be revoked. (Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, Sec. 34-12-8); Filed October 1, 1982; Revised February 8, 1994. H. P. Sasnett, Chairman, Rules Committee.

## 1994 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE REVISED

The next written examination will be administered by the Board on October 11, not October 4, at Taylor Hardin Armory. The next Oral will be given October 25th.

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## SPEAKERS BUREAU/Visuals Being Prepared

The Board has reviewed visual aids prepared for the purpose of giving talks to professional and public groups. They consist of transparencies for over-head projection and slides. An outline of the law governing foresters' registration and licensing appears on each set. Anyone desiring to use them for a public presentation can borrow them by contacting the Board. Speakers can give their own interpretation of the law without the use of notes. The outlines are diagrammatic and easily followed.



Forestry's value to society is given new emphasis by the SAF's "Walk-in-the-Forest" program. Be a volunteer to take school children, legislators, neighbors, and friends into the woods on a pre-set day (this year October 21st) to teach the public about the many benefits of healthy forests and about how foresters care for these forests. An added benefit is that public perception will be ameliorated by the shared love of nature and the environment of all the participants.

Registered Foresters in every part of the State should become part of the Alabama Forestry Speaker's Bureau jointly sponsored by the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters and the Alabama Forestry Commission and should openly seek every avenue available in the local community to underscore the vast differences between the environment, which is where we live and work, and environmentalism, which is a political pressure group whose master plan is to eliminate our industry. Even though the battlefield has been set in the political arena, this challenge does not diminish the vital importance of forestry and forest products to our nation's economy. We must become pro-active. We cannot lose the battle by default.

**SAF NOMINATES/Governor Appoints**

§ 34-12-31 of the 1975 Code of Alabama sets forth the qualifications of Board members. Further, it is the duty of the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters to submit three nominees to the governor for each vacancy on the Board.

All nominees must be 1) U.S. citizens, 2) residents of Alabama, 3) Registered Foresters, 4) members or fellows of the SAF, and 4) have been practicing foresters for at least ten years prior to appointment. In addition, each must have established professional and personal characteristics, and agree to serve if appointed.

**NOTES FROM THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE**

Bill Sahlie, R.F., Chairman

During its regular quarterly meeting on July 27, 1994, the Board reviewed eleven (11) cases involving alleged violation of the Alabama Code requiring registration of foresters. Six (6) cases, having been satisfactorily resolved, were closed. Five (5) cases were kept open pending further investigation.

The number of cases being brought to the attention of the Board continues to increase. The Board is requiring the advice of the Attorney General's office more frequently now. It is also evident that more foresters in the field are paying attention to the possible violation of the Code concerning forestry and are reporting these to the Board.

The Board now has an abstract available on request of that portion of the Alabama law that deals with the use of the title 'forester' and the 'practice of forestry'. Anyone can get a copy by calling the Office Manager, Pamela Sears, at (205) 240-9368. The Board has approved publication of this abstract in appropriate forestry and forestry-related publications. I hope you will take the time to read it.

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