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Governor Ivy appoints Steve Herrington to the State Board of Registration for Foresters



STEVE HERRINGTON

In March of 2023, Governor Ivy appointed Stephen W. Herrington to the State Board of Registration for Foresters.

Steve, a Mobile native, is the Owner of Premier Forestry, LLC, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He and his wife, Susan, have four married children and three 2-year-old grandchildren.

As a graduate of Mississippi State University, Steve received bachelor degrees in both finance and forestry. He was president of Xi Sigma Pi, the national forestry honor society at MSU. In 1985, he began his career as an area procurement forester for Hammermill Paper Company and remained with the company when they were purchased by International Paper Company in 1986. In 1990, Steve began working with Steed Timber Company. Along with his duties as area procurement manager, he also evaluated and purchased timberland, and was responsible for site prepping and replanting on company and private lands.

Steve formed Premier Forestry in 2000. His company manages timber and timberland for landowners in west Alabama and east Mississippi. The company appraises and procures timber, oversees timber harvest, manages timber sales, oversees site prep and prescribe burning, and creates timber and land management plans. Every year during the winter and spring months, Steve manages tree planting crews that plant tracts throughout central Alabama and east Mississippi. In 2014, he became a Licensed Real Estate Agent.

In February of this year, Steve was given the opportunity to work in a different segment of the forestry industry, as he was offered a job with Drax Biomass as Procurement Forester for pellet mill sites in both Demopolis and Aliceville. He is in charge of purchasing residual fiber from sawmills in the Alabama and Mississippi areas.

Steve is a deacon and Life Group leader at First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa. He taught Royal Ambassadors for years as his children were growing up and has participated in several foreign mission trips with the church.

A registered forester since 1994, Steve is honored to have the opportunity to serve on the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters.

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*Due to building security,
please call for an appointment.*

2024 License Renewals

All registered forester licenses are due to expire on September 30, 2023, unless renewed by that time. Renewal notices for the 2024 renewal period will be mailed by the Board's office on or before July 1, 2023. The renewal fee is \$150.00 for all licensees. Those who renew their licenses between October 1 and December 31 must pay \$250.00 (renewal fee + \$100.00 late fee). The online renewal application and printable form will be made available at <https://asbrf.alabama.gov/renewal-form.asp> online renewal beginning July 1. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Board's office at (334) 240-9301 to request a copy of the renewal form.

Important: (Please do not attempt to renew any license prior to July 1.)

When renewing online, you will have the opportunity to print your RF pocket card.

Those whose licenses have expired for non-renewal are prohibited from identifying themselves as registered foresters and practicing professional forestry. The Board will revoke the license of any licensee who fails to renew annually by December 31.

Board Fees for FY 2024

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	\$150.00
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
Registered Forester Cap	\$18(+S/H)
Registered Forester Cap W/RF NO.	\$23(+S/H)
Returned Check Fee	\$30.00

Registered Foresters caps are available for purchase. There will be an additional \$5.00 charge for adding initials and RF number.

PROCESS FOR BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Each year three qualified nominees that agree to serve on the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters (ASBRF) are presented to the Governor. The Governor reviews and appoints one of the candidates to serve a five-year term on the Board.

The traditional source of Board nominee candidates came from the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters (Alabama SAF). The Society of American Foresters (SAF) was established in 1900 as the national society advancing forestry and the profession. SAF developed professional standards and ethical constructs for foresters to provide credibility for forestry concepts and practices. Alabama laws required that the AL SAF provide the 3 Board member candidates from its membership.

AL SAF is a logical professional source of Board appointees, but membership and participation has declined over recent years. Providing a diversity of nominee candidates annually has become more constrained with some uncertainty for future candidate prospects. As such, two new laws were recently passed. First, a Board member nominee candidate no longer is required to be an AL SAF member. Second, in addition to AL SAF submitting nominee candidates for the Board, other forestry organizations meeting certain criteria may nominate candidates.

The criteria for a forestry organization to nominate candidates includes forestry organizations that have Alabama Registered Foresters, that promote the practice of professional forestry and support Registered Foresters as qualified practitioners under the laws of Alabama. Alabama Registered Foresters are considered a forestry organization meeting the criteria, allowing any Registered forester to nominate a qualified candidate nominee.

Since there may be more than three nominee candidates, an independent nomination selection committee will review and select the three nominees to send to the Governor.

Candidates must agree to be submitted to the Nomination Selection Committee for consideration as a potential nominee (one of three) that may be submitted to the Governor for selection and appointment as a new Board Member. The Nominees and Candidates not selected by the Governor will remain as nominee candidates available to be submitted to the Governor should an unexpected Board Member vacancy occur during a normal member term.

Candidates should understand that Board Members have certain responsibilities and duties. Candidates should seek

to understand what their commitments will be as a ASBRF Board Member. Some, but not all, of the requirements of a Board Member include taking an oath of office to uphold and defend the laws and constitution of the State of Alabama, submit personal and family financial information in compliance with the Alabama Ethics Commission, attend quarterly scheduled Board Meetings in Montgomery, attend legislative meetings as requested, proctor and administer testing, review and approve licensing of applicants, continuing education approval, address violations, promulgate rules and regulations, oversee board finance and administration, facilitate nomination process of new Board Members and other board business as needed.

Candidate nominee qualifications include being a US Citizen, having a residence in Alabama, being an Alabama Registered Forester, and having been engaged in the practice of professional forestry for at least 10 years. Candidates will need to provide some personal and practice diversity information for the selection committee to consider. A letter of introduction by the candidate explaining his or her desire to serve on the Board along with a biography will need to be provided at the time of submittal of a nominee candidate. As an additional option, the person and/or organization may also submit a letter of recommendation for the nominee candidate.

The Board Member Nomination Candidate Form is located via the web link: <https://asbrf.alabama.gov/pdfs/2021/BoardMemberCandidateFormFillable.pdf>. If on the Home page of the ASBRF website, select forms in header section, and other forms in drop down box and then select Board Member Nomination Form from the list of forms.

The form is a fillable PDF document that can be filled out, saved, and printed as needed for a nomination candidate. The form along with the candidate's letter and biography can be scanned and returned to the Board office by email to Lea Anna Meadows: LeaAnna.Meadows@asbrf.alabama.gov or by US Mail: Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters, PO Box 304500, Montgomery, AL 36130-4500. If you need Lea Anna to send you a hard copy, please call her at 334-240-9301 or mail her at the address above.

Nomination of Board member candidates are due August 31, 2023. Please advise Lea Anna by phone if you send candidate documents by US Mail to ensure that the documents are received.

2024 RENEWAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All licenses expire and become invalid on September 30 each year unless renewed by that date. This includes licenses of registered foresters who have been licensed for less than one year.
2. Renewal notices are mailed by the Board annually on or around July 1 to each licensee at his/her last registered address. It is the responsibility of the licensee to inform the Board of address changes. An online change of address form is available at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.
3. Licensees may renew online, by mail, or by hand-delivery. If you would like to hand-deliver your renewal form and fees to the Board's office, please contact Lea Anna Meadows at (334) 240-9301 to schedule a convenient time.
4. The online renewal application and printable form will be made available at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/renewalform.asp> beginning July 1. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Board's office at (334) 240-9301 to request a copy of the renewal form. **(Please do not attempt to process renewals online prior to July 1 as the application will be in test mode.)**
5. Your RF number is required for renewal.
6. The current renewal fee is \$150.00 for all licensees.
7. Licensees who renew their licenses between October 1 and December 31 must pay a late renewal fee in addition to the renewal fee. The current late fee is \$100.00. Therefore, the current amount charged for late renewals is \$250.00 (renewal fee + late fee).
8. Licensees renewing online will be charged a convenience fee of \$6.50 if processed by September 30 and \$9.50 if processed between October 1 and December 31. Online services are payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards or E-check. E-Check fee is \$3.50. Licensees renewing by mail or hand-delivery must pay by check or money order. Make checks or money orders payable to Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters, P.O. Box 304500, 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130-4500.
9. Licensees who renew online should receive a confirmation receipt shortly after completing the online renewal process. Please print this receipt for your records.
10. Online renewals will receive new ID cards via email as soon as renewals are processed. Please notify the Board if you do not receive your card.
11. Final renewal notices will be mailed thirty days prior to the expiration date.
12. Licensees failing to renew their licenses by September 30 will be notified by mail by October 31 that their license will be revoked if not renewed by December 31.

NON-RENEWALS

13. The Board will revoke the license of any licensee who fails to renew annually by December 31.
14. A licensee who allows their license to lapse and does not

renew within the grace period allowed by statute must apply for a new license as if he or she had never received a license and must satisfy existing requirements for registration. If a new license is issued, the original license number is retired, and a new number assigned.

15. A revoked, expired, or invalid license shall not be displayed in any public office or place of business by any registrant, person, or firm in connection with the practice of forestry. Any violation of this rule will be cause for the Board to require the possessor of said license to surrender the same to the Board.
16. Licensees whose licenses have expired for non-renewal are prohibited from identifying themselves as registered foresters and practicing professional forestry. All licenses expire on September 30.

RECIPROCITY RENEWALS

17. All the above also applies to persons practicing forestry in the state through reciprocity.
18. In addition to the above, reciprocity foresters must provide the Board with proof of current forester registration in their resident state. Reciprocity foresters who have allowed their licenses to lapse in their resident state are ineligible for license renewal in Alabama.

RENEWAL DO'S & DON'TS

Do's:

- Review the Board's laws and rules concerning license renewal at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/forestrylaw.asp>.
- Submit course information for CFE evaluation and approval prior to attending the course.
- **Complete and submit a Change of Address form to update roster information. Updated information entered on the renewal form will not be used to update roster or database information. An online change of address form is located at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.**
- Keep copies of your CFE documentation, renewal form, and renewal confirmation receipt (online renewals).
- If you have questions, please call the Board's office at (334) 240-9301.

Don'ts:

- Do not list CFE courses for which you do not have supporting documentation of completion.
- Do not list any courses which you are scheduled to attend but have not already attended at the time of renewal.
- Do not guess at the names of courses and the number of hours earned for CFE's.
- Do not wait until the renewal period begins to start searching for CFE courses to attend.
- Do not list class presentations to elementary or secondary school students, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs or presentations to civic groups or garden clubs as Category 2 CFE's. Category 2 CFE's are professional level presentations only.

NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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Registered Forester Eligible

If you have taken and passed the Registered Forester's Exam as a student, you are eligible to make application to become licensed. Please call or email Lea Anna Meadows: 334-240-9301
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LeaAnna.Meadows@asbrf.alabama.gov.

Change of Address Form

Full Name _____ License Number: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

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

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

Business E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

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

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Home E-mail: _____