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REFLECTIONS ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Retired-Regional Timberlands Manager
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As I step down after serving five (5) years as a member of your Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters, I look back with a great deal of satisfaction.

It was an honor to be appointed to serve my profession since so few have had this opportunity. Not only was this experience educational to me but it gave me a better understanding of the broad views and beliefs of foresters both registered and non-registered.

As you have seen printed so many times in The REGISTERED FORESTER, the foresters' registration and licensing law was enacted to protect the public. This is not a law to enhance the image of forestry or foresters. Your registration board strives to assure that forest landowners receive forestry recommendations on their timberlands from trained, competent, and experienced graduate foresters who have passed a state board exam and hold a valid license.

During my term on the board, the Legislative Sunset Committees' mandate was carried out when the board developed and implemented a continuing education requirement for license renewals.

The purpose of continuing education is to assure the public that license holders are updated on the constantly changing and complex issues confronting the profession. Now, how can a true professional forester object to this logic?

The ranks of Registered Foresters were reduced due to the education requirement. A majority of those not renewing were retired foresters. However, others felt they did not need more education. It was surprising to read some of the heated letters the board received in opposition to this requirement.

As a graduating senior in forestry school, one of my professors made a statement I have never forgotten. He said, "when you receive your college sheepskin you have proven that you have the ability to learn, but the day you accept employment and start working is the day your education begins." I don't think a truer statement has ever been made.

Education, regardless of form, is one of the tools needed throughout one's career for personal growth and success. Whether one has twenty years experience on the job or one year of experience twenty times over, is the choice of the individual.

The Registered Forester today must stay current with the latest technology available and prepare himself/herself for the challenges confronting the forestry profession.

Constantly the general public is bombarded with false information concerning past and modern forestry practices. Foresters are the ones who should be educating the public and not misinformed environmentalists and preservationists. (Continued on page 4)



James R. Lowe
Chairman

SUCCESS AND APPRECIATION

Bob Lowe, R.F., Chairman
State Board of Registration for Foresters

Chapter 12, Code of Alabama pertaining to foresters, states, "The State Board of Registration for Foresters shall adopt a program of continuing education for its licensees not later than October 1, 1991." Based on this mandate, the state board in a special meeting September 15, 1991, established the present Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) policy by Motion 1016. Following this action, Chris Isaacson was employed by the School of Forestry at Auburn University to establish and administer a continuing education program for foresters.

Working within a very compressed time frame, Chris implemented the CFE program in 1992 and conducted six short courses/workshops that year. The CFE program has been a great success and the following statistics illustrate its phenomenal acceptance and growth.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number Courses Offered(*)</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1992	6	215
1993	24	766
1994	38	1367

(*) Includes in-house programs by companies

Chris will be leaving Auburn later this year to pursue a path toward vocational Christian ministry. His comments in a recent letter to me included: "It is with great anticipation we begin down this new path and with great thankfulness for the career in forestry that we leave behind. One thing I have observed in many of the foresters I have met and worked with over the years, is the conviction that what we do is more than just a job. What we do provides us an opportunity to be wise stewards of the resources entrusted to us, a chance to leave a lasting legacy. I count it as a privilege to have worked in this profession and trust that the legacy I leave is both positive and constructive." Chris was quick to give credit to his colleagues at Auburn and the support he received from the Alabama Forestry Commission and the State Board of Registration.

We extend to Chris our sincere appreciation for his contribution in the development of an outstanding CFE program at Auburn and wish for him and his family much success in their Christian ministry. - *Bob Lowe.*

VIOLATIONS HANDLED ROUTINELY/Attorney General's Representative Present

Phillip Sasnett, Chairman
Violations Committee

During the quarter ending with the January 1995 board meeting, one case of using the title Forester without a license was closed based on an Attorney General's opinion; two previously pending cases of practicing without a license were referred to the Attorney General's office; one case of negligence and one case of practicing without a license remained under investigation by the Board; three new complaints were received for investigation, two for practicing without a license and one for negligence.

The following is an excerpt from the "Administrative Rule, SBRF" found on pages 149-166 of the current Twenty-seventh Roster of Registered Foresters.

Policy Statement 380-X-6-.01 "Supervision" under 34-12-2(3) Construed. It shall be the policy of the Board under 34-12-2-(3), of the 1975 Code of Alabama, that the word 'supervision' should mean the direct personal inspection and approval of all work of such employee or subordinate which is presented to the public in any form as being the effort, the result of the efforts, opinion, advice, or recommendation of a forester. *Phil Sasnette*

This panel should be removed at the perforation and added to your current Roster to keep it up to date. Those licensed during the January 1995 meeting of the Board are shown below.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>License No.</u>
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TWENTY-SEVENTH ROSTER OF REGISTERED FORESTERS

1994-95



A broken column is a fit monument to life. Many have felt the sadness of heart which comes with a shortened life. Death offers its summons and the impatient workman must leave his task unfinished. We can plan this life and obtain eternal life as its fruitage.

BUSINESS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL/Two Days Required

The January 1995 quarterly meeting required two days. Significant items of business are herewith summarized.

Chairman Lowe welcomed Rick Jones as a new member and assigned him to two committees. (See stories on page 3). It was the consensus of the Board that the results of its survey of consulting foresters be turned over to the Forestry Commission. A special report on violations appears on page 2 prepared by chairman Sasnett.

Seven (7) applications for registration were reviewed bringing the total number to 1,766 since inception of the Board in 1958. Reciprocity was granted three (3) applicants holding valid licenses in Mississippi and one (1) in Georgia. Granting Reciprocity is done by special motion after all requirements of the Alabama Board have been met. Oral examinations were given four (4) applicants resulting in issuing licenses to three (3) bringing the total issued by the Board to 1574. (See Roster Update information, page 2A) Two (2) Forestry Interns were certified bring the total to 584 since inception of the certification provision.

During the past three months, the Board received or wrote 27 letters all of which are mailed to each Board member prior to the quarterly meeting.

The two-day session provided time for separate meetings with invited individuals for the purpose of discussing future plans. Pictured on page 4 is the group invited to discuss plans for the continuation of courses required in the Continuing Education program and new/renovated space for both the Alabama Forestry Commission and the Board.

The Board approved the request of Kim Gilliland for a special article on the Forestry Registration Law authored by Wilbur De Vall, R.F., for publication in the TREASURE FOREST magazine. This article is based on a previous condensed summary of the law prepared for the Board by De Vall.

Office Manager, Pamela Sears, presented her quarterly report which shows 913 persons currently registered and 35 previously registered whose licenses were not renewed. Names of registrants whose licenses have 'lapsed' are: THOMAS CROKER, WILLIAM KOIER, DANIEL ROYAL, VIRGIL WILLETT, FRANK STEWART, JR., PHILIP MOSES, KENNETH DUMAS, GEORGE LEWIS, JAMES WOODALL, JOHN BRISTER, MASON CARTER, LEONARD HOGAN, HAROLD BEALS, WILLIAM BAGGETT, CALVIN CHERRY, ROBERT FRESE, WILLIAM MAY, MICHAEL WILSON, FLOYD GRIFFIN, CURTIS PURDY, WILLIAM DURHAN, PAMELA WAYMAN, HENRY CORDELL, JAMES SKELTON, BRUCE CARMICHAEL, DENNIS URQUHART, JOHN PITCHER, WILLIAM NIXON, ROBERT JONES, CHARLES BURK, ROBERT NETTLES, CHARLES BERTRAM, SCOTT MCCLEOD, ARTHUR HUNTER, and DAVID MATTHEWS.

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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY
Continuing Education Program

1995 Course Offerings

Law for Foresters (12 hrs)	April 4-5
Keys to Effective Negotiating (10 hrs) [New Orleans, LA]	April 10-11
Forest Management for Wildlife (10 hrs) [Destin, FL]	May 1-2
Timber & Timberland Security (7 hrs) [New Orleans, LA]	May 8
Estate Planning for Forest Landowners (13 hrs) [Tuscaloosa, AL]	June 8-9
Applied Forest Finance (12 hrs) [Nashville, TN]	June 13-14
Community Relations for Field Foresters (10 hrs)	June 28-29
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

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



It's The Law

OFF THE BACKBOARD/In California

California's Professional Foresters Law (PFL) became effective January 1, 1973. With its passage, the legislature declared "the existence of a public interest in the management and treatment of the forest resources and timberlands in California and regulates all persons who practice the profession of forestry."

The Board of Forestry, Professional Foresters Registration, utilizes a Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC). Reports of violations are brought to the attention of the PFEC. The following summarizes the disciplinary action taken in two successive years.

Action taken	Number of Cases	
	1992-93	1994
Revocations.....	2	2
Suspension & Probation.....	3	2
Probation only.....	0	1
Reprimand by Board.....	3	2
PFEC Letter of Concern.....	6	3
License withdrawal.....	1	0
Exonerations.....	7	5
Cases with combined action..	5	4

The Board's publication, LICENSING NEWS, Volume 14, No. 1, January 1995, provides the following type information on each case. Each is assigned a number and the action identifies the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) by name, license number, and place of residence. There follows the 'allegation' and 'discipline' take by the Board.

Under date of January 27, 1995, the Board published in its newsletter the results of a Continuing Education Questionnaire. Based on 838 responses or 58% of the total RPFs, the average number of CE hours in six (6) categories when compared with the recommended number of hours per year (shown in parenthesis) was respectively: 30 (23), 28 (16), 31 (15) 32 (24), and 33 (15). In addition to the survey, 54% favored recognition of a minimum level of continuing education by employers while 49% endorsed the same requirement by professional organizations. - Editor.

THANK YOU BOTH

Your editor expresses thanks to Charles Raper, R.F., Auburn and Harry Murphy, R.F., Birmingham, for making available a copy of the California Board's newsletter from which the article above was developed. - Ed.



NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOMED BY CHAIRMAN - At his first meeting after appointment by the governor, Richard 'Rick' Jones (L) is welcomed by Board chairman Bob Lowe. This two-day meeting was unusual in length due to a heavy load of business. Jones brings to the Board experience as a member of the Examining panel in addition to his forestry background. He assumes the chairmanship of the standing committee on Rules & Regulations and a special committee on Finance & Administration.

TWENTY-EIGHTH BOARD MEMBER/Appointed by the Governor

Richard H. 'Rick' Jones, Vice President and General Manager, Cedar Creek Land and Timber, Inc., Brewton, Alabama attended his first board meeting, January 24-25, 1995. He became a Registered Forester in 1980 (Alabama License No. 955). A native of Andalusia, Alabama, he received his public schooling at Andalusia High and his BS degree in Forest Management from Auburn University in 1977. He furthered his education at the University of West Florida where he earned the MBA degree in 1988.

'Rick' Jones gained most of his experience working for Dixon Lumber Co. as a wood procurement representative from 1977-79. He joined T. R. Miller Mill Co. in April 1979 as an Area Manager and later advanced to Area Forester. After working in this capacity, he became Assistant Treasurer/Secretary of Cedar Creek Land & Timber, Inc. on its formation from the Woodlands Division, T. R. Miller Mill Co. in 1989. He assumed his present position on January 1, 1994.

Early in life he developed an interest in Scouting and became an Eagle Scout. More recently he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 42 in Brewton where he is a resident. He has served his community through membership in civic and church groups, the local Chamber of Commerce, and has added his talents to his alma mater, Auburn University's School of Forestry by serving on its Foundation Board and Forestry Alumni Executive Committee.

He is a past chairman of the Longleaf Chapter, SAF, past secretary/treasurer of the Alabama Division, SAF, and has served as a member of the Oral Examination committee of the State Board.

Rick Jones began his five-year term on the Board in January 1995 and will serve until the next century, the year 2000. He replaces James Spears, retired, of Atmore, Alabama whose term expired January 6, 1995. - Editor.



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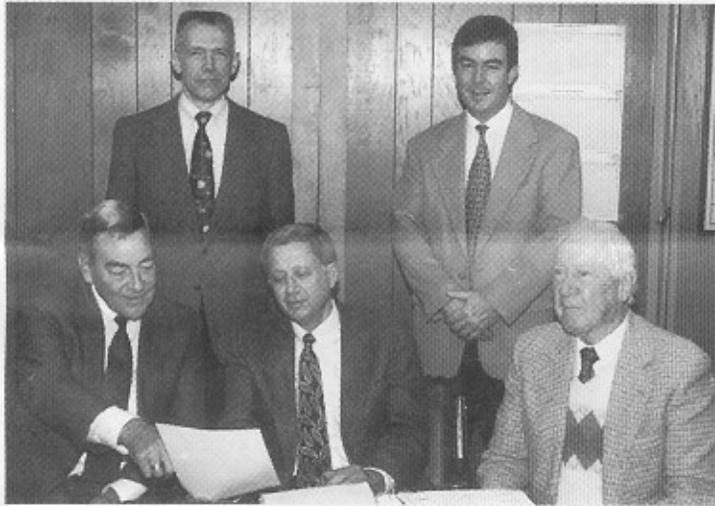
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My hat is off to Dean Emmett Thompson and Chris Issacson at Auburn University for the excellent Continuing Education program implemented to assist foresters and others in the never-ending process of education.

The Auburn program, coupled with approved meetings of the Society of American Foresters, Alabama Forestry Association, in-house meetings of industry, agencies, and others, provides ample opportunities to fulfill the license-renewal requirement.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity I have had of serving on the board. I will remain a firm supporter of it. - *Jim Spears.*



1995 BOARD IN SESSION - Members of the Board serving as officers are (from left seated) Bill Sahlie, secretary, Bob Lowe, chairman and Bob Nonnemacher, Vice Chairman. Standing are (from left) Phillip Sassnet and Rick Jones newest member of the group. All members serve as committee chairmen. Only the chairman chairs a standing committee as provided in the Bylaws. All others named elsewhere in this issue are appointed by the chairman and assumed their respective duties October 1, 1994.

PLANNING STRATEGY SESSION - Present at the January 1995 board meeting were (L-R) Bob Lowe, chairman, Dr. Emmett Thompson, Dean, School of Forestry, Auburn University, Tim Boyce, State Forester, and Richard Cumbie, Assistant State Forester. Invited by the Board to participate in discussions involving offerings in the Continuing Education program were the three guests shown with the chairman. Plans call for maintaining course offerings within the financial structure worked out during the meeting.



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