



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

Winter 2003

Term of Karen Boyd expires;

Love Appointed to Registered Forester Board

The newest member of the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters is Melissa (Lisa) Love, RF #0896. She was appointed to a five year term by Governor Siegelman, to replace Karen Boyd, RF#1319 whose term expired in January.

A native of Washington D.C., Lisa has been involved in forestry since she graduated from Virginia Tech in 1976. After college she moved to Alabama to take a job with Georgia Kraft (now MeadWestvaco). Lisa has been a Registered Forester in Alabama since 1978 and is also registered in Georgia.

In 1981 Lisa left the woods to take care of her four children. She started her own consulting business around her children's schedule and in 1995 Lisa enrolled in Auburn to complete an MS in Forest Economics.

Today, Lisa and her husband Terry (RF#0980) live in Opelika and work with land owners throughout the southeast, with an emphasis on Alabama and Tennessee. They manage lands ranging from pine plantations to natural mountain hardwoods. Lisa considers herself a "jack of all trades," trying to discern the needs of their clients and help them manage their land accordingly.

Today, Lisa spends much less time than she would

like working in the woods. Much of her time is spent in the office, managing field crews, troubleshooting and running the business. Her favorite thing to do however is spend time in the woods, marking trees.

Lisa is also involved in many professional activities to improve the forestry profession. She participates in the Alabama Chapter of Consulting Foresters, the Alabama Forestry Association, the Society of American Foresters, the Lee County Forestry Planning Committee and many other professional endeavors. In her efforts to help her clients, Lisa has become a Tree Farm Inspector and works also with the TREASURE Forest Program.

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Minor Change to Oral Exam Policy Adopted at October Board Meeting

For several years prior to 2002, applicants for registration had a choice of taking an oral or a written exam. In 2002, this policy was changed to provide for a written exam only. There were a number of reasons for this change. Alabama was the only state where the Board of Registration for Foresters offered both oral and written exams. Also, scores on written exams were consistently higher, particularly for the younger applicants.

During the past year, the Board has monitored the examination process and at their October meeting, adopted a minor modification to the policy adopted last year. Beginning with the January 2003 examination, applicants with fifteen or more years of experience acceptable to the Board will have the option of taking either an oral or a written exam.

The Board will continue to review, and modify as necessary, the examination policy. As always, the Board appreciates the input of Registered Foresters on this and other issues.



Board Highlights--October & January Notes from State Board Meetings

The Board met on October 23, 2002 and January 29, 2003. Members present in October were Chairman Emmett Thompson, Karen Boyd, Kenneth Day, Lehman Bass and Rhett Johnson. In January, Thompson, Bass, Day and Melisa Love were present. Executive Assistant Pam Sears was also present at both meetings.

The Board reviewed applications and approved the following applicants for examination in October: Harold D. Quinney, Eric B. Whitaker, Alan R. Haynes, Stephen I. Beeker, Jeremie R. Redden, Arnold M. Brodbeck, Tyson G. Bloch, David M. Brasell, Robert E. Ingram, Daniel M. Tuberville, Steven M. Jones and Amos R. Brunson. At the January meeting, Albert P. Tausen, Kevin R. Pipkins, Kevin E. Caton, Patrick W. McGough, Robert E. Carter and Mark A. Holladay were approved to take the exam. Robert Carther, David W. Barid, Jason F. Cooksey and Clifford. S. Mayatt were granted reciprocity from the State of Mississippi and Robert B. Thrash was reinstated by the Board

It was reported that written examinations were given to fourteen applicants in October; eleven passed and three did not receive passing scores. In January 17 applicants passed the exam and were granted licenses.

At the October meeting Doug Sheffield, RF meet with the board to discuss marketing the Board's services to the public. He feels the Board needs to be more proactive in promoting forestry and the importance of using Registered Foresters. He had several suggestions including advertising through billboards, television and radio which the Board will consider.

Committee reports and other routine business were also discussed prior to adjournment at both meetings.

Wilbur Devall RF#3 also attended the October meeting to discuss alternate approaches to reporting violations.

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During her tenure on the Board, Lisa hopes to be a strong advocate for land owners while increasing the level of professionalism of forestry. We look forward to the professionalism that Lisa will bring to the Board.

Dates for 2003 Written RF Exams

April 9, 2003
July 9, 2003
October 8, 2003

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We encourage all Registered Foresters to go to the board's new web site (<http://www.alsbrf.org>) and make sure the information (address, phone, email, etc.) we have for you is correct. If you find an error please send an email to Pam Sears at

psears@elmore.rr.com.

Thanks for your help ensuring our records are accurate!

2003 Fees for Registered Foresters

Application Fees	\$ 50
Renewal Fees	
Active	\$ 75
Inactive	\$ 30
Late	\$ 50
Reinstatement	\$125
Reexamination	\$100
Lost License	\$ 10

CFE Credits for On-Line Course Work

In response to a recent inquiry, the ALSBRF considered the matter of Continuing Forestry Education credit for on-line courses at its October 2002 meeting. The determination was that the existing guidance provided to accommodate correspondence courses is sufficiently broad to cover on-line courses. On-line courses, simply utilize available technology to deliver a similar educational product or service. Applicable guidance provided for correspondence courses is copied below for ready reference.

Administrative Rules
State Board of Registration
For Foresters
Chapter 380-X-6
Policy Statements

(10) Correspondence courses and independent study programs are permitted under Categories 1 and 2, if the course provides for interaction between the participant and the course administrator. This usually takes the form of periodic examinations and must be documented. Otherwise, correspondence courses may be counted under Category 5. Contact hours are assigned on the basis of the credits granted by the sponsoring organization. If the organization uses a semester system, the number of credits is multiplied by 15; for a quarter system, the number of credits is multiplied by 10.

CFE Category Definitions

1. Organized course work in forestry-related subject.
2. Development or presentation of forestry-related course work.
3. Organized course work not specifically forestry-related.

4. Preparation/ publication of forestry-related subject.
5. Self-improvement in forestry-related subjects (professional meetings)
6. Holding office in forestry or allied professional organization

Additional details regarding the continuing education policy are available on the Alabama Board of Registration for Forester's web site at www.alsbrf.org.

Success Rate on Registered Forester Exam Studied

Over the past five years (July 1997-July 2002), 211 foresters took the registered forester exam for the first time. This includes those who took either the written or the oral exam. One hundred and fifty eight (75%) of these applicants passed on the first attempt. Of the 53 applicants who initially failed the exam, 20 subsequently passed after re-taking the exam one or more times.

As it now stands, 84% of these 211 applicants have passed the exam. This number will undoubtedly increase slightly because those individuals who may have failed the exam toward the end of this period will be re-taking the exam over the next several months.

We do not have comparable pass-fail numbers from other state boards. However, informal conversations with board members from other states indicate that Alabama is somewhere in the middle. That is, some states have higher pass rates and some have lower. We are trying to obtain comparable data and will include any such information received in future issues of this newsletter.

Change of Address Form

Please note any changes to your information as found in the Roster of Registered Foresters send them to the Board at: 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130; (fax) 334-353-3641; psears@elmore.rr.com

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

New Registered Foresters

Gregory S. Pugh #1895
Regions Bank
1279 South Alabama Ave.
Monroeville, AL 36460
(334) 575-4300

Johnny E. Mims #1896
Baseline Forest Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 370
Wetumpka, AL 36092
(334) 514-9077

Andrew E. Hamiter #1897
Robert Malone Wood Prod.
13905 Claude Malone Rd.
Coker, AL 35452
(205) 333-0424

Evan L. Thames #1898
Southern Forestry Consultants
P.O. Box 310345
Enterprise, AL 36331
(334) 393-7868

Charles M. Woodfin #1899
Coosa Forestry Services
P.O. Box 6135
Rome, GA 30162
(706) 232-6564

Brian C. Potts #1900
East Alabama Lumber Co.
P.O. Box 110
LaFayette, AL 36862
(334) 864-7120

Bradford W. Nail #1901
Drennen Forestry Services
P.O. Box 1029
Cullman, AL 35056
(256) 739-8344

Brooks W. Wall #1902
Cahaba Forest Management
3891 Klein Road
Harpersville, AL 35078
(256) 404-0944

James D. Albright #1903
Midsouth Forestry Services
P.O. Box 600
Gordo, AL 35466
(205) 364-7145

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Dudley Lumber Company
P.O. Box 7
Salem AL 36874
(334) 745-4695

William M. Boozer #1905
American Forest Management
P.O. Box 356
Bonifay, FL 32425
(850) 547-2634

Robert B. Thrash #1906
1419 DeSotoville Ave.
Butler, AL 36904
(205) 459-4244

Steven S. Gover # 1907
M.C. Dixon Lumber Company
POB 280
Eufaula, AL 36072
334-687-8204

James M. Parker # 1908
U.S. Army Infantry Center
AT ZB-ELN-L Building 5884
Fort Benning, GA 31905
706-544-7081

Christopher W. Wyatt #1909
Baseline Forestry Services
POB 370
Wetumpka, AL 36092
334-514-9077

Bradford H. Lang # 1910
Alabama Forestry Commission
POB 768
Columbiana, AL 35051
205-669-4133

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Citigroup Global Investments
6750 Poplar Ave. Suite 109
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901-756-3092

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Sizemore & Sizemore
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Scotch Lumber Company
POB 447
Monroeville, AL 36461
334-575-2444

Harold D. Quinney #1914
T.P. Young Logging Company
1810 South Main Street
Linden, AL 36748
334-217-0757

Alan R. Haynes #1915
Cahaba Forest
3891 Klein Road
Harpersville, AL 35078
205-672-8311

Stephen I. Beeker #1916
Beeker Timber Company
POB 7
Eutaw, AL 35462
205-372-2021

Jeremie R. Redden #1917
MeadWestvaco Corporation
POB 86
Cottonton, AL 36851
334-855-5989

Arnold M. Brodbeck #1918
Green South Land & Timber
POB 2773
Opelika, AL 36803
334-749-0598

Tyson M. Bloch #1919
Forestry Consultants
204 Samford Ave
Opelika, AL 36803
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Scotch Lumber Company
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Thomasville, AL 36784
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Franklin, AL 36444
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Board Clarifies Policy on offering timber for sale

At its meeting on January 29, 2003, the Board approved the following policy statement:

"It shall be the policy of the Board, under Section 34-12-1 of the Code of Alabama, that an offering of standing timber for sale on behalf of the owner of such standing timber involves the application of forestry principles and data."

The effect of this policy statement is to include the offering of standing timber on behalf of the owner of such standing timber as the practice of forestry. The legislation establishing the Board defines the practice of forestry as: "Any professional service.....when the professional service requires the application of forestry principles and data." In Alabama, the practice of forestry is restricted to individuals licensed by the Board, unless the individual is specifically exempt from registration under the law.

The enabling legislation lists 6 categories of individuals who are exempt from registration. The following exemption is particularly relevant to this new policy statement.

"This chapter shall not be construed to prevent or to affect the practice of any other legally recognized profession or trade."

The communications and complaints the Board has received regarding the offering of standing timber have not been concerned with other professions or trades, but with individuals who are not exempt from registration but still offer timber for sale on behalf of the owner. Other legally recognized professions and trades, notably attorneys and realtors, will continue to be able to offer timber for sale without violating the new policy statement. However, when these offerings involve activities affecting current and future timber stands, a registered forester must be involved. These activities include, but are not limited to: marking or otherwise designating trees to cut or leave, logging road layout and design, assuring compliance with Alabama's Best Management Practices, and provision for regeneration.

Based upon communications and comments from registered foresters, the Board feels that the offering of timber for sale on behalf of the owner by individuals who are neither registered nor exempt is a serious problem in Alabama. The purpose of registration is to benefit and protect the public. This is best accomplished by

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Roster of Foresters and Other Forms Now Available At Board's Web Site

We want to remind the registered foresters that the roster of registered foresters is now on-line. As indicated in an earlier newsletter, the Board made this move to reduce costs as well as to insure the availability of current information. The on-line data are updated on a weekly basis. In addition to the roster, Board forms, legislation, and other information are also available. We anticipate that many registered foresters will download the roster to have a hard copy available when they are away from their computer.

If you do not have access to a computer and need a copy of the roster, contact the Board office and we will send you a hard copy.

We are in the process of upgrading the web site on an almost daily basis. Please let us know what you think about our efforts and also alert us to any problems you may have accessing or using the web site. The Board's web address is: www.alsbrf.org

Alabama Team Wins National Recognition for Sustainable Forestry Efforts

The Alabama committee set up to implement the Sustainable Forestry Initiative won first place honors for the state program at the recent American Forest & Paper Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a program developed by the forest products industry to ensure that forests are properly managed and cared for in order to sustain them for future generations. SFI works with companies and landowners to preserve water quality, wildlife habitat and biodiversity on lands administered by the SFI program.

"The Alabama SFI implementation committee is extremely proud to be recognized for its broad based achievement in implementing the SFI program," said Phillip Sassnet (RF#614), Chairman of the Alabama implementation committee. "The success of the Alabama program is directly related to the support of its member companies, strong leadership and active operating committees. By broadening the stakeholder base, we are continually expanding awareness of SFI to parties with significant influence in matters affecting forestry in Alabama."

According to the AF&PA, the Alabama SFI Imple-

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mentation Committee received the annual award: "for its significant strides in outreach efforts with opinion leaders, policy makers and the forestry community; for implementation of a comprehensive communications program; for revising its bylaws to allow full participation by the broader forestry community and for actively seeking input to make the SFI program more meaning full and credible at the state level."

Bob Brown, Chairman of the SFI External Review Panel, presented the award to Sasnett and Mike Beach (RF#1307), Coordinator of the Alabama Program. Sasnett works as Woodlands Manager for Gulf States Corporation in Tuscaloosa.

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insuring that forestry practices are carried out by individuals who have exhibited their qualifications through registration.

It is one thing for the Board to adopt a policy statement. It is another for that policy to be effective. The latter will require the full cooperation of the state's registered foresters. You can assist by pointing out to foresters who are practicing forestry without a license that they should cease such activity until they are licensed.

Registered Foresters Board to Meet with Land Surveyors Board

The Board has recently received a correspondence with our sister board for land surveyors in Alabama, the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. They discussed the desirability of a joint meeting with our Board to explore issues of common interest. The correspondence was prompted because the surveying board has recently had to take action against registered foresters who were surveying without a license.

When the two boards meet, there will undoubtedly be a number of items of mutual interest to discuss. In the meantime, registered foresters should be aware that a license from the surveying board is required before offering services to the public as a land surveyor.

Emmett Thompson, Chair, Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters

For non-foresters, they should simply cease. If this does not work, the Board's complaint form is available from the Board office or may be downloaded, along with the full text of the legislation establishing the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters, from the Board web site at www.alsbrf.org. The Board will pursue all formal complaints.

Emmett Thompson, Chair, Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters

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