

Forest Innovation Award

(Award for Members)

Overview & Criteria

The Forest Innovation Award recognizes a Registered Professional Forester, Registered Forest Technologist, or Natural Resource Professional who has taken a leadership role in applying innovative¹ activities, projects, practices, procedures, or policies beyond current forest management “best practices” through:

- Creation of new field-related forest management policies, procedures, or practices beyond or different from what is currently applied, and/or
- Innovative landscape forest practices that embody good management of forests, forest lands, forest resources, forest ecosystems, and ecosystem resilience and diversity for future generations.

Some examples of potential contributions are:

- Efficient and cost effective landscape unit planning,
- New approaches to First Nations relationship building utilizing innovative forest management activities, projects, practices, procedures, or policies.
- Utilizing progressive stocking standards to move toward long-term forest stewardship,
- Utilizing ecosystem management in forest management planning, and
- Integration of corporate and community goals into long-term forest management plans. It typically recognizes contributions made within the past one to five years.

Eligibility

The nominee must:

- Be a Registered Professional Forester, Registered Forest Technologist, or Natural Resource Professional in good standing with the ABCFP.

Nominations

Nominations for this award will be accepted from the membership until the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted until early November of each year. Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the Association’s magazine, electronic newsletter, and website.

¹ Ahead of the times; progressive; being or producing something like nothing done or experienced or created before; cutting edge; original; visionary; ingenious; imaginative.

The nomination package must reflect the high calibre of the award and the person being nominated. The package must be submitted in its entirety otherwise it will be considered an incomplete nomination. It must include all of the following:

- Letter of nomination from one ABCFP member endorsed (i.e. signed) by five ABCFP members. The nomination letter must outline the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for this award.
- A resume or biographical sketch of the nominee may be requested by the award determination sub-committee.

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

After the award is given, nominees will be encouraged to give their permission to have their innovative accomplishments highlighted in the BC Forest Professional Magazine.

Selection Process

Nominations from the ABCFP membership will be requested starting late summer of each year. The Council will make the final decision on the Award recipient.

The ABCFP Council can only give one Forest Innovations Award annually and are not obligated to give the Award if the nominations received do not meet these criteria.

Presentation

This award will usually be presented at the President's Awards Banquet during the ABCFP annual forestry conference.