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SFI on its Own

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The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI), Inc. was established as a new independent non-profit organization on January 1, 2007. With more than 133 million acres of forestland certified in the U.S. and Canada, the SFI Standard is North America's most widely applied forest certification standard. SFI, Inc. is governed by a multi-stakeholder three-chamber Board representing economic, environmental, and social interests.

The Board named Kathy Abusow as President and CEO of SFI, Inc. effective August 1, 2007. For the past 15 years Kathy has operated a successful consulting business focused on forest certification and market acceptance issues. She is highly respected throughout the world as a technical and strategic expert on certification standards in the marketplace. Kathy replaces William H. Banzhaf, who led SFI, Inc. and its predecessor organization since 2002. Mr. Banzhaf retired on June 30, 2007.

FRA asked Kathy to discuss where the Standard may be headed in the future.

What new features can we expect in the standard or its certification, now that the SFI Board has become fully independent?

The review process for considering revisions to the 2005-2009 SFI Standard will formally begin in 2008. However, pilot projects are underway now to assess specific aspects of the SFI Standard and inform the revision process. While it is too early to speculate on changes, we expect emerging issues like carbon and biomass to be at the forefront of proposed changes. SFI carefully balances industry representation with environmental and social interests, both in the SFI governance structure and in the SFI Standard revision process. Any major policy changes must be approved by the Board, which requires support from each representative sector (environmental, industry, and social).

Do you expect to see new demands on operational foresters and loggers under the new governance structure?

The SFI Board includes logger, forester, and landowner representation. In addition, thirty-seven state and provincial SFI Implementation Committees (SICs) bring together local resource and forest operations professionals to ensure that the SFI Standard is workable on the ground. This assures that any consideration of changes to the SFI Standard will include direct feedback from foresters, loggers, and landowners. These changes will consider economic, operational and environmental factors as part of an overall objective to improve both the efficiency and strength of the SFI Standard.

On what "quality" points does SFI compete with other standard organizations?

SFI has earned global recognition through rigorous independent assessments of forest certification and chain-of-custody programs. SFI is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification

schemes (PEFC), the world's largest independent organization for mutual recognition of national forest certification programs. And assessments by the United Kingdom government rate SFI as "legal and sustainable," putting SFI on par with other organizations, such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

The SFI program is the only certification program that requires participants to promote training, education, and outreach efforts to assist those with a direct impact on the land: foresters, loggers, and landowners. Much of this work is conducted or supported through SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). This is a unique strength of SFI that has been recognized by leading conservationists such as Larry Selzer, president and

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Many Foresters have experienced the ease and convenience of renewing their annual Alabama State Registered Forester's license online. This is a service that is provided to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters through a private-public partnership with the State's digital government partner, Alabama Interactive. As part of this partnership, Alabama Interactive develops web-enabled applications to streamline governmental processes for the benefit of the State of Alabama and its citizens and businesses.

For your peace of mind this online renewal application was developed with security of your information as a top priority. Once you have accessed the renewal, many of you may have noticed the padlock symbol or the https in the web address, indicating that your information is being transmitted over an encrypted connection. Rest assured that data encryption, as well as the incorporation of many strict security measures have been taken to protect your information with the Board.

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The Practice of Forestry

Feedback Furnished on the Need
for an Expanded Definition

In the last edition of the *Registered Forester*, details on the Board's consideration of expanding the definition of the practice of forestry as codified in Alabama Law was shared with readers and comments were solicited. The Board received a handful of comments on the subject with a number of suggestions. The common theme among the responders is that the law provides leeway for specific actions and practices to be "interpreted by the Board." There was the strong belief that it is better to leave the law unchanged and rely on the discretionary interpretation of the Board of Registration for Foresters to reach interpretations that best protect the public and serve the interests of Foresters. At its October 2007 meeting the Board agreed with this sentiment.

SUBMITTED BY KENNETH DAY

SUMMARY OF BOARD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The philosophy of the Board is that educating and seeking voluntary compliance best serves the public interest. Therefore enforcement actions first seek to correct and rehabilitate before pursuing punitive measures. A summary of ongoing or recently closed complaint investigations is presented below in tabular format.

Complaint Number	Status
2007-003	Non-forester using title "Forestry Consultant"; satisfactory cease & desist obtained. CLOSED
2007-004	Non-forester conducting timber sale; satisfactory cease & desist obtained. CLOSED

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CO of the Conservation Fund since early December 2001.

What are the areas for growth that can increase SFI's credibility and market share?

We anticipate continued, growing recognition of SFI-certified products in green building programs and various private sector and government procurement policies. This recognition, combined with a comprehensive SFI marketing strategy, will also increase demand for SFI on-product labels. This, in addition to the labels of other forest certification standards, means there are a lot of labels out there, and I think all standards will be asked to provide a tighter range of clear labels that are accurate and meaningful to customers and consumers alike.

On the forest side, SFI has already certified about 85% of the industrial forests in the US and has certified over 70 million acres (28 million hectares) in Canada. However, we still anticipate further growth with new landowners. We are also exploring new ways to make our procurement standard more effective at reaching out to and creating positive change on non-certified lands.

Do you see growing demand for "chain of custody" certification among SFI certi-

ficates or their customers?

Definitely. The SFI chain of custody program is two years old, and we have already seen tremendous growth, with about 50 companies and 250 facilities certified. This includes North America's largest paper manufacturers and distributors. With the emerging popularity of green building, interest from the printing and writing sectors, and government procurement policies, just to name a few, we are looking forward to steady, continued demand for SFI chain of custody certification.

Is SFI pro-actively engaging the emerging bioenergy sector?

This is an emerging issue for all forestry organizations. Bioenergy consumers of wood face many of the same challenges to demonstrate environmental stewardship that sawmills and paper mills face. SFI certification may some day be a valuable tool for these organizations. Like traditional forestry organizations, SFI certification could require bioenergy organizations to address the procurement provisions of the SFI Standard to demonstrate a commitment to sustainable wood sourcing. SFI is taking a proactive approach by beginning to review bioenergy issues within the context of forest certification. SFI, Inc.'s Board of Directors will provide leadership on how the SFI program

should address this key issue.

What can wood supply organizations—FRA members—do to make SFI an effective force for sustainable forestry?

FRA members can help by visibly promoting SFI and third party forest certification overall as a positive tool for sustainable forest management. I believe we will continue to see the marketplace increasingly demand third party forest certification as way to ensure the sustainability and legality of the products they source. We need to focus on the real issue, which isn't what system is best, but rather the 90% of the world's forests that are not certified and do not have a strong legal framework to ensure conservation of the environment. By doing this we will be helping to improve forest management globally and ensuring our forest sector has a level playing field in the market.

Also, FRA members have unique expertise that will help us to translate the SFI Standard into efficient, effective on-the-ground action. In addition, the FRA members' ongoing support of our SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) efforts that promote logger training, landowner education, and public outreach efforts is also working to assure SFI recognition and SFI Standard compliance.

COURTESY OF FRA

ROSTER UPDATE

The Board will print an updated roster in January 2008. You may view your current contact information on the online roster at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/rosterofforesters.asp>. To submit changes, fax the form below to 334-353-3641 or submit the online Change of Address form at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.

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In Memoriam

*We remember our fellow
foresters who passed in 2007*

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Process for Approval of Continuing Education Providers

The Board has been receiving requests to approve CFE courses after the course has been completed and also requests for courses that will be given very soon. The Board only has one member that can approve these courses. We need at least 2 to 4 weeks notice before the course is to be given. Please review the following language that addresses Board Approved Providers. Currently, Al Lyons has the responsibility to approve these courses for the Board. Please feel free to contact Al with questions.

380-X-06-.04 Continuing Education

(13) Continuing forestry education hours may be obtained from the following providers or through independent study, so long as they conform with the requirements set out above. Providers described in paragraphs a, b, c and d below will not require prior Board approval. Licensees documentation for providers in a, b, c and d should include the course outline and instructors names and qualifications.

(a) Professional Associations. Continuing forestry education hours may be obtained by participating in activities sponsored by or approved by the Society of American Foresters or other professional associations. A properly authorized official of the professional organization shall certify the number of contact hours of educational content of each sponsored or approved activity.

(b) Educational Institutions. Continuing forestry education hours may be obtained by completing nonforestry degree or graduate level course work or by participating in continuing educational programs sponsored by or approved by educational institutions accredited by a regional body recognized by the Council of Post Secondary Accreditation. The educational institution shall certify the number of contact hours of educational content in each sponsored or approved program.

(c) Government Agencies. Continuing forestry education hours may be obtained by participating in inservice training, courses, or workshops sponsored by federal, state or local agencies. The provider shall certify the number of contact hours of educational content in each sponsored activity.

(d) Forest Industry. Continuing forestry education hours may be obtained by participating in inhouse training, courses or workshops. The provider shall certify the number of contact hours of educational content in each sponsored activity.

(e) Board Approved Providers.

1. Continuing forestry education may be obtained by participating in activities sponsored by Board Approved Providers, so long as the provider was

approved at the time the program was offered. Board Approved Providers may only offer programs in the topic areas for which they have been approved. The provider shall certify the number of contact hours of educational content in each continuing education activity.

2. In order to qualify for initial Board approval, to renew Board approval or to qualify for approval in additional topic areas, a provider must apply to the Board. The application must be received in the Board office prior to the date the course is to be given. The application must include the following:
 - (i) A description of the topic areas in which the provider plans to sponsor continuing education activities.
 - (ii) The names of all instructors currently offering continuing education activities, a description of the topic areas in which each instructor is qualified to teach along with a vita or other evidence demonstrating that each instructor is qualified in the identified topic area.
 - (iii) Program outlines, including instructors, objectives and schedules for all continuing education activities the provider has plans to present.
3. Board Approved Provider status shall expire four years from the date of approval and may be renewed by application to the Board. The Board retains the right to monitor continuing education programs sponsored by Board Approved Providers and will withdraw approval from providers who do not maintain the standards demonstrated in their application. Board Approved Providers shall notify the Board in writing of a change of address or of a decision to withdraw from Board Approved Provider status.

SUBMITTED BY FRANK WALBURN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Why are social security numbers required for license renewal?

A The disclosure of your social security number is required pursuant to Federal law 42 U.S.C.A. 666(a)(13)(2003) and Alabama State law 30-3-194(a) Code of Alabama 1975. Information will be supplied to the Alabama Department of Human Resources to enforce orders of child support.

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Gates Reflects on First Year on the Board

In the process of serving on the Board, I have observed some interesting facts to share with all Registered Foresters.

First of all, I would like to say that we are blessed with a professional and efficient office manager in Alexis London. I hope that many of you have had an opportunity to interact with Ms. London. She is well organized and thorough while being very professional in her approach to managing the affairs of the Board of Registration. Her knowledge in the affairs of the Board along with her other skills allow the Board to function in an efficient and timely manner. Being the only full time employee requires that she be able to handle a wide array of tasks. Ms. London is certainly a valuable asset to the Board of Registration for Foresters.

Secondly, we are fortunate to have David Wright, Ken Day, AL Lyons and Frank Walburn to serve as members on the Board of Registration for Foresters. It has been interesting for me to listen and interact with them on a variety of subjects pertaining to our organization. While we do not always agree on various aspects of the Registration Law, we all get an opportunity to voice our opinion. Their many years of service have given me valuable insight into the workings of the Board.

It is a privilege for me to serve as a member of this Board. It is my desire to continue the tradition established thru the hard work of all past Board members and to contribute to the effectiveness of the Board of Registration for Foresters.

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