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## Sylvicon – Annual General Meeting 2002 A success

What a difference a year makes! After the problems with low attendance at the 2001 AGM, the organizers decided to change the format and timing of the event. The main seminars were held on Friday. The business part of the AGM was held on Saturday morning. This left the afternoon for some great, down-to-earth presentations by several knowledgeable people. David Lewis gave a first-hand account of his experience of controlled harvesting in designated watersheds in Perth-Andover. Dr. John Sweeney gave an animated presentation of the Brown Spruce Long-horned Beetle situation and potential control methods. Alyre Godin gave



a review of FERIC's activities, and Don Murray, City Forester for Fredericton presented the many aspects of urban forestry, to name a few of the presenters. We all had lunch together, where Lorne Stymest gave a very entertaining roast of Hall of Fame inductee Lancelot "Bud" Hovey. Not only did I leave the meeting feeling proud of our organization, but I sincerely enjoyed the event, especially the interesting presentations given in a rather informal setting. I can hardly wait for next Sylvicon – AGM!

Paul is the Provincial Wildland Fire Behavior Specialist with DNR&E in Fredericton.

### Technician of the year Paul Gilmore

By Randy "Tex" Smith

position he holds to this day.

This is a subject that is very close to Paul and one that he knows a lot about. He is a leader in the development and training of wildland fire behavior, not only in New Brunswick, but also throughout the Nation. Paul began his career as Forest Ranger many years ago. Early in his career he worked in the field doing district work. Then he landed a job in the Air Tanker Operations section of the Department. Paul was there in the early years of air attack. Later, he moved on to Regional Support Services as Provincial Wildland Fire Training Coordinator, the

Paul has always put the needs of the field staff first. He is always searching for ways to improve firefighter capabilities and to keep firefighters safe. It is also important to recognize the patience of Paul's wife Connie. Lord knows she has put up with a lot. From the beginning of the fire season to the end, every year, she and their two sons Garth and Kirk have watched Paul put things on hold for the sake of the job, helping to protect our wildlands and most of all our firefighters. (Continued on page 4: Technician of the year)

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# From the President's Desk

Rick Doucett, CFT. NBFTA President



**A**nother year has passed for the NBFTA and we are still going strong. We have a solid core of members and the list is growing daily. For those members who were fortunate enough to attend Sylvicon 2002 and our Annual General Meeting, I think you will agree that both events were well worth the attendance. After Friday's technical session I felt my interest in forestry was re-energized. There were some very interesting speakers with some excellent presentations and I think we owe the Sylvicon 2002 committee a great deal of thanks. Our AGM also contained some excellent presentations and unfortunately discussion was limited due to the meeting being so full.

Every year since the beginning, The New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association has made large strides towards the professional recognition we deserve and this year will be no different. Thanks to our own Kim Mann, Sylvicon 2003 will be another chance for the NBFTA to shine. We will be the hosts of Sylvicon 2003 and the expectations will be high. I have no doubt that our Association is up to the challenge and will meet and exceed all expectations.

I had the opportunity to discuss ideas and concerns with some of our membership and the membership of other groups over the 4 days of Sylvicon. The one thing that always stands out in these discussions is that the people of New Brunswick are passionate about

their forests. I do not believe there is a person in this province that does not have an idea, concern or opinion regarding our forests and I think that is what makes this industry so dynamic. We are looking at a very challenging and exciting future in this vocation and I hope we find ourselves at the forefront of these challenges.

I would like to thank our out-going President, Walter Bidlake and our out-going Past President, Blair DeGrace for another year of hard work for the NBFTA. Without the commitment of members such as these the Association would not survive. I would also like to thank those members that have stepped up to the plate and taken different positions with the association this year and those members that have stayed on in their current positions. I am looking forward to working with the membership over the next year and I thank-you for your support.

Rick

## Outgoing President's report Walter Bidlake, CFT

Two years ago I stood before you to accept the role of President of the NBFTA. Today I will turn over the reins to a new president. As I look back at what we as an organization have done I feel a sense of accomplishment. I feel that we have grown even though our numbers may indicate that we have lost members, the ones we do have want to belong to this organization. As with any new group there will be people come and go as they feel out the organization to see if it is for them. We have over a two hundred strong membership with 80 plus CFT's that have or will have their CFE certificates. We have had to make some hard decisions on CFT and CFE certificates but it had to done if we want to make the Certified Technician program a creditable identity.

During the last year as president I have had the opportunity to represent the NBFTA at several functions. At Sylvicon 2001&2002 I attended all the official functions so we would have a presence at New Brunswick's Premier Forestry event of the year. I have had a chance to work with the CIF, RPF and the CWF to help organize technical training session to allow our members an opportunity to obtain those elusive Category #1 credits. Over the past year in partnership with the CIF, our past president and myself have put a lot of valuable input into the technician recognition program that will start this year. On a personal note I was honored to be asked to be the Key-



note speaker at the 2001 Maritime Forest Ranger School graduation ceremony. It was thirty years ago to the day that I graduated from the school. When asked if it brought back old memories, I could not comment as my short term memory was a

bit foggy thirty years ago that day. But it still reminder me of the commitment every graduate must make to get through the MFRS.

Over the last year our executive committee have held theirs quarterly meeting with good attendance. It has given me a chance to become better acquainted with our board members and to see their dedication at work. It is an honor to work with such fine good group of men.

In closing I wish the incoming President all the best and my total co-operation as I received from my Past president, Blair DeGrace. I would urge other members to step up to the plate and take a role in running the NBFTA. It requires only a small time commitment if we all help out. It will be a good learning experience and you will meet a lot of good hard working people.

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## NBFTA Technician of the Year (Cont. from Page 1)

To illustrate the kind of person Paul is, I am going to recite an incident from last year.

We were gathered at the Region 4 field days in St. Leonard New Brunswick. There were several stations where staff could go to see equipment and how it works. These are usually fun events where we can learn and relearn techniques in this world of wildland fire fighting. However, at this one Paul had a very serious accident. A 38mm super marshall hose blew and Paul broke his leg. It was serious, compound fracture. This meant that Paul would be out of commission for a long time. Most people would have been content to stay at home and just take their mind off work and get better. Not Paul, this gave him time to work on power point presentations for training purposes. It gave him time to reflect on the accident, ways in which he could incorporate his accident into training so it doesn't happen to others.

Then came the month of August 2001. Most folks will never know how fortunate this Province is. We were experiencing one of the driest times ever. We were recording drought codes over 800 in some areas, the kind of conditions that spell disaster. Throughout the entire time, instead of just staying home and resting, Paul was crunching numbers providing wildland fire behavior forecasts. When he wasn't in front of the computer, he was on the phone with me, or one of the other specialists. We made it through August with some close calls. In September

we administered the Atlantic Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior Course in Fredericton. Paul made a painful appearance to teach for a day. In October we administered the Advanced Course. I watched Paul in pain for the duration of this course. I never heard him complain once.



In 1999 Tim Greer and I ventured to Alberta to take the Wildland Fire Behavior Specialist Course. This was some of the most intense training I have ever had. When we got home from the course, we were exhausted. When I stepped off the aircraft in Fredericton I hardly knew my name let alone anything else. Although he had suffered a mild stroke recently, there was Paul who had Connie drive him to the airport to be there when we arrived home. I could relate many more selfless acts that Paul has been the author of. In the interest of space I will save them for a cold one. Hap, for all you have done for others for so many years, because you set an

example for us all to live by, because you do our profession proud you deserve to be Technician/Technologist of the year. Thank you for all you have done to make me a better person.

R. L. Tex Smith Forest ranger III,  
Wildland Fire Behavior Specialist, CFT 0013,  
DFSO

**We gratefully acknowledge Monsanto's sponsorship of the Technician of the Year award**

## Message from 1:st vice President

When I was asked by the nominating committee to fill this position, I didn't know what kind of a hornet's nest I was getting into. My first job was to send out letters to several charter members of the NBFTA and tell them that they required CFE Certificates or they would no longer be CFT's. A hard job, but it had to be done to maintain the credibility of the NBFTA.

Over the next year, as Chair of the Certification Board, I am aiming for 50 new CFT's, while maintaining those CFT's that we already have. I think that this goal is achievable with help. We will need the help of each member of the Association to reach this goal. Are you a member of the NBFTA and not a CFT, why not? Do you know a technician who is not a member of the Association? Ask them to join.

Crown lands in New Brunswick are becoming certified. It is becoming increasingly more important that the people operating on these lands become certified. Did you know that as a CFT, you are allowed to sign management plans? Do you realize that with your CFT from New Brunswick, you can work in Nova Scotia as a CFT? The management foresters are beginning to realize the value of third party certification for forest technicians and will soon be looking for CFT credentials to fill upper management positions. When the interviewer reviews your credentials and weighs your CV against a person with a CFT, you may find the scales balanced against you.

I am working with the Chair of the CFE Committee towards new programs for the French CFT's to be given in French to assist them in obtaining the Category 1 hours, which are hard to obtain. With the assistance of our Regional Rep Hermel Duke and Charles Godin, I hope that we will be able to expand the reaches of the Association to include the many French speaking members in the North Western part of the province.

If you or any other technician that you know would be interested in becoming certified, I can be reached by email at [emattinson@mfrs.nb.ca](mailto:emattinson@mfrs.nb.ca) or at the address below.

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## CENTRAL NEW BRUNSWICK WOODSMEN'S MUSEUM FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

### **Background:**

In 1998 the Central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum located in Boiestown, granted permission to the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association to induct suitable candidates into their Forestry Hall of Fame.

### **NBFTA Induction Criteria:**

An NBFTA induction to the Forestry Hall of Fame will honour a New Brunswick forest technician/technologists for a distinguished career in forestry and/or for very significant contributions to the practice of forestry in New Brunswick.

### **Nomination and Presentation Protocol:**

1. Any NBFTA member in good standing may nominate any suitable New Brunswick forest technician/technologists at any time using the appropriate signed form.
2. A nomination should be accurate, complete, verifiable and signed by two other NBFTA members in good standing.
3. The NBFTA Executive Committee will solicit nominations from the membership annually via the Azimuth.
4. Any number of nominations will be received and maintained by the NBFTA Executive Committee and each nomination will remain active for five years from the date of submission.
5. The NBFTA Executive Committee will serve as the Selection Committee and may select up to two inductees per year.
6. The NBFTA will produce a standard plaque (framed picture and citation) for the Forestry Hall of Fame, and a suitable keeper plaque for the inductee.
7. A formal presentation by the NBFTA President will be made to the inductee or surviving family member at the next NBFTA Annual General Meeting, and shall also be publicly announced in a provincial newspaper.
8. The Executive Committee will forward the inductee' (s') standard plaque(s) to the Central New Brunswick Woodsmen's Museum following the A. G. M.

### **NBFTA Nomination Report Format**

Information will be accurate, complete, and verifiable and follow the prescribed NBFTA Nomination Report Format. The Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association may research any information given.

1. Name in full (nickname if any) of Nominee:
2. Date Of Birth
3. Place of Birth:
4. Current Address:
5. If Deceased, date and place:
6. Family Information:  
Spouses Name: Children:
7. Formal Education:
8. Summary of Outstanding Achievements in NB
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**Nomination Report Forms should be forwarded to:**

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Lorne Stymest roasting Hall of Fame inductee  
Lancelot (Bud) Hovey



## Selection harvesting in riparian zones

What is a riparian zone? The bor-



ders of streams and lakes, and any form of marshland, can all be considered riparian zones. The significance of these zones is that they serve as transitional points between land and water. An abundance of microbial activity takes place in this area, the soils of the zone filter the water that enters the adjacent body of water, and the zone provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

Recently, FERIC evaluated two harvesting operations conducted within riparian zones in central New Brunswick. The first included manual felling with delimbing at the stump, after which tree-length sections were brought to a common landing area by horses. At the landing, workers produced sawlogs and pulpwood, which were then extracted to roadside using a shortwood forwarder.

The second evaluation studied a Timberjack 608B single-grip harvester working in a cut-to-length operation. As the machine harvested the block edges closest to the riparian zone, the operator crossed the edge of the riparian zone and reached into it to harvest a proportion of the trees. Branches from these trees were used as a mat beneath the machine to reduce the amount of ground disturbance. The products produced by the harvester were piled outside the riparian zone and extracted by a shortwood forwarder.

The feller and the harvester operator both selected which trees should be removed. The removal



of mature and overmature canopy trees helped reduce the possibility of windthrow, since these trees are most vulnerable because of their large sail areas. Removing shorter-lived and shallow-rooting species such as balsam fir also helped reduce the amount of blowdown, which creates obstacles to wildlife movement. The ability to assess a stand's wind-firmness before harvesting is crucial, because inappropriate thinning can greatly increase the amount of windthrow.

During the felling phase, workers should prevent the crowns of felled trees from entering bodies of water. Minimizing mineral soil exposure must also be a priority during riparian zones harvesting, because any damage may take years to be repaired. The operator should remain vigilant during harvesting in riparian zones so as to minimize the amount of damage to the stand and site.

Compared with clearcutting and different forms of partial cutting, harvesting within a riparian zone is more expensive per cubic metre because of the additional care required and the lower removal intensity. FERIC is continuing to evaluate harvesting methods suitable for use within riparian zones and hopes to work with a cooperator to perform biological followups to monitor the effects of these operations.



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## Annual Regional Reports

### Rapport annuel de la région 1: Hermel Duke

Plusieurs activités ont eu lieu depuis la dernière assemblée annuelle. Les objectifs du plan d'action établi au tout début ont été accomplis. J'ai fait quatre réunions régionales afin d'avoir un contact plus personnel avec les techniciens forestiers. La première réunion fut celle de Bathurst tenue le 28 janvier, 2002, 11 techniciens furent présents, 7 d'entre eux n'étaient pas membres. Le 31 janvier à Kedgwick, il y avait 1 technicien et il était non-membre. À Campbellton, le 8 février sur les 8 techniciens présents 7 n'étaient pas membres. Le 7 février à Tracadie, des 18 techniciens, 17 n'étaient pas membres.

J'ai présenté le même programme aux quatre réunions, en particulier les raisons d'être de l'Association des techniciens forestiers.

Plusieurs questions des participants démontraient un vif intérêt pour l'association. Le point majeur venait surtout des membres certifiés du secteur privé qui démontraient de l'inconfort envers le maintien de la certification. Le problème semble être envers les catégories exigées pour maintenir les 150 heures de crédit de formation durant une période de 3 ans.

Durant l'année, plusieurs activités retinrent l'attention. Suite à une nouvelle loi sur la coupe illégale du bois, des problèmes sont survenus au sujet de la sécurité des techniciens forestiers lors de l'application de la loi.

Après un incident impliquant des braconniers et deux techniciens forestiers du MRNE un de ceux-ci fut blessé.

Le Syndicat forestier du Nord semblerait lent à appliquer la nouvelle directive émise par le MRNE au sujet de la certification des bordereaux de déplacement.

Durant l'année 2001 UPM Kymmene a fait l'acquisition de la licence forestière 2 appartenant auparavant à Smurfit-Stone. Les transactions sont maintenant terminées et c'est la division forestière UPM Kymmene de Miramichi qui administre les plans de gestion forestière.

Il y a eu modification de la loi sur approvisionnement en eau potable suite à une prise de position des municipalités de la région Chaleur. L'inquiétude au sujet de la qualité et la quantité d'eau venait particulièrement de la façon dont les activités de l'exploitation forestière à l'intérieur de la source d'approvisionnement en eau potable de la rivière Nigadoo étaient planifiées.

Bowater de la licence 1 est présentement en partenariat avec le centre de recherche de l'Université du Nouveau-Brunswick au sujet des conséquences des exploitations forestières sur l'environnement.

Ils veulent évaluer l'impact des zones tampons, des ruissellements, de la température de l'eau et du sol ainsi que de la transformation du sol et des nutriments par rapport à la décomposition des résidus du bois.

Afin de mieux comprendre l'influence de l'exploitation forestière sur la nappe phréatique on a creusé 7 puits artésiens de 6 à 8 mètres de profondeur d'où on se procure des échantillons à tous les mois. On pourra utiliser ces informations dans les plans d'aménagement futur et ce au niveau de la province.

Actuellement, les plans de gestion forestière sont en pleine activité. Le MRNE conjointement avec UPM Kymmene préparent un plan pour le camp militaire de Tracadie licence 12 pour un total de 18,000 hectares approximatif. De ceux-ci approximativement 3,500 hectares sont assignés à l'agriculture pour la culture du bleuet. La possibilité d'avoir des activités de plein air est toujours en discussion.

Après approbation au printemps 2002 ce territoire sera transféré à UPM Kymmene licence 3.

En général la communauté s'implique de plus en plus à participer et à présenter leurs recommandations sur les plans de la gestion forestière.

Au niveau du MRNE, une firme de consultation forestière de la Finlande est embauchée pour évaluer la qualité de la gestion forestière au Nouveau-Brunswick. Le coût total est partagé à 80% par l'industrie et à 20% par la province.

En conclusion, il y a présentement beaucoup de dynamisme dans le domaine de la foresterie. Il est intéressant et nécessaire de maintenir un profil professionnel de niveau élevé.



Region 3 has been inactive for almost a year. There was one attempt last summer to hold a meeting but there was no attendance.

Within the last couple of months I have started working on the Town of Sussex's management plan. This is expected to be complete by the end of March. Then in April it will be presented to the Town Council for discussion.

A district meeting will be held tentively by the third week in March. At this point a new representative will be nominated. Where as, my term has run out a year ago.

I regret my lack of involvement with the NBFTA. Although, I have been following the achievements that the NBFTA have accomplished and I would like to congratulate them. Keep up the good work!!

### **Region #4 Annual Report: Danny Lapointe**

-February 20-22 Attended last years AGM/Silvicon.

-April 6 Attended Executive meeting at MFRS.

-May 12 Held Regional meeting at MFRS. Technicians from "Atlantic pressure treating" and "Fredericton City crew" had been invited.

-June 19 attended the "Hardwood management strategies" course at MFRS.

-July 3 dropped NBFTA info off at St.Anne Nackawick mill, but no response.

-June 22 Attended Executive meeting at MFRS. Filled in for Mike Boucher taking the minutes (secretary). Also agreed to take on the position of second vice president.

-September 7 Attended Executive meeting at MFRS.

-November 28 Held Regional meeting at the Winsome Inn, St.Stephen.

-November 30 attended Executive meeting at MFRS. Formalized budget for "Adopt-a-Hwy" and regional meets. The adopt-a-hwy program has been approved and first group outing planned for spring 2002.

-December 8 attended the "scaling day" activities with the graduating class, which helps promote the NBFTA.

- January 19 Held regional meeting at MFRS. Voted in Tim Fox as my replacement for the regional representative.

-February 20-23 attending associated meetings/info sessions for Silvicon and AGM.

Main topics covered at the regional meetings were the CFE grant applications, Wall of Fame, "Atlantic Forestry review" subscriptions, The importance of maintaining CFT status, Adopt-a-hwy program, Wood theft, and the upcoming Silvicon 2002 event.

Attendance to the Regional meetings was quite low considering the amount of members in this region (56 regular + 30 certified = 86). Lowest had 3 and the most had 6 members.

Letters had been sent out to each member approx. two weeks prior to the meetings with very few returning for the "wrong address".

Anyone who has a change of address should contact Heather Flinn with the information so she can update the master list

### **Region 5 Annual Report: Danny MacDougall**

In region 5 there was a CFT exam in the spring and one in the fall:

Three were successful. Wilmont Tompkins Tyler Smith Lewis Briggs There are 2 more technicians to write in the spring of 2002 Through the Tree House, Region 5 has adopted a 5 Km stretch of Highway to clean. The Adopt a Highway Program requires that the stretch is cleaned a least twice a year. We will be setting up a date most likely in May.

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### **By-Law regarding Certification Changed**

In light of the fact there are many CFT's that have not fulfilled their CFE requirements, the following changes to the By-laws were approved at the 2002 AGM:

#### **11.10 Loss of Certification**

11.101 At the annual meeting, the chair of the CFE committee shall provide the Executive with a list all certified members that have not received or applied for a CFE certificate to maintain their certification.

11.102 The Chair of the Certification Board shall notify the certified member in writing of the pending loss of certification. The certified member shall have sixty days from the posting of said notification to apply, with sufficient CFE hours, for a CFE Certificate.

11.103 If, after sixty days, the certified member does not apply for a CFE certificate they will be removed from the list of certified members and placed on the membership list.

11.104 A CFT losing his/her certification because of nonpayment of dues cannot apply for re-certification if he/she requires a CFE Certificate.

11.105 For those affected by sections 11.101 - 11.103 in 2002, a successful rewrite of the certification exam will constitute a CFE certificate for a three-year period. This will be a onetime offering.

#### **11.11 Re-certification**

11.111 Any member who loses his/her certification by failing to receive a CFE Certificate may apply for re-certification. For a period of not exceeding 5 years, the member will provide the chairman of the Certification Board a CFE certificate. (Processing fee equal to half the annual dues of a CFT).

11.112 Any member who has lost his/her certification by failing to receive a CFE certificate and does not apply for re-certification as stated in 11.111 shall be required to provide a CFE certificate and be required to re-write the certification examination. (Processing fee equal to half the annual dues of a CFT plus the cost of the examination).

11.113 Any CFT may re-write the certification exam for a CFE credit if he/she makes application to write and writes the examination before the 2003 AGM. Successful re-certification will allow a CFT to be exempt from a CFE for a period of three years. This will be a one-time offering.

**The following Constitutional Changes were introduced:**

### **Existing**

16.1 Any member of the Certification Board shall have the authority to grade exams. All candidates shall be notified of the results in writing by the chair of the nominating committee.

### **Proposed**

16.1 Any member of the Certification Board shall have the authority to grade exams. All candidates shall be notified of their results in writing by the chair of the Certification Board.

### **Proposed**

1.6 New Brunswick graduates of the both the Bathurst and Fredericton Maritime Forest Ranger Schools will receive a free membership to the NBFTA for the year following graduation.



# N.B. FOREST TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION CONTACT LISTING

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**NBFTA Anual General Meeting**  
**February 23, 2002**  
**Fredericton Motor Inn**  
**Highlights from the meeting**

(the complete AGM minutes are available on our website: <http://www.forest-technicians.com>)

**RPF Association:** Darrel Kitchen, Executive Director of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick made a presentation, outlining some of the challenges ahead. Darrell mentioned that the ARPFNB had passed a motion to adopt the Continuing Forestry Education system to maintain RPF status by 2005. The RPF would like to have a joint committee for the Hall of Fame and will be approaching the NBFTA with a proposal. The ARPFNB will sponsor at least 20 CFE credit hours per year.

**Certification:** Incoming president Rick Doucett reported that this year we have 3 new CFT's to add to our ranks and he thanked Danny McDougall, region 5 representative for making a real effort to get these individuals tested. He also thanked John Jenkins for marking the exams. Rick thought that the honeymoon may be over for the Certified Forest Technician Program, we have lost 12 CFT's due to non-payment of dues and we are in danger of losing 19 more because of non-participation in the Continuing Forestry Education Program. (there has even been rumblings that some CFT's are looking at leaving the entire association because maintaining their CFT designation is too difficult. Rick emphasised that if CFT is not for you, the association values you membership and you should at least consider staying part the group.) . Maintaining a significant number of CFT's in the association is crucial to the survival of the NBFTA, as many of the positions in the association require the CFT designation.

**Past President:** Blair Degrace reported on the role of the past president. The past president provides support and guidance to the President and his/her executive and also to advance projects currently in progress. Some highlights from the year were: Continued involvement with the National Forest Strategy Coalition (NFSC); Started work with the NFSC Consultations Committee for the development of the next National Forest Strategy of 2004-2008; Provided input for the Mid-Term Accomplishments Report; Served as Chair of the Nomination Committee for selection of the 2002 NBFTA Executive; Participated in the Maritime Forest Ranger School Board of Directors meeting; Assisted NB Department of Natural Resources and Energy with evaluation criteria for technical forestry programs; Supported NBFTA Executive in preparation for AGM & Sylvicon As past president, Blair also served as Advisory committee chair. The general purpose of the NBFTA Advisory Committee is to provide objective, informed and timely advice to the President and his/her Council concerning issues of importance to the Association. Subjects reviewed by the Advisory Committee are issued by the President and his/her executive during regular business meetings or by the President in the event of special high priority cases. Blair also said that Work in developing an NBFTA Reference Manual has not yet been completed. Terms of reference for elected and appointed positions as well as our Constitution and other key documents will be housed in this manual. When completed in 2002, the documents will be posted on our internet site with a hard copy available for the Executive and Committee Chairs. Blair encouraged anyone with an interest and time to devote to a particular project is encouraged to pitch in. He thanked the Executive and Advisory Committee members for their hard work and cooperation during his terms as President and Past President over the past four years. He wished the new Executive success in their new roles and recognize their commitment in devoting their time and energy to the important work they have undertaken.

**Financial Report:** France Roussel gave the financial report and budget. As of december 31, 2001 we had a surplus of 12,626.83 Dawn parker gave the auditors report.. All receipts accounted for, and the books are balanced. She commended France on an excellent job.



**Continuing education:** Shawn Farrell reported that In order for a forest technician to maintain his or her certification, they must attain a Continuing Forestry certificate every three years. The Continuing Forestry Education Committee has seven representatives from the four participating organizations.

Last year the committee tried to address the problem of Category 1 hours (structured learning). The association came up with two ideas and the membership was challenged to think of ideas. Again, we are open to ideas and encourage members to share ideas with us. To date no Certified technician has applied for the CFE scholarship, inquired about the videos or shared ideas. In June the NBFTA, the CIF and the RPF co-sponsored a hardwood lecture/workshop. It was a huge success with over two hundred people attending. We look forward to possibly arranging more of these lectures/workshops in the future. Last year the requirement for CFE credits changed. CFT's are now required to obtain their CFE certificate within three years of their certification date. To date fourteen have applied and received their certificates. Some of them received certificates at the 2001 AGM.

This year fifteen Continuing Forestry Education certificates were approved with 11 NBFTA members receiving certificates. We have ninety-six certified forest technicians.,.

**Azimuth:** Pat Lagerlöf reported that the purpose of the Azimuth is to communicate issues and events that concern technicians. It is also a vehicle to keep in touch with the membership. The Azimuth should promote the NBFTA and the CFT in particular to potential members, the forestry community and the general public. The Azimuth needs your input. We could use articles or ideas for articles, pictures, and news about technicians or forestry. We also need volunteers to translate articles.

**Tree House committee:** Rick Doucette reported that The NBFTA is a member of the Tree House. We sponsored a breakfast at ENVIROTHON this year. The cost was \$600.00. The Adopt a Highway program is being adopted by some of the regions this year. The Tree House is in financial trouble.

**Public Relations committee:** Allie Degrace reported that in the past year the Public Relations committee has been busy promoting the association in many ways. Some of the highlights of the past year are as follows:

- Advertisements in both the Telegraph Journal and the Acadie Nouvelle twice each in their special forestry inserts.
- A TV ad during the Christmas Season on Global
- The purchasing of new hats, mouse pads, coffee mugs and pens all with out logo & web site address
- Requesting and collecting nominations for the New Brunswick Forest Technician of the Year, and with the help of the executive choosing a winner.

There are many new and exciting ideas being thrown around the committee and the coming year should be a very successful one with many new ventures and ideas to try out.

### **Election Of Officers:**

Eugene Mattinson: First Vice President; Danny Lapointe: Second Vice President; Fred Harris: Regional representative, Region 2.

Tim Fox , Regional representative, Region 4. Lauri Yates was appointed to the Certification Committee Nominating Committee Blair Degrace

Walter Bidlake now Past President; Rick Doucette now President

**Nova Scotia Association:** Robert Sarson President NSFTA reported that During the past year the Nova Scotia Forest Technician Association (NSFTA), in association with the partners of the Nova Forest Alliance (NFA), contractors and operators committee produced, the Contractors and Operators Best Management Practice Manual. This manual was developed by forest contractors and operators in order to address the Nova Forest Alliance goal to improve forest practices within the NFA area. In December of this past year the NSFTA, Registered Professional Forester Association (RPFA) and the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) sponsored a Continuing Education seminar in Harvest Practices. Over 200 people attended receiving 5.5 hours of CFE credits each.

**Memberships/ Certification:** The Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association membership stands at 144 members of whom 87 are CFT's. . Most of the CFT's work in the private sector. Certified Technicians have brought forth the Code of Ethics as the single most important part of the certification process. This shows that certification does make a difference and adds to the integrity of all who made the commitment to become certified. The new



Executive plans to get an early start planning the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the NSFTA which will be held in Antigonish in March 2003.

**Minister of DNR&E:** Julius Tarjan DNR&E Represented the minister. DNR&E has no firm stand on CFT's yet. 2002 is a year of change with the Crown Land and Forest Act being revised. Consultations with all concerned parties will be undertaken. There may be a good fit for CFT's in the certification of all Crown lands in 2002. Maybe even more important in the 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification in 2003.

**Hall of Fame:**

Two nominees accepted: Francis Smith and Lancelot (Bud) Hovey

A motion to make a suitable annual contribution to the The Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum, was accepted

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## Temperate Forest Foundation

Since 2001, the New Brunswick Forest Technician Association has been a sponsor of the Temperate Forest Foundation.

The Foundation is based out of Beaverton, Oregon and has been in operation since 1989.

The mission of the Foundation is to:

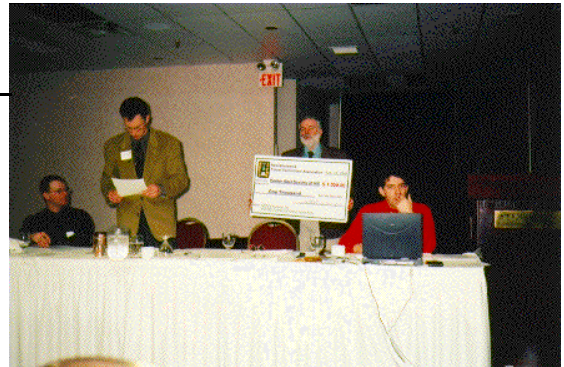
- \* Provide leadership in mobilizing the forest products industry behind a highly effective public education program.
- \* Provide the industry with educational tools of exceptional quality, style and substance.
- \* Forge business/education partnerships.
- \* Facilitate informed choices.

They have a very informative website with numerous links at [www.forestinfo.org](http://www.forestinfo.org)

A short video will soon be available to show sponsors on what the Foundation is all about.

For more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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CFE Credits

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Introduction To Hardwood Management (Nova Scotia)	August 12 – 15	35
Holistic Concepts & Practical Techniques for Sustainable Forests	September 16 – 20	TBA
Introduction to Hardwood Log Quality	September 26 & 27	14
Advanced Hardwood Management	September 30 – October 4	35
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	November 6, 7, & 8	19
Design for Outdoor Recreation	November 19 – 22	29
Integrated Participatory Forest Planning & Design	November 25 – 28	29

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