



THE REGISTERED FORESTER

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ROBERSON FARWELL

Well my tenure on the Board is at an end and what an eventful time in my life it has been. I've survived another merger. I've summited Mt Kilimanjaro. I've completed a marathon. And I've survived cancer.

When you volunteer for something, it is always to get some personal pleasure from it. The pleasure of serving on the Board is a pride in our profession and a gratitude to all those that have served before. It is a feeling of truly giving back to the profession that I love. I am so grateful to get to be forester!

As I told a group the other day, forestry is a family... sometimes you may have a rouge brother-in-law, but they are still family. The Board tries to reign in that brother-in-law for the benefit of the family. That is what the violations committee does, sometime gently and sometimes with a little more force, but always within the family. The Board does this not to police the profession but mainly to protect the public of Alabama. In the post 9-11 world, "if you see something, say something" has been engrained into all of us... and as foresters, it is all our responsibility to call out anything that appears odd and the Board's responsibility to investigate it.

One achievement during my tenure is that more foresters are willing to bring issues before the Board. The second achievement was to formulate a procedure for dealing with ADA learning disabilities in our examination process. And what I contend is our biggest achievement, is creating a candidate forester designation and allowing graduating seniors



Chair, Aprille Cook (right) presented Joe D. Roberson with a plaque of appreciation for his four years of service to the Board. Joe, served the Board with distinction, he was a dynamic member who kept us all on our toes. He always went the extra mile to do what he felt was right for the Board and fulfill the Boards mission of protecting the public. Thank you, Joe, for your service and dedication to the Board. You will be missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

to sit for the exam pre-experience. Other items that have begun but have not come to completion yet are: A Board display for public outreach, rework of our website, review of our RF exam question bank, and better dialog between the Board and the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters.

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GOVERNOR IVY APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER, DAMON WILKINSON

Damon E. Wilkinson, RF, was appointed to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters by Governor Kay Ivey on July 12, 2018. A native of Mobile, AL, Damon is owner of Professional Forestry Services, LLC, a full service forestry consulting firm. As the sole owner, Damon manages every aspect of the business and offers various forestry services. The company has grown throughout the years and maintains clients from state land trusts to families and other organizations. Recently, Damon has ventured into the nursery industry as well, growing containerized pine seedlings, which will contribute to his forestry business in the future.



While at Auburn University Damon first discovered the field of forestry where his early love of the outdoors manifested itself and led Damon to pursue his degree from the School of Forestry at Auburn University where he graduated in 1997. Upon graduation Damon returned to Mobile where he began his career with the Stimpson family at Gulf Lumber Company in 1997. While at Gulf Lumber, Damon worked his way up through the ranks and implemented Gulf Lumber's first SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) program.

Damon has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1996 and is also a member of the Alabama Forestry Association as well as the Alabama Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee, which he chaired in 2013 and 2015.

Appointment to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters is a great honor for Damon. "I am humbled by the appointment and honored to serve the state's registered foresters," says Wilkinson.

On a personal note, Damon is married to Crystal, his wife of 15 years, and they have two sons, Grayson (12) and Preston (2). Damon and his family reside in the suburbs of West Mobile. In his free time Damon enjoys spending time with his wife and boys and relaxing at the family farm.

Foresters Granted Reciprocity in Alabama

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2018 VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board strongly believes that educating and seeking voluntary compliance will better serve the public interest. Therefore, before pursuing punitive enforcement, corrective and rehabilitative actions will be taken. A summary of investigations is presented below.

Case #18001

Complaint: Registered Forester accused of Fraud and Deceit by private landowner. **Results:** Complaint was settled.

Case #18002

Complaint: Registered Forester accused of Fraud and Deceit by private landowner and Registered Forester. **Results:** Registered forester was found guilty of Fraud and Deceit which resulted in the surrendering his license.

Case #18003

Complaint: Registered Forester was accused of Other misconduct by private landowner. **Results:** Complaint dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Case #18004

Complaint: Timber buyer/logger was accused of practicing Forestry without a license. **Results:** Complaint was settled

William B. Tomlin, RF #0848, agreed to settle a disciplinary complaint charging that he committed fraud by failing to deliver payment for timber agreed upon in a contract with a landowner. The board ordered a penalty of \$4,000.00. Mr. Tomlin refused to pay the settlement and voluntarily surrendered his license to the board on 06/27/18.

SOUTHEASTERN FORESTER REGISTRATION BOARDS MEET

Joe Roberson, AL State Board Chair;
James Johnson, GA State Board Chair

The 25th annual meeting of ASBORF (Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters) was held in South Carolina this past August. This might be a new group to some of you, but its primary functions are to share information and collaborate where possible. Laws and rules for professional forester registration vary by state but at the core is the goal to: maintain a high educational requirement, hold foresters accountable for their work offered to the public, and to maintain high ethical stands for the profession.



The ASBORF's group tour of the Jocassee Gorges Wilderness Area.

There are fifteen states that have some form of licensure for foresters. Of these fifteen, six in the southeast saw advantages to forming an association with other boards and ASBORF was formed in 1993. The charter members include: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina. Since there is no other association of states' forester boards, West Virginia requested inclusion into ASBORF at this meeting, and they were accepted. Although the Society of American Foresters (SAF) aren't "members" per se, they participate at each meeting due to the close relationship most state's rules and regulations have with them. SAF accredited curriculums at our Universities are typically the required majors for most states' registration rules and this ensures a baseline education. Most states also require continuing education for registered foresters and the SAF's Continuing Forester Education rules and process are used to ensure consistency.

States typically require forester candidates seeking state licensure to take an exam to show proficiency. Most of the southern states with registration mandates have a state-specific exam but two states utilize the SAF certified forester exam (coupled with a short state-specific exam).

The SAF presented information about some options they are exploring to track CFE credits at the national level and collaborating with ASBORF might make this a useful tool for some state boards to utilized with their respective state registered forester programs.

ASBORF will have a booth at the 2019 SAF National convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Plan to stop in and further this discussion.

Registered Forester Eligibility List

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| Justin Davenport Waters | Truett Wood Lawrence |
| Jack Buster Hinton | John N. Bryan |
| Ryan K. Young | John B. Young |
| Thomas Bryant Jernigan | Harold N. Cooley |
| James A. Dressler | Tyler M. Givens |
| Caleb Killough | Hannah G. Gregson |
| Forrest Ousley | David C. West |
| James H. Ginn | John Lancaster |

IN MEMORIAM

We remember our fellow forester who passed in 2018.
Keith W. Vancil (#2085)

BOARD'S DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Lea Anna Meadows, RF

One of the first task I had as the new Director of the Board was to emboss the registered forester certificates of the newly licensed foresters. With the many new task I was undertaking I thought very little about the seal and its significance. I have since embossed many certificates in the five years that I have served the Board, and I was very interested to know the story behind its meaning and creation.



Board Staff Left to Right: Tim Albritton, Rick Johnson, Lea Anna Meadows, Olivia Martin, Joe Roberson, Aprille Cook. Board member not shown, Damon Wilkinson.

A lot of remarks were made regarding the article on the Board of Foresters Seal in the summer newsletter, some positive and some negative. The seal and its many symbols was created when the Board was established in 1957. I would have loved the opportunity to be in the room when the newly appointed board members were considering what exactly does forestry mean, and how best to represent forestry in a seal that would live on as long as the Board exist.

The Board's seal is modeled from the Chinese design of perpetuity and the symbols within the seal represent many things. The factory represents industry, the trees represent the forestry sources, the stream represents the water source, the chemistry apparatus represents science, the Aladdin's lamp represents the magic of knowledge, the silhouette represents the State of Alabama, and the gearwheel represents the wheel of progress.

In the past sixty-one years, two thousand, three hundred and six foresters have chosen to follow the laws of Alabama and become licensed in this great state. I am humbled by the legacy the Board of Forestry holds and the many great foresters who have chosen this career. This is a great profession and I have always been proud to be a forester and very thankful God led me down this

career path. I am proud to serve every forester and the landowners of Alabama. Although, administrative duties are the greater part of my job, I am here to support every Forester. That can include, getting continuing education credits, ensuring continuing education credits certificates are awarded, or whatever your needs maybe.

Board Fees for 2019

- Application Fee \$50.00
\$60.00 as of 4-8-19
- Reinstatement Application Fee \$150.00
(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)
- Reciprocity Application Fees (Initial Application)
Same as charged for Alabama Applicants in the reciprocal state.
- Re-Examination Fee \$100.00
- Renewal Fees
 - All Licenses \$100.00
\$130.00 as of 4-8-19
 - Late Penalty \$100.00
(Paid in addition to the applicable renewal fee)
- License Replacement Fee (Certificate) \$50.00
- Printed Roster \$10.00
- Registered Forester Window Decal (Auto) \$1.00
- Returned Check Fee \$30.00

NEW REGISTERED FORESTERS

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Due to the recent change in building security,
please call for an appointment.

RENEWAL REMINDER

The grace period for 2019 license renewal ends December 31, 2018. If you submitted your renewal but have not received your new ID card, please contact Lea Anna Meadows immediately at 334-240-9301 to make sure the renewal was received and processed. Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2018 will be revoked. The Board is required by law to send revocation notices to all non-renewing licensees, including those who, for whatever reason, intentionally allowed their license to lapse.

For foresters who may be looking for continuing education opportunities to renew your 2019 licenses, on-line webinars can be found on the Southern Regional Extension Forestry website, see link below:
<http://www.forestrywebinars.net>

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ROSTER CHANGE REMINDER The Board will only list business addresses in the roster unless the home address is the only address on record, in which case it will be listed as the business address. Although home addresses will not be published in the roster, licensees must continue to provide current home addresses to the Board.

UPDATE YOUR ROSTER INFORMATION Please take a moment to review your current roster information online at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/rosterofforesters.asp>. To submit changes, fax the form below to 334-240-9387 or submit the online Change of Address form at <http://asbrf.alabama.gov/vs2k5/changeofaddress.aspx>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Full Name _____

Title _____ License Number _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Company _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

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