

AWARD WINNERS



We are pleased to present the recipients of our awards. These individuals have made great contributions to the association, the forestry profession, and their communities.

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Awards for Registrants

Climate Change Innovator Award

Year	Recipient
2013	Alex Woods, MSc, RPF
2014	No nominations received
2015	Barry Jaquish, RPF
2015	Frank Varga, RPF
2016	No nominations received
2017	Kathy Hopkins, RPF
2018	<i>Shared by:</i> Brian Barber, RPF; Leslie McAuley, RFT; Diane Nicholls, RPF; Greg O'Neill, PhD, RPF; Jim Snetsinger, RPF; and Margot Spence, RPF
2019	<i>Shared by:</i> Brendan Brabender, RPF; Laura De Carolis; Caren Dymond, PhD, P.Ag; Heather Stober; Rejan Farley; Robert Hember, PhD, P.Ag; Kristin Hendry, RPF; Kathy Hopkins, RPF; Jason Hutchinson, RPF; Sara Lazaruk, RPF; Qinglin Li, PhD, FIT; Michael Madill, RPF; Leith McKenzie, RPF; Garrett McLaughlin, FIT; Meggin Messenger, RPF; Tim O'Rourke, RPF; Dennis Paradine; Melanie Plett, RPF; James Sandland, BSc, MEB; Darius Tolkien-Spurr; Nicholas Ukrainetz, RPF; Brian Watson, RPF; Thomas White; and Brent Ziegler, BSF, RPF.
2020	No nominations received
2021	No nominations received
2022	No nominations received
2023	David Belezny, RPF, P.Eng

Distinguished Forest Professional

(formerly Distinguished Forester)

Year	Recipient
1970	Alan L. Orr Ewing, RPF*
1971	F. Malcolm Knapp, RPF*
1972	W. Gerald Burch, RPF
1973	John Walters, RPF*
1974	No nominations received
1975	Nurettin Keser, RPF*
1976	Alfred H. Bamford, RPF*
1977	Karel Klinka, RPF (Ret)*
1978	William Young, RPF(Ret)
1979	Peter H. Pearce, PhD, RPF (Ret)
1980	Robert S. Wood, RPF *
1981	John G.Y. Murray, RPF (Ret)*
1982	No nominations received
1983	W.J. Bruce Devitt, RPF (Ret)
1984	Marc W. Gormely, RPF*
1985	James Douglas Little, RPF*
1986	Thomas G. Wright, RPF*
1987	Charles M. Johnson, RPF*
1988	Grant L. Ainscough, RPF(Ret)*
1989	Jack W. Toovey, RPF (Ret)
1990	Charles Harry Gairns, RPF (Ret)
1991	Oluf J. (Whitey) Andersen, RPF*
1992	W. E. (Bill) Dumont, RPF
1993	Trevor G. Jeanes, RPF (Ret)
1994	Andras D. Szalkai, RPF (Ret)
1995	J.H.G. (Harry) Smith, RPF*
1996	No nominations received
1997	Gordon F. Weetman, PhD, RPF
1998	I. (Steve) Tolnai, RPF
1999	Irving K. Barber, RPF (Ret)*
2000	Roy M. Strang, PhD, RPF (Ret)

2001	John V. Parminter, RPF
2002	No nominations received
2003	Robert P. Willington, PhD, RPF, PGeo*
2004	William W. Bourgeois, PhD, RPF
2004	Lawrence P. Pedersen, RPF
2006	E. Van Scoffield, RPF (Ret)
2006	Peter N. Affleck, RPF*
2007	J. Kenneth Day, RPF
2008	Randall L. Chan, RPF
2009	Dave Wilford, PhD, RPF, PGeo
2010	Kelly McCloskey, RPF
2011	No nominations received
2012	Rick Monchak, RPF
2013	No nominations received
2014	Steve Mitchell, PhD, RPF
2015	Bruce Blackwell, RPF, RPBio
2015	Lorraine Maclauchlan, PhD, RPF, RPBio
2016	John Armstrong, RFT, ATE
2016	Paul Lawson, RPF
2016	Rita Winkler, PhD, RPF
2017	Lorne Bedford, RPF
2018	Bob Craven, RPF
2018	Carman Smith, RPF (Ret)
2018	Bill Waugh, RPF
2019	Dave Bedford, RPF
2019	John Drew, RPF
2019	Diane Nicholls, RPF
2019	Cheryl Power, RPF
2019	Kathryn Willis, RPF
2020	Jim Girvan, MBA, RPF
2020	Kenneth Mitchell, PhD, RPF
2021	Stephen Lorimer, RPF
2021	Garry Mancell, LLB, RPF
2021	Peter Marshall, PhD, RPF

2021	Ken Zielke, RPF
2022	Alan Waters, RPF(Ret)
2022	Michael Jull, RPF
2023	Kevin Horsnell, MBA, RPF
2023	Laurie Kremsater, MSc, RPF, RPBio
2023	Jeff McWilliams, RPF

* deceased

Forest Technologist of the Year

Year	Recipient
2004	Norman R. Shaw, RFT
2006	Geoffrey H. Tindale, RFT
2007	Ian T. Emery, RFT
2008	No nominations received
2009	No nominations received
2010	No nominations received
2011	Jonathan Lok, RFT
2012	No nominations received
2013	No nominations received
2014	No nominations received
2015	No nominations received
2016	John Hopper, RFT
2017	Walter Tymkow, RFT, LL
2018	Jim McLean, RFT
2019	Barb Drennan, RFT
2020	No nominations received
2021	Maria Le Boeuf, RFT
2022	No nominations received
2023	No nominations received

* deceased

Forest Innovation Awards

Year	Recipient
2017	Erik Leslie, RPF
2018	No nominations received
2019	John Russell*, RPF, PhD
2020	No nominations received
2021	Cynthia Lu, MA, RPF, P.Ag.
2022	No nominations received

2023

Alvin Yanchuk, PhD, RPF

* deceased

Professional Forester of the Year

Year	Recipient
1988	W. John Revel, RPF (Ret)*
1989	Robert G. Christie, RPF(Ret)
1990	Randall L. Chan, RPF
1991	Cynthia V. Pearce, RPF
1992	David L. Handley, RPF (Ret)
1993	Robert H. Kyle, RPF
1994	Allan M. D. Todd, RPF
1995	James H. Smith, RPF
1996	Katherine J. Lewis, PhD, RPF
1997	N. Wayne Morrison, RPF*
1998	William N. Cafferata, RPF
1999	James W. Rodney, RPF*
2000	No nominations received
2001	W. David Walkem, RPF
2002	William B. Wade, RPF
2003	Brian D. Gilfillan, LLB, RPF
2004	Donald R. McMillan, RPF
2005	Patrick J. Wadey, RPF*
2006	K. David Coates, PhD, RPF
2007	No nominations received
2008	Shannon Janzen, RPF
2009	Chris Hollstedt, RPF
2010	John Dunford, RPF
2011	No nominations received
2012	William (Bill) Bourgeois, PhD, RPF
2013	No nominations received
2014	No nominations received
2015	Joe LeBlanc, RPF
2016	Ian Smith, RPF
2017	Wes Bieber, RPF
2018	John Pousette, RPF
2019	No nominations received

2020	Neil Hughes, MSc, RPF
2021	Tawnya Collins, RPF
2022	Daniel Macmaster, RPF
2023	Barry Snowdon, RPF

* deceased

Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year

Year	Recipient
1997	Stephen W. Taylor, RPF
1998	Michael D. Larock, RPF
1999	Randall L. Chan, RPF
2000	G. Stanley Chester, RPF(Ret)
2001	Anthony B. Wong, RPF
2002	Ian S. Moss, RPF
2003	Geoffrey L. Helfrich, RPF
2004	Debbie Zandbelt, RPF
2005	Norman Richard Shaw, RFT
2006	Jeffrey K. Leahy, RPF
2007	No nominations received
2008	Lisa Brown, RPF
2008	Candace Parsons, RPF
2009	Phil Blanchard, RPF
2009	Angeline Nyce, RPF, L.LB
2010	No nominations received
2011	No nominations received
2012	No nominations received
2013	Jacques Corstanje, RPF
2013	Annette van Neijenhuis, RPF
2014	No nominations received
2015	Jason Hutchinson, RPF
2016	No nominations received
2017	Mike DesRochers, RPF
2018	Bronwen Beedle, RPF (Ret)

2018	Jamie Skinner, RPF
2019	Bill Bourgeois, RPF, PhD
2020	Guy Burdikin, an RPF
2021	Richard Cane, RPF
2021	John Neels, RPF, CPA, CMA
2022	Philip Smith, RPF, ATE
2023	Tara Bergeson, MSc, RPF

* deceased

BC Forest Professional Magazine Best Article (formerly Forum)

Year	Recipient
1998	John H. Borden, RPF, RPBio, "Is Forest Health Healthy?"
1999	John Drew, RPF, "Underperforming in Forestry: Changes, Choices and Challenges"
2000	Mike Apsey, RPF, "Lifting Our Sights and Broadening Our Vision"
2001	Hans Granander, RPF, "Conflict Resolution: Where Do Foresters Fit in these Days?"
2002	Nathan Davis, RPF, "See the Forester in the Woods"
2003	Judy Thomas, RPF, "Are We Really Ready for Professional Reliance?"
2004	unknown
2005	John Drew, RPF, <i>Good Stewardship Makes Business Sense</i>
2006	Dave Gilbert, RPF, "Canada's Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Kyoto Forest Accounting Rules and Implications for BC Forest Professionals"
2007	Rob Kozak, PhD, "Value-added Wood Products from British Columbia – Getting Beyond the Rhetoric"
2008	William Beese, RPF, "The Challenges of Applying Forest Ecology Research to Practice"
2009	Ric Slaco, RPF, "Putting BC's Wood Products on the Front Line in the Fight Against Climate Change"
2010	Frederick Bunnell, PhD, RPBio, "Global Weirding and Vanishing Animals"
2011	Dwight Yochim, RPF, "You're Hurt and Lying on the Ground. It's Getting Dark. Now What?"
2012	Mauro Calabrese, RPF, RPBio, "Forest and Range Practices Act: Big Dreams and Hard Realities in BC's Interior"
2013	Jennifer Burleigh, RPF, "The Insects That Tried to Steal Christmas"
2014	Rick Monchak, RPF, "Log Exports: Perspectives From a Generalist"
2015	John Palmer, PhD, "Forestry Under the Table"
2016	William Downing, RPF, "Peeking into the Future of BC's Forest Industry"
2017	Allan W. Bennet, RPF, "BC Market Pricing System" (Abridged Version)

2018	Mike Jull, RPF, "Time for a Change: Re-thinking our Approach and Professional Response to Spruce Beetle Outbreaks"
2019	Tracy Andrews, RPF, and Sally Sellars, RPF, "Forest Stewardship Plan Strategies and the Cultural Heritage Value"
2020	Dr. Siomonn Pulla, PhD, "Building a Holistic Framework to Support Informed Consent"
2021	Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz, PhD, Sarah Dickson-Hoyle, Shannon Hagerman, PhD; and Lori Daniels, PhD, "Community Forest Perspectives and Engagement in Wildfire Management."
2022	Cynthia Lu, MA, RPF, P.Ag, "Overcoming our Silence on Old Growth and Beyond"
2023	Peter Flett, MSFM, RPF, "Keys to Improving Forest Recovery Post-wildfire: The Critical Roles of Proper Planning, Implementation, and First Nations' Collaboration"

Joint Awards

Bill Young Award of Excellence in Integrated Resource Management

(co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Biology)

Year	Recipient
1985	William Young, RPF (Ret)
1986	V.C. Brink
1987	Mike Halleran* and Jeanne Halleran
1988	W. E. (Bill) Dumont, RPF
1989	Vince A Poulin, RPBio
1990	Dick Kosick, RPF*
1991	B. Michael Geisler, RPF
1992	William W. Bourgeois, PhD, RPF
1993	Derek B. Tripp
1994	Ian McDougall, RPBio
1995	Mike Brownlee*
1996	Jim Walker
1997	Fred Bunnell, PhD
1998	Alex Ferguson, RPF
1999	M. Keith Moore, RPF
2000	Mark Angelo, CM
2001	No nominations received
2002	Douglas C. Morrison, RPBio
2003	Ralph Archibald
2004	Eric Todd Manning, FIT, RPBio
2004	John A. Deal, RPF, RPBio
2005	Eric Todd Manning, FIT, RPBio
2005	John A. Deal, RPF, RPBio
2006	Rod Davis, PAg
2007	Paul E. Lawson, RPF
2009	No nominations received
2011	Warren Warttig, RPBio
2012	No nominations received
2013	No nominations received

2014	No nominations received
2015	No nominations received
2016	No nominations received
2017	No nominations received
2018	David Lindsay, RPBio
2019	No nominations received
2020	No nominations received
2021	No nominations received
2022	No nominations received
2023	No nominations received

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Forest Engineering Award of Excellence

(co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC)

Year	Recipient
1997/98	Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada (Western Division)
1998/99	Glynnis Horel, PEng
1999/00	Institute of Forest Engineering of British Columbia
2000/01	Robert P. Willington, PhD, RPF, PGeo*
2001/02	No nominations received
2002/03	Doug VanDine, PEng, PGeo
2003/04	Ron L. Davis, PEng
2004/05	George Shikaze, PEng
2005/06	Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd.
2006/07	Jim Schwab, PGeo, EngL, RPF
2007/08	Al Chatterton, RPF, PGeo
2008/09	Glen Beaton, PEng
2011	G. J. McClelland, PEng
2012	No nominations received
2013	No nominations received
2014	No nominations received
2015	No nominations received
2016	No nominations received
2017	No nominations received
2018	No nominations received

2019	Del Ferguson, P.Geo, Eng.L, FGAC
2020	No nominations received
2021	Lee Deslauriers, P.Eng, RPF
2022	Jeremy Araki, P.Eng
2023	No nominations received

Awards for Non-Members

ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry

Year	Recipient
2015	South Chilcotin Stewardship Plan

ABCFP Honorary Membership

Year	Recipient
1972	J.A.F. Gardner , PhD, CM
1976	V.J. Krajina*
1978	W.C. Koerner*
1979	G.E. Wellburn*
1982	F.L.C. Reed
1983	K.J. Roller*
1983	T.M. Waterland
1985	W.M. Sloan*
1991	J.P. (Hamish) Kimmins, PhD
1992	Roger Freeman, PhD
1993	Denis P. Lavender, PhD
1994	Gene Namkoong, PhD*
1995	Gordon Baskerville, PhD
1996	Clark Binkley, PhD
1997	Terence Lewis, PhD
2001	Denis O'Gorman
2003	Ken Drushka*
2003	John Leech, AScT
2004	Mike Halleran*
2004	Dirk Brinkman
2006	Bruce Larson, PhD
2007	Sandy McKellar
2008	Merve Wilkinson*
2009	Bruce Fraser, PhD
2009	Tim Toman

2010	No nominations received
2011	Glynnis Horel, FEC, PEng
2011	Gordon Prest
2012	No nominations received
2013	No nominations received
2014	Ken Lertzman, PhD
2015	No nominations received
2016	No nominations received
2017	Darlene Oman, Don Pigott
2018	Rick Chester, MNRM, BA
2019	John Betts
2021	Bryce Bancroft, RPBio
2022	No nominations received
2023	Michael Ryan, RPBio

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