



# Forestry

**A Dynamic & Changing Profession**



**ASSOCIATION OF  
BC FOREST PROFESSIONALS**  
**2005 Annual Report**

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## Four Pillars Define the ABCFP

The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) has a mandate to protect the public's interest in the practice of professional forestry. It upholds its mandate through its four pillars – admissions, professional practice, compliance and stewardship.

### **Admissions**

Through its admissions process, the association ensures members meet rigorous entrance requirements by setting education and work experience standards and administering a demanding registration exam.

### **Professional Practice**

Once individuals become registered members, the association has a professional practice function to ensure members continue to meet their professional obligations.

### **Compliance**

The compliance function of the association works to protect the public's interest by ensuring only qualified, competent and accountable individuals engage in the practice of professional forestry.

### **Stewardship**

Finally, the association has a forest stewardship function that acts as a public voice in matters that affect the health and sustainability of BC's forests.

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# Letter to Members

Dear Fellow Members:

This past year has been one of continuous change, improvement and growth for the association and we are pleased to present you with the 2005 annual report. This report is our opportunity to demonstrate to you how we have moved forward in achieving the goals set out in our strategic plan and to assure you that the association's governance and finances are in excellent shape.

The number one priority for our association in 2005, as it was in 2004, was to ensure the successful implementation of the professional reliance model under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. This project is by no means complete, but we have made important progress to improve the understanding and acceptance of the concept within our membership, government and industry.

Although the association has been registering forest technologists since 2003, a large increase in RFT membership occurred this year. The staff and volunteers involved in processing the influx have done an excellent job of registering and integrating the new members into our association.

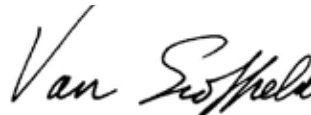
This year, a key stewardship issue, forest fires, has allowed the association to enter the public policy arena as a spokesperson for the responsible stewardship of BC's forest resources – a goal we had been working towards for some time.

The association took the opportunity to look inward in 2005 with the goal of improving our capacity to deal with the many issues facing us. As we took on more work in the professional reliance and forest stewardship fields, it made sense to examine the organization's ability to meet these new goals, along with serving our growing membership. The end result of this examination is to provide the initiative to move us to a more proactive leadership model in the years to come.

We would like to thank the volunteers and staff of the association for an excellent year. Our hard working staff continues to provide excellent service to our members. Volunteers, led by our council, were extremely dedicated and put in many hundreds of hours to ensure the association's business ran smoothly and efficiently.



Randal P. Trerise, RPF  
President



E.V. (Van) Scoffield, RPF  
Executive Director

# Year in Review

Like past years, 2005 was marked by a number of challenges and achievements. The Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABCFP's) commitments to ensuring the success of professional reliance and moving forward in the area of forest stewardship advocacy took front row. The association was also kept busy looking after many new members, including a large number of Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) applicants. An examination of the association's capacity to achieve its strategic goals also featured prominently during the latter half of the year. Highlights of the year are featured on the following pages.

## Admissions

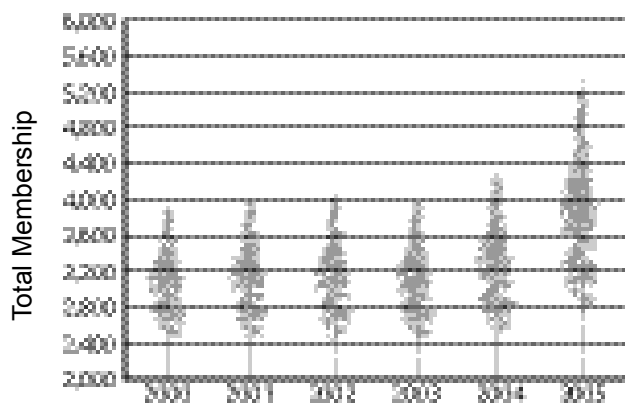
The association saw a huge jump in membership in 2005. The primary reason for this increase was the November 30, 2005, deadline before which the new *Foresters Act* provisions, requiring all persons practising forest technology to either become registered or working under the supervision of a registered member, came into full force and effect.

## Membership Statistics 2000-2005

		Membership Totals <sup>1</sup>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Registered Members	RPFs (active)		2990	3053	3109	3127	3190	3192
	RFTs (active) <sup>2</sup>		0	0	0	0	344	1306
	RPFs (retired)		128	138	141	132	128	147
	RFTs (retired)		0	0	0	0	16	18
	RPFs (life)		179	177	168	198	200	205
	RFTs (life)		0	0	0	0	1	1
Enrolled Members	FITs <sup>2</sup>		489	500	473	410	338	317
	FPs <sup>2</sup>		198	186	171	166	144	142
	TFTs		0	0	0	0	15	29
Special Permits	Visiting Professional Foresters		0	0	0	0	1	1
	Transferring Professional Foresters		0	0	0	0	3	4
	Limited Licensees		0	0	0	2	4	3
Other	Honorary Members		12	12	12	12	13	14
	<b>Total Membership <sup>3</sup></b>		<b>3996</b>	<b>4066</b>	<b>4074</b>	<b>4047</b>	<b>4358</b>	<b>5323</b>
	Leave of Absence <sup>4</sup>		108	113	140	149	137	136

1. The numbers shown here are as of November 30 each year.
2. These numbers include members who are in more than one category (e.g. RFT & FP) at the same time.
3. The totals record the actual number of persons and do not double count persons who are members of more than one category.
4. The leave of absence category does not affect yearly totals.

## ABCFP Membership 2000-2005



Association staff worked in a proactive manner with task forces at the then Ministries of Forests, Sustainable Resource Management, and Water, Land and Air Protection. The task forces reviewed all potentially relevant job descriptions within the respective ministries to determine if any involved practising forestry at the technical level and would therefore require an RFT designation. At the end of the 2005 fiscal year, just over 1,300 RFTs had joined the association – almost half of them in the month of November alone.

## 2005 Membership Changes

	Totals	2005
<b>New Members</b>	RPFs	74
	RFTs	978
	RPFs (retired)	39
	RFTs (retired)	3
	RPFs (life)	9
	RFTs (life)	0
	FITs	77
	FPs	21
	TFTs	22
	Visiting Professional Foresters	0
	Transferring Professional Foresters <sup>1</sup>	2
	Limited Licensees	1
	Honorary Members	1

	Totals	2005
<b>Reinstatements</b>	RPFs	12
	RFTs	1
	FITs	1
	FPs	2
	TFTs	0
<b>Resignations</b>	RPFs	13
	RFTs	9
	RPFs (retired)	6
	RFTs (retired)	0
	FITs	17
	FPs	9
	TFTs	2

1. One Transferring Professional Forester passed the 2005 RPF registration exam and is now registered.

**Vincent Gary Sewell, RFT**, scored highest on the regular RFT exam and **Tim R. Sheldon, RFT**, scored the highest on the supplemental exam.

#### 2005 RFT Registration Exam

RFT Exam (Part A)	2004	2005
Pass Rate (%)	79.4	80.5
Average Mark (%)	65.7	66.3
RFT Exam (Part B)	2004	2005
Pass Rate (%)	n/a	61.5
Average Mark (%)	n/s	59.2

**Russell Roger Laroche, RPF**, scored the highest mark in the 2005 RPF registration exam.

#### 2005 RPF Registration Exam

RPF Exam	2001	2002	2003
Pass Rate (%)	70.6	72.5	67.8
Average Mark (%)	63.8	64.3	62.1
RPF Exam	2004	2005	
Pass Rate (%)	81.0	68.3	
Average Mark (%)	65.0	64.1	

There were 395 people, of which 319 were successful, who wrote the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and RFT exam in 26 locations around the province. There were 117 enrollees who wrote the RPF exams with 105 of them electing to do the take-home option. Of those people who wrote the take-home portion, 93 passed. Only four of the people who opted not to do the take-home exam passed. A record-setting 278 people wrote the RFT registration exam, most of who were only required to write part “A” of the exam. Of the 265 people who wrote only part “A” of the exam, 212 passed. Eight of the people who were required to write the full exam passed.

The association took a leading role in a process that will shape changes to the entry requirement for professional foresters in BC and across the country. The association worked with other professional regulatory bodies on an initiative called the inclusivity project which is aimed at modernizing the form and content of academic standards for entry to the profession as well as a basis for accreditation of forestry programs. This project will provide flexibility to institutions to deliver creative and innovative new programs and will allow the ABCFP to assess and admit forest professionals with a broader range of experiential and educational backgrounds.

The association continues to work closely with the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board to better define academic standards for entry to the profession for Registered Forest Technologists. Forest technology programs at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Malaspina University-College and the College of New Caledonia were accredited by the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board in 2005.

The first step in becoming a registered member is to enroll in a forestry program at a university or college; however, enrollment in forestry programs locally, nationally and beyond our borders has dropped significantly. The ABCFP, together with similar organizations, remains concerned about this drop as it may lead to instances where the number of individuals retiring outstrips the number of students graduating. The association worked at the national and provincial level with academic institutions and employer groups to define best practices around recruitment strategies and messaging that highlights forestry as a high-tech, dynamic and rewarding profession for intelligent individuals. Work continues at a national level to challenge all levels of government, the academic communities and employers to work together to ensure an adequate supply of trained and competent professionals are available to meet future demand.

# Professionalism

Supporting the shift to increased professional reliance under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) continued as the number one priority for the association in 2005. The ABCFP believes that in an era of results-based forestry, the public interest will be better protected if the regime rests on a solid foundation of competent, ethical, independent and accountable professionals all of whom live up to their professional obligations. Although resource limitations curbed the association's efforts somewhat, much was accomplished. The association was:

- involved in the implementation of certain FRPA regulations, particularly those dealing with professional certification;
- actively contributing to the planning and delivery of the Ministry of Forests and Range's FRPA training initiative. This contribution involved participation on a provincial training committee over many months and culminated in association staff participating in the delivery of all 22 of the Ministry's training sessions across the province;
- playing a leading role in establishing the Professional Reliance Task Force (PRTF), a task force created to foster improved understanding of the professional reliance concept and its application in various contexts. After a slow start, the PRTF moved into high gear in the latter half of the year thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Forests and Range which permitted the hiring of a consultant; and,
- participating in the Provincial FRPA Implementation Team whose mandate is to provide leadership to and address issues arising from FRPA implementation.

As continuing competency is a key element of professionalism, the professional practice committee continued to press ahead with the association's three-phase continuing competency program. Phase I, mandatory self-assessments, is now in place and all members renewing their 2006 membership were required to complete a self-assessment for 2005 and declare they had done so in a Self-Assessment Declaration. The declaration indicates that members have examined their practices, identified learning needs and put plans in place to address those needs. The committee's main focus in 2005 was on the development of phase II – the voluntary peer review – a draft of which was approved by council in November and release to members for comment.

The professional practice committee also devoted much attention to a review of Bylaw 11, the Code of Ethics. Aided by a survey of members, which generated a veritable flood of comment, the committee concluded that the code itself needed little revision. The interpretive guide; however, needed considerable revision to

bring it into line with the current forestry context. Work on the guide will be completed in 2006.

In October, the association issued a notice to members on free growing declarations. This notice was triggered by a Forest Appeals Commission decision. The decision and the ABCFP notice serve as good reminders for members to ensure they are adhering to high professional reliance standards in all aspects of their jobs.

The Practice Advisory Service (PAS) saw a relatively quiet year. Seven requests for advice were made to the PAS. The PAS remains available to provide members with answers to questions about professional practice and conduct issues in 2006.

The joint practice board, established in 1994 by the ABCFP and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC broke new ground in 2005 finalizing a professional practice guideline dealing with crossings in the forest sector. Following endorsement of the guideline by both councils in May, the associations jointly organized three workshops to introduce the guideline to their members. Sessions were held in Nanaimo and Prince George in May with an additional one added in Vernon in November. One hundred and thirty people attended the three sessions with the Prince George session being webcast to seven participants. The joint practice board drafted a new memorandum of understanding and terms of reference which both councils approved at their November meetings.

The demise of the Forestry Continuing Studies Network and the closure of the Forest Management Institute of BC inspired serious questions in 2005 about the health of the continuing education system for BC forest professionals. In response, the ABCFP undertook an online survey of members' views on professional development — over 1,000 members participated. Results of the survey were presented to council and posted on the website. Council will use the results to guide its decisions on professional development in the future.

This fall, the ABCFP held only three professional development workshops instead of the usual 20 as the format was changed to include a panel of volunteers. Called *Forest Stewardship Plans & You*, the workshops were held in Vernon, Nanaimo and Prince George. For the first time ever, the workshop was webcast over the Internet allowing anyone to participate without spending the time and money to travel to the workshop site. Internet participants were able to see and hear the presenters and ask questions. More than 290 members attended the workshop in person and another 85 participated via the webcast.



The policy review seminars, traditionally held each fall, were a tremendous success. More than 300 people took part in the four seminars held in Kamloops, Vancouver, Prince George and Victoria. Most of the attendees were enrolled members who wrote their exams in October.

## Foresters Act Compliance

The association continued to protect the public's interest through the complaint resolution process. It also worked to enforce the *Foresters Act* to ensure that only qualified, competent and accountable professionals are engaged in the practice of professional forestry.

It was a quiet year for the complaints resolution process. While there was a decrease in the number of formal complaints received by the association, there was an increase in the number of informal calls and enquiries which leads the association to believe that members, assisted by association staff, are using alternative resolution methods to resolve issues between themselves, other members and the public. Four files passed the registrar's screening process and of those one was settled by mediation. The remaining three files are still active.

On July 10, 2003, the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (SCCA) asked the Supreme Court of British Columbia to review a decision the ABCFP registrar made to reject a complaint the SCCA made against an ABCFP member. In 2005, the court's decision was released. The ABCFP was directed to re-examine the complaint; however, the judge did not make any comment on the nature of the complaint itself. The process is ongoing.

## Forest Stewardship

The association's stewardship advocacy work was another strong focus of 2005. In support of this effort, council approved a revised advocacy policy and a new terms of reference were developed for the Stewardship Advisory Committee (SAC). The revitalized SAC began to tackle three issues in 2005: forest fires, forest inventories and forestry issues associated with the oil and gas industry.

The biggest project undertaken by the SAC in 2005 was the publication of the fire paper entitled, *Forest Fires in BC: How Policies and Practices Lead to Increased Risk*. This paper built upon the Honourable Gary Filmon's report called *Firestorm 2003* which more broadly looked at issues of fire and fuel management. The paper laid out the association's recommendations for policies mitigating fire risk in BC and restoring fire-reliant ecosystems. The paper garnered significant media coverage for the association around the province and featured prominently in the debate on the Ministry of Forests and Range's estimates in the Legislature.

**The association extends its condolences to the families of the following members who passed away in 2005:**

*Alfred H. Bamford, RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Geoffrey H. Cushon, RPF*  
*Victor G. Kassay, RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Frank F. Lloyd, RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Michael K. Main, RPF*  
*James W. Rodney, RPF*  
*Bela Sivak, RPF*  
*S. Vance Stewart, RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Mark A. Sunstrum, RPF*  
*Patrick J. Wadey, RPF*  
*Josip K. Weiss, RPF*  
*Thomas G. Wright, RPF(Ret), Life Member*

### **New Life Members**

*Thomas Michael Apsey RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*George Felix Cousineau RFT(Ret) , Life Member*  
*David Haley RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*James M. Kinghorn RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Vladimir J. Korelus RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*John Leasing RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Kenneth John Mitchell RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*Robert M. Sitter RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*John Szauer RPF(Ret), Life Member*  
*W. Frederick Waldie RPF(Ret), Life Member*

During a meeting with the then Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, it became clear that a number of council members were concerned about the state of forest inventories in BC. The stewardship advisory committee was asked to examine this issue and report back to council. In the fall of 2005, a data gathering exercise was done with the members to identify the issues and determine possible solutions. More work will be done in 2006.

Members raised concerns about the forestry implications of the oil and gas sector at the Prince George AGM. In response, council held their May meeting in Fort St. John in part to allow for meetings with representatives from the oil and gas sector and to learn more about the issues and concerns. The SAC is committed to examining the issue in the coming year.

## **Governance**

Good progress was made on the policy governance project. Through the policy governance model, council sets a policy framework within which staff and volunteers are to work as they pursue the association's goals. This style of governance allows volunteer council members to focus their time and energy on high-level policies and decisions while staff concentrate on implementation and achievement of the goals set by council.

For the first time in memory, the association's 58th council was acclaimed in 2004; however, there were a large number of candidates for the election of the 59th council. There were four candidates for two RPF positions and eight candidates for the two RFT positions. Second-year council member Paul Knowles, RPF, was acclaimed as vice-president.

Lay councillors Joanne Kineshanko and Gordon Prest had a productive year on council. Gordon came to the end of his first term at the 58th AGM. Council asked the provincial government to re-appoint him for another two years. Joanne's appointment as lay councillor came to an end at the 58th AGM. Two potential replacement candidates for Joanne's position were referred to the Board Resourcing Office of the provincial government. The government is responsible for making the final decision on all lay councillor appointments.

In mid-year, council recognized that the membership growth resulting from the influx of forest technologists presented an opportunity for the association to better achieve its strategic plan goals. Accordingly, a 'capacity project' was launched and Western Management Consultants was retained to examine the association's current organization and practices and to recommend changes that would enhance the association's ability to achieve its goals. The consultants' report was tabled at council's November meeting. Decisions are expected to be made early in 2006.

## External Relations

The association continued to maintain relationships with several external organizations. Our relationship with the government continues to be excellent. In June, association staff and members of council met with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Forest Practices Board, Ministry of Forests and Range, Forest Appeals Commission and the Ministry of Environment.

Relations with the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) continued on a respectful, constructive plane. Dialogue was maintained with ASTTBC throughout the year on a number of issues including: advancement of the voluntary certification concept; various scope of practice related issues; various issues related to how technologists and technicians are dealt with in FRPA regulations; and ASTTBC participation in the professional reliance task force.

The association continues its work with the College of Applied Biologists of BC and the Association of Professional Biologists of BC to forge stronger working relationships and to look at the differences between the biologists' organizations and the ABCFP that have caused tensions.

Open communication between the ABCFP and other forestry associations continues. The ABCFP is very supportive of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). For example, the ABCFP began submitting articles to the CIF's flagship publication, *The Forestry Chronicle*, which have been printed in most issues. For the first time, the CIF also recognized BC RPFs who received their education through the forestry pupil program by honouring them with the same ring given to university graduates.

## Communications and Member Relations

One of the biggest projects of the year for the communications department was the redesign and relaunch of the association's website. Every page was rewritten and the entire navigation system redesigned to make the site more user friendly.

FORUM continued to be a major focus for the communications team. In 2005, six issues of the magazine were produced for members. Themes ranged from forest stewardship plans to mountain pine beetles to the business of forestry.

FORUM was substantially redesigned and was renamed BC Forest Professional. This name was selected by the editorial board after a contest and vote by members. The new name and design were selected to reflect the breadth and diversity of the profession.

The e-newsletter, called BC Forest Professional for the duration of 2005, also went through a name change at year end. The new name, *The Increment*, tips its hat to

the increment borer and reflects the e-newsletter's purpose – to give members a measure on what is happening with association business. An issue was produced and e-mailed to members almost every month.

Association staff participated in two trade and career shows in 2005. The biannual Union of BC Municipalities trade show was held in September. More than 1,000 delegates toured the show and visited the ABCFP booth. Many admired the impressive Forest Capital trophy on display at the booth. The association was also represented at the UBC Career Day. Many students visited the booth to ask about becoming registered and to pick up student member applications.

The association released nine press releases in 2005 covering topics ranging from award winners, to the fire paper, to the 2006 Forest Capital winner. Media coverage of these releases was fairly good. The release that generated the most interest from the media, by far, was the one on the fire paper. This story was picked up province-wide by newspapers and radio.

The 2005 Forest Capital of BC was Revelstoke. The city planned a full year's worth of activities to promote the forest sector and highlight the community's deep history in the forest. The city held a variety of educational, sporting and cultural events throughout the year. After a January kickoff, the city and community partners held training for forest workers, offered tours of woodlots, sawmills and log sort yards for the public, held a tree planting day and wrapped up the year with the announcement of a legacy project that will benefit the entire community.

## Finance and Administration

Due to continued sound fiscal management and an increase in revenues, the association's operating fund ended fiscal 2005 much better than budgeted and with a significant surplus. The increased revenues came mainly from the influx of RFT applications prior to the November 30, 2005 deadline. In addition, surpluses from the 57th AGM (\$31,842), policy seminars (\$17,166) and Forest Stewardship Plan workshops (\$14,932), and a grant from the Ministry of Forests and Range for the Professional Reliance Task Force (\$30,000) also increased revenues unexpectedly.

Total revenues for the year were \$1,672,790 compared to expenditures of \$1,424,784, resulting in a net surplus of \$248,006. The association's full financial statements can be found on the website ([www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)).

For the third year in a row, the annual discipline expense policy was again applied in 2005. Actual discipline costs were \$34,545 below budget and that amount was transferred to the reserve fund.

The budgeting policy was amended in 2005 in recognition of the surplus cash accumulating in the operating fund. The policy provides council with guidance

on how much surplus cash can be made available for supplementary budget purposes. This change provides rigor to the process of drawing upon surplus cash and prevents the excessive build-up of idle cash by diverting it back into current operations.

The reserve fund continues to grow. It increased by \$34,545 in the last year due to the favorable variance in discipline costs: \$22,579 from the interest earned on its fixed income investments and \$566 from dividend income. The reserve fund policy stipulates that money in this fund may be invested in growth investments exclusively comprising high-quality, well-established mutual funds with consistently good returns and fixed income instruments rated investment quality or better by a recognized rating agency. The financial statements indicate that the value of the reserve fund at its original cost of \$677,769. The market value is somewhat higher at \$727,060. The reserve fund earned a 7.14% rate of return in fiscal 2005.

Funds continue to be raised for the association's scholarship and bursary program, ForesTrust. Ten students from around the province receive awards ranging from \$150 to \$3,712.

### **The 2005 ForesTrust Winners are:**

Sheldon Andrews, \$850, Malaspina University College, Nanaimo  
Nicholas Plett, \$1,300, UNBC, Prince George  
Katie Blewett, \$500, UNBC, Prince George  
Camen Minor, \$900, UNBC, Prince George  
Kristin Storry, \$3,712, Okanagan University College, Kelowna  
Lauren Geneva Phillips, \$150, UBC, Vancouver  
Betsy Cranmer, \$200, UBC, Vancouver  
Elaine Dobie Bambrick, \$1,050, UBC, Vancouver  
Graham Joel VanderMey, \$750, BCIT, Burnaby  
Christopher Cottell, \$750, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops

For the first time in many years, the association had a significant turn over in staff. The association said goodbye to three staff members and welcomed three new ones. Amanda Poch replaced Karen Ung as the new registration coordinator and Heather McDonald took over as the registration assistant when Melissa Pulsifer returned to school. Both Amanda and Heather bring a great deal of experience to their new positions.

The association also hired a director of communications when Sandra Sauer left to pursue other interests on Vancouver Island. Amanda Brittain took on this role which includes all aspects of external and member communications including, the magazine, the e-newsletter, the website and media relations.

# Lay Councillors' Reports

## Joanne Kineshanko

This report is my final one as a lay councillor. It has been a privilege to serve on the ABCFP's council for the past three years. Working with my fellow council members and staff has been a pleasure – being a councillor is an experience I would recommend to anyone.

During the past three years, I've seen many changes. One of the most significant changes is the growth in membership. Membership growth has been especially apparent in 2005 as important deadlines concerning forest technologists passed. This growth is good news for the public as now much of the forestry team is being regulated together under the association's umbrella.

Also during my tenure, the *Foresters Act* changed to strengthen the profession so it can better meet the public expectations associated with the shift to results-based forestry. With this change, professional reliance has gained even more importance in the eyes of the public and forest professionals themselves.

Another project that is close to my heart, and one that relates to professional reliance, is the move towards more public communications between the association and the people of BC. The forestry team must keep in front of the public and – if you'll pardon the pun – not get lost in the trees. While association staff are taking the lead, there is also room for RFTs and RPFs to step up to the plate.

Forest professionals must connect with the public and not just the people who are directly affected by their decisions in their communities. They have a responsibility to explain what actions they took and why they took them. We all need to listen more and talk less. Forest professionals need to understand where the public is coming from and what their concerns are. They don't have to agree with the values of everyone, but they should respect those values and try to work towards solutions that will benefit everyone.

On the other hand, British Columbians have to understand that they can't have everything. We can't have jobs in mills without cutting down trees. We can't mitigate fire risk without some prescribed burning that causes smoke.

There is a different point of view for almost everyone in our province. The job of members as forest professionals and the job of the association is to ensure that professional reliance is working and that we maintain open communication between ourselves and the public. Let's make sure that every British Columbian knows about the good work that is happening in every corner of this province.

*Joanne Kineshanko of Lumby was first appointed as lay councillor in March 2003 for a one-year term. In 2004, she was re-appointed for two more years. Her term ended in February 2006. Joanne is the co-owner of Kineshanko Logging, a former mayor of Lumby and a former director of Forest Renewal BC.*

## Gordon Prest

When I joined the ABCFP's 58th council as a lay councillor, I was immediately struck by the numerous challenges being faced and addressed by the council and members. I was impressed by the high level of participation and guidance that the council offers the association in its overall decision making process. Over the past year, I have witnessed first hand how the ABCFP and its members are grappling and adapting to the sweeping changes and challenges that are occurring as a result of the implementation of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and inclusion of RFTs as new members into the ABCFP. Add to these challenges the aftermath of a number of catastrophic wildfires throughout the province combined with problems associated with massive mountain pine beetle infestation and you can see that council and members have had a very busy year.

As the BC forest sector moves into the implementation phase of FRPA, I have been very interested in observing the manner in which council and the association addressed the topic of professional reliance with members and the general public. As forest professionals move away from the 'cookbook' approach to forest practices under the former Forest Practices Code and adopt the new results-based FRPA approach, I am particularly interested in how council and the association can build and maintain public understanding and support for this new resource management model. I am equally interested in how council and the association can assist 'dirt' foresters and technologists in the field adapt to the new paradigm of results-based approaches to forest resource management that is prescribed under FRPA. In this situation, forest professionals become much more accountable on a personal level for their actions.

Another area I have a particular personal interest in, is how well the ABCFP can develop respectful and meaningful relationships with other professionals. Professionals such as biologists can help to manage the forest land base in the best interests of all the natural resources, including non-timber values, that are of such great cultural value and importance to First Nations and others.

And last, but not least, I have a great interest in observing how the council and the ABCFP can address the subject of the falling number of forestry students being recruited into the post-secondary forest diploma and degree programs. As once stated by a wise person, "any group that doesn't take an interest in its own birth rate, is not likely to be around too long." It seems that the only constant in

*Gordon Prest of Merritt was appointed as a lay councillor in 2004. He recently retired from the position of First Nations Coordinator for the Faculty of Forestry at UBC. Gordon has spent all of his working life in forestry and has held positions ranging from timber cruiser, forest ranger to forestry teacher.*

the forest sector today is change. I am impressed, and pleased, at how the ABCFP and its members are adapting to these sweeping changes and yet maintaining their stated commitment to “protecting the public interest in the practice of professional forestry and to advancing the stewardship of BC’s forests.”

In closing, I would like to say that it has been a real pleasure to work with such a dedicated group as the 58th council of the ABCFP and I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the association staff for their support of me as the incoming lay councillor.



# Auditors' Report



December 22, 2005

Report to the Members Of  
Association Of British Columbia Forest Professionals

The statement of financial position and statement of revenue and expenditures of Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals shown above are in our opinion accurately extracted from the complete financial statements of the Association for the year ended November 30, 2005, which we reported upon under our auditors' report dated December 22, 2005.

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Chartered Accountants

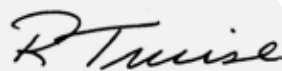
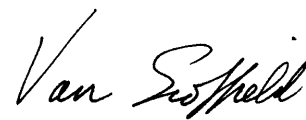
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# Financial Position

(November 30, 2005)

	2005			2004
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total	Total
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Assets</b>			Assets
Cash	\$ 860,554	\$ —	\$ 860,554	\$ 729,515
Receipts in Progress	123,964	—	123,964	—
Marketable Securities	—	624,726	624,726	548,016
Accounts Receivable	47,593	—	47,593	36,190
Due from Operating Fund	—	34,545	34,545	51,905
Interest Receivable	—	53,043	53,043	54,701
Prepaid Expenses	39,328	—	39,328	34,868
	1,071,439	712,314	1,783,753	1,455,195
<b>Capital Assets</b>	123,033	—	123,033	133,995
	<b>\$ 1,194,472</b>	<b>\$ 712,314</b>	<b>\$ 1,906,786</b>	<b>\$ 1,589,190</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>			Liabilities
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 192,443	\$ —	\$ 192,443	\$ 145,590
Due to Reserve Fund	34,545	—	34,545	51,905
Deferred Revenue	412,213	—	412,213	418,290
	639,201	—	639,201	615,785
<b>Deferred Lease Inducement</b>	34,545	—	34,545	46,061
	<b>673,746</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>673,746</b>	<b>661,846</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>			Net Assets
<b>Unrestricted</b>	424,152	712,314	1,136,466	838,915
<b>Restricted</b>	19,107	—	19,107	—
<b>Investment in Capital Assets</b>	77,467	—	77,467	88,429
	520,726	712,314	1,233,040	927,344
	<b>\$ 1,194,472</b>	<b>\$ 712,314</b>	<b>\$ 1,906,786</b>	<b>\$ 1,589,190</b>

Approved by council:


Randal P. Trerise, RPF  
President

E.V. (Van) Scoffield, RPF  
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# Revenue & Expenditures

(November 30, 2005)

	2005			2004	
	Operating Fund		Reserve Fund	Total	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
<b>Revenue</b>					
Annual Membership Fees (Group II)	\$ 1,118,520	\$ 1,243,098	—	\$ 1,243,098	\$ 1,069,401
Registration & Enrolment Fees (Group I)	211,155	301,100	—	301,100	248,606
Annual Meeting Income	—	31,842	—	31,842	58,608
Interest & Dividends	11,000	15,027	22,579	37,606	32,108
Advertising & Mailings	55,000	45,085	—	45,085	53,774
Gain (loss) on Sale of Marketable Securities	—	—	566	566	—
Other	3,000	36,638	34,545	71,183	85,825
	<b>1,398,675</b>	<b>1,672,790</b>	<b>57,690</b>	<b>1,730,480</b>	<b>1,548,322</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Committee Work	459,200	432,049	—	432,049	447,036
Office	231,650	236,898	—	236,898	247,520
Staff	741,031	755,837	—	755,837	728,857
	<b>1,431,881</b>	<b>1,424,784</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,424,784</b>	<b>1,423,413</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<b>\$ (33,206)</b>	<b>\$ 248,006</b>	<b>\$ 57,690</b>	<b>\$ 305,696</b>	<b>\$ 124,909</b>

A complete set of detailed financial statements is available on the association's website ([www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)).

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(November 30, 2005)

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## Professional Forester of the Year

**Mr. Patrick J. Wadey, RPF**, was posthumously named 2005 Forester of the Year for his outstanding, recent service to the forestry profession and for furthering the association's principles.

## Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management

This award, co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Biologists of BC, was presented to **Eric Todd Manning, FIT, RPBio** and **John A. Deal, RPF, RPBio**, for promoting cooperation between forest, fish and wildlife management and for fostering leadership in integrated resource management.

## Forum Awards

### Best Forum Article

**John N. Drew, RPF**, was the recipient of the Best FORUM Article award for his article, "Good Stewardship Makes Business Sense" (January/February 2005).

### Best Forum Letter

**Jane L. Perry, RPF**, was the recipient of the Best FORUM Letter award for her letter, "What Is Happening to Forest Management in British Columbia" (July/August 2005).

## Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year

**Norman R. Shaw, RFT**, was named Volunteer of the Year for his exceptional service to the ABCFP and the profession of forestry.

## Forest Engineering Award of Excellence

The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence, co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, was presented to **George Shikaze, PEng**, for demonstrating excellence and promoting cooperation and leadership in forest engineering.

## Meloche Monnex Continuing Education Award

**L.R. Mark Hall, RPF**, and **Penny A. Hendricks, RPF**, each received a \$250 continuing education award sponsored by Meloch Monnex Inc.

## Forest Capital of BC

The **City of Revelstoke** was named the 2005 Forest Capital of BC.



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