

NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIAN'S ASSOCIATION

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NBFTA NEWS

2014 Annual General Meeting

Technicians, please plan to attend The New Brunswick Forest Technician's Association Annual General Meeting to be held in Moncton at the Delta Beauséjour on April 2nd. As in past years, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meetings, in room C from 1-5pm.

Your interest and input into your association are very important!

NBFTA Executive Meeting

An NBFTA Executive meeting is scheduled for Nov 29, 2014 at the Maritime College of Forest Technology from 1-4pm.

Items on the agenda include the MCFT Scholarship and the possible revival of Silvicon. France is also meeting with the president of the RPF Association, and he will be reporting on this.

Detailed meeting minutes will be posted on the NBFTA Website at <http://www.nbfta.org/>.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer and fall are already behind us once again and I can't help but remember the destruction that was caused by the storm "Arthur" that happened in July.

There was a lot of people involved in the cleaning up of the mess that was left from the storm and I would like to acknowledge their tremendous work: DOT and NB Power crews cleaning up power lines and roads, DNR staff delineating damaged areas to be salvaged, municipal staff picking up trees and woods workers cutting blown down trees which were very dangerous to cut. Thanks to all involved for your hard work and dedication.

I want to wish all our members and their families' best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

France Roussel
NBFTA, President

A WORD FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

With the spring meeting coming up, this is a good time to think about nominations and filling vacant positions within the committees of the NBFTA. In particular, 5 certified members are required for the Certification Board. The Certification Board is only required to meet twice per year and allows you the opportunity to review those members looking to become certified with the association. If you are interested in being on the Certification board, please contact myself and I can provide more details.

Also if you or anyone you know would like to become certified please contact me, your regional rep or anyone on the Executive and we can get the process started. It's good to be Certified.

On a final note, if anyone has changed their email address, mailing address or phone numbers, please also be sure to let someone within association know.

Best Regards,
Riley Côté-DeMerchant
NBFTA, First Vice-President



EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS

This past August celebrated the 14th year of the Atlantic Teachers' Tour bringing the total alumni since its inception to 509 educators. That's over 500 teachers who have been shown live operations, science-based forest management in both softwood and hardwood stands, the degree of planning that proper resource management requires, the technology and equipment that works in the forest and mills, the career opportunities for young people and much, much more!

The tour has proven its worth over the last fourteen years to the forestry sector and to the teachers who have participated from across the region who describe it as, "one of the best hands-on professional development programs of their career." But don't just take our word for it, log on to the website www.teacherstour.com to see a full report on what the teachers had to say about their experience.

The planning committee is indebted to the many companies and organizations that provided their generous support and time to make the 2014 Atlantic Teachers' Tour program a huge success, a sincere thank you. Not to forget the sponsoring companies and agencies, and all of the great presentations provided from the numerous guest speakers throughout the program (see page 4 for a complete list of sponsors).

In addition, the success of the tour owes a great deal to the members of the planning committees: Kari Brown, Jeff Bishop, Ken Mayhew, Diane Landry, Bernie Daigle, Yolanda Spithoven, Tara Croft, Kathleen Rice, Marco Martin, Sylvie Pelletier, Yves O'Brien, Daniel Gautreau, Brad Abernethy, Darrell Patton, Anne LeBrun Ruff, Tim Cameron, Daniel Soucy, Michel Caron, and Peter Robichaud, all who contributed their enthusiasm and hard work to make it all happen without a hitch, great job!

Many Thanks!

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Above, some pictures from the teachers tour, provided by Peter Robichaud

“Always do your best. What you plant now you will harvest later.”

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PARTING WORDS

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner- the year has certainly flown by!

I'd like to thank all those who contributed to this issue, and particularly to Peter Robichaud, Executive Director of the Canadian Woodlands Forum, who contributed a recap of the 2014 Teacher's Tour.

If you have anything of interest that you would like to contribute to a future issue of the Azimuth, please drop me a line. We will be putting out another issue in the spring.

Dustin Corey, CFT

