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NBFTA NEWS

2016 Annual General Meeting

The 2016 NBFTA AGM will be held at the Delta Beausejour in Moncton on April 7, 2016. As in years past, it will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meeting. This offers a great chance for Forest Technicians to network and meet with other forestry professionals from throughout the region, and take in some continuing education in the process. However, it is not necessary to register for the CWF meeting to attend the AGM. Also, this is a nomination/election year – if you are interested in taking an office in the NBFTA, contact any member of the current executive to get your name in. We are also always looking for committee members. It is necessary to have new people and new ideas coming on board all the time to keep the Association vibrant and relevant. Please step forward and support your association!

For more information on the CWF spring meetings go to <http://cwfc.org/event/2016-spring-meeting-97th-agm/>

NBFTA Executive Committee Meeting

MCFT Fredericton, N.B., November 27th, 2015

Your NBFTA Executive met on November 27th in Fredericton to attend to Association business. A summary of items addressed is as follows:

- 📌 Certified Forest Technician (CFT) designation is required for sugar bush assessments, and also for preparation of woodlot and silviculture plans under marketing board jurisdiction.
- 📌 Currently 47 CFT's are registered in the NBFTA membership database. All CFE Certificates must be current at year end 2015. CFT's with outdated CFE Certificates will be reclassified to regular members after December 31.
- 📌 Regional Representatives and other Executive Committee Members are available to assist Certification Committee Members in CFT examinations which can be written by qualifying Technicians throughout NB.
- 📌 Maintaining active members is an ongoing challenge. Opportunities include retaining retired members and recent MCFT graduates who receive a complimentary first year NBFTA membership.
- 📌 The 2016 NBFTA AGM is scheduled for April 7th in Moncton in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum Spring Meeting and the Atlantic Heavy Equipment Show. Members interested in an Executive



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Committee position or in a Committee role are encouraged to contact their Regional Representative or the Nominating Committee Chair Gareth Davies.

- 📌 NBFTA co-hosted the successful, well attended CWF Fall Meeting and field trip.
- 📌 The NBFTA Website had been hacked and was out of service for a short period, but is now up and running again with a new format.
- 📌 Applications for the NBFTA Scholarship available to second year MCFT students at Bathurst and Fredericton have been extended to year end 2015.
- 📌 The NBFTA will be offering to assist MCFT in hosting the 70th MFRS/MCFT Reunion scheduled for July 29 to 31, 2016.
- 📌 NBFTA donated \$250.00 to the MCFT Men's Woodsmen's Team 1 who captured the Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Competition Championship held in Fredericton in October.
- 📌 NBFTA and the Association of Registered Professionals of NB (ARPFNB) are in talks on means of potentially sharing resources and cooperating on issues of mutual interest.
- 📌 Executive members gave updates on items within their area of accountability from the "NBFTA Action Item Listing".

For more information feel free to contact the NBFTA Secretary at blairdegrace@gmail.com, or visit <http://www.nbfta.org/> to view detailed meeting minutes.

Hardwood Workshop

A hardwood workshop entitled "Optimizing the Hardwood Value Chain: From Seedling to End Product" will be held in Edmundston on February 17,18. You can be sure there will be some good information exchanged here. This is a great chance to take advantage of some continuing education.

For more information on this workshop go to <http://cwfcf.org/event/ing-the-hardwood-value-chain-from-seedling-to-end-product/>

NBFTA Web Site

Check out our web site at <http://www.nbfta.org/>. You will find that our web site has received a recent facelift (Thanks Todd Mac Pherson!) - not only will you find minutes of our latest meetings, but also past Azimuth issues, upcoming continuing education opportunities, job postings, and news from the Association and the forestry world!



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to urge Certified Forest Technicians (CFT) with a CFE certificate that has expired recently or will expire soon to submit their application. I also encourage regular members to write their certification exam to become certified.

The Certified Forest Technician (CFT) designation is now required for sugar bush assessments on crown land under the "Maple Sugary Leasing Proposal" and for preparation of woodlot and silviculture management

plans under marketing board jurisdiction. CFT designation will also be required in 2016 for assessments under the "New Brunswick Sugar Bush Silviculture Funding Program.

It is very uplifting that DNR is promoting the professionalism of a CFT to conduct the work .

Recent modifications have been made to the continuing forestry education requirements and I invite you to visit the website at www.nbfta.org .

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

France Roussel, CFT
NBFTA, President

A WORD FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Fall is now upon us and we've had many wet weeks and many dry ones, but overall it seems like it has been a good fall, as I think back over the last couple years. With that comes the shorter days with longer evenings allowing one to catch up paperwork, reading and studying for your CFT exam for those who are not yet CFT's. As Forest Technicians we all understand the importance of dedication to our profession and to continued learning, and being a Certified Forest Technician is a good way to do both. In the coming months after the Christmas and New Year holidays the NBFTA will be organizing locations, dates and times for Forest Technicians to write the CFT exam and become Certified. At this point it looks like one exam will be held in Victoria County and another in Fredericton or Southern NB. But these do not need to be the only locations if others would like to write from other areas of the province.

The Certification Package can be found on the NBFTA web site (<http://www.nbfta.org> , Certification Package Link on the right hand side of the page). This document includes the application form, code of ethics of the Association and the portions of Acts and Regulations of the province that CFTs are required to be familiar with. The certification examination is a four-hour open book examination, and the applicant must bring their own reference materials for the examination. Depending on how familiar you are with the material, you should be prepared to use the full 4 hours. The exam consists of 65% short answer and 35% essay and the cost to write the examination is \$30.00. Additionally the Candidates may write the examination in the language of their choice, either French or English.

If anyone is interested in writing the exam, please review the Certification Package and then contact myself (riley.demerchant@gmail.com) or anyone else on the Executive to get the process started and your seat booked.

Best Regards,
Riley Côté-DeMerchant
NBFTA First Vice President
CFT 109

CIF GOLD MEDAL WINNER

On April 17, 2015, the Bathurst Campus of the Maritime College of Forest Technology held its 34th graduation ceremony. On this occasion the CIF silver rings were presented to the eight graduating Forest Technologists. The CIF Gold Medal was presented to Vincent Bouchard of Baker Brook, New Brunswick. Vincent embodies the principles of the gold medal. His dedication to his work, as well as his personal and professional ethics makes him an outstanding Forest Technologist. Vincent intends to pursue a career in forest management and has already begun a few projects associated with non-timber forest products and private woodlot management. Vincent, by his perfectionism, high energy level and his dedication to his work will bring great contributions to forest management and the entire forestry profession.



The Honorable, Denis Landry, Minister of Natural Resources presents the CIF Gold Medal to Vincent Bouchard at the graduation ceremony held in Bathurst, New Brunswick, on April 17th, 2015.

CWF Fall Meeting Generates lots of Interest

The 2015 CWF Fall Meeting held on October 6 -7 at the Delta Hotel in Fredericton, NB provided the venue for a great meeting between the Canadian Woodlands Forum and host Brandt Tractor Ltd.

The two-day meeting was held in collaboration with the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of NB, the NB Forest Technicians Association, the Maritime Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, FPInnovations and the Canadian Wood Fiber Center. It offered the 175 members of the forest industry some timely and practical information on the many advances in silviculture practices in order to achieve our long term forest management goals. The comprehensive program provided over 15 dynamic presentations on the latest strategies, best practices, associated research results, tools and technologies in such areas as reforestation, stand establishment, and commercial thinning. The fall meeting of the Logging Operations Group focused on recycling waste oils in NB, on-board computers and equipment maintenance and repair.

To the Woods We Went!

On day two of the meeting, participants were treated to a great fall day in the woods hosted by Brandt Tractor Ltd. in collaboration with J.D. Irving Ltd., the City of Fredericton, and the YSC Forest Marketing Board. The day started in Wilmot Park with an introduction to the urban forestry program with the City of Fredericton, followed by some great examples of hardwood silviculture, and different approaches to executing commercial thinning prescriptions; not to forget a great lunch at the Central NB Woodsmen Museum in Boisetown, NB, sponsored by Brandt Tractor Ltd. .

A sincere thanks to all of the speakers who participated in the program. In addition, our thanks to meeting sponsors: **A.L.P.A. Equipment Ltd., Atlantic CAT, BioApplied Innovation Pathways, the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of NB, Brandt Tractor Ltd., FPInnovations, Maritime Section of the CIF, the Canadian Wood Fiber Center, City of Fredericton, Forest NB, Forest Products Association of NS, Great Northern Timber, Groupe Savoie Inc., J.D. Irving Ltd., Liebherr Canada Ltd., Natural Resources Canada, NB Forest Technicians Association, Port Hawkesbury Paper, Wilson Equipment Ltd., Urguhart-MacDonald and Associates, and the YSC Forest Marketing Board.**

On behalf of the planning committee, Ed Czerniski, Edwin Swift, Anne LeBrun Ruff, Tara Croft, Paul Gilmore, Mike Legere, Jeff Bishop, Robert Anderson, Mike Glynn & Peter Robichaud, and all those who helped in any way, a sincere thank you!

Submitted by Peter Robichaud, Executive Director CWF

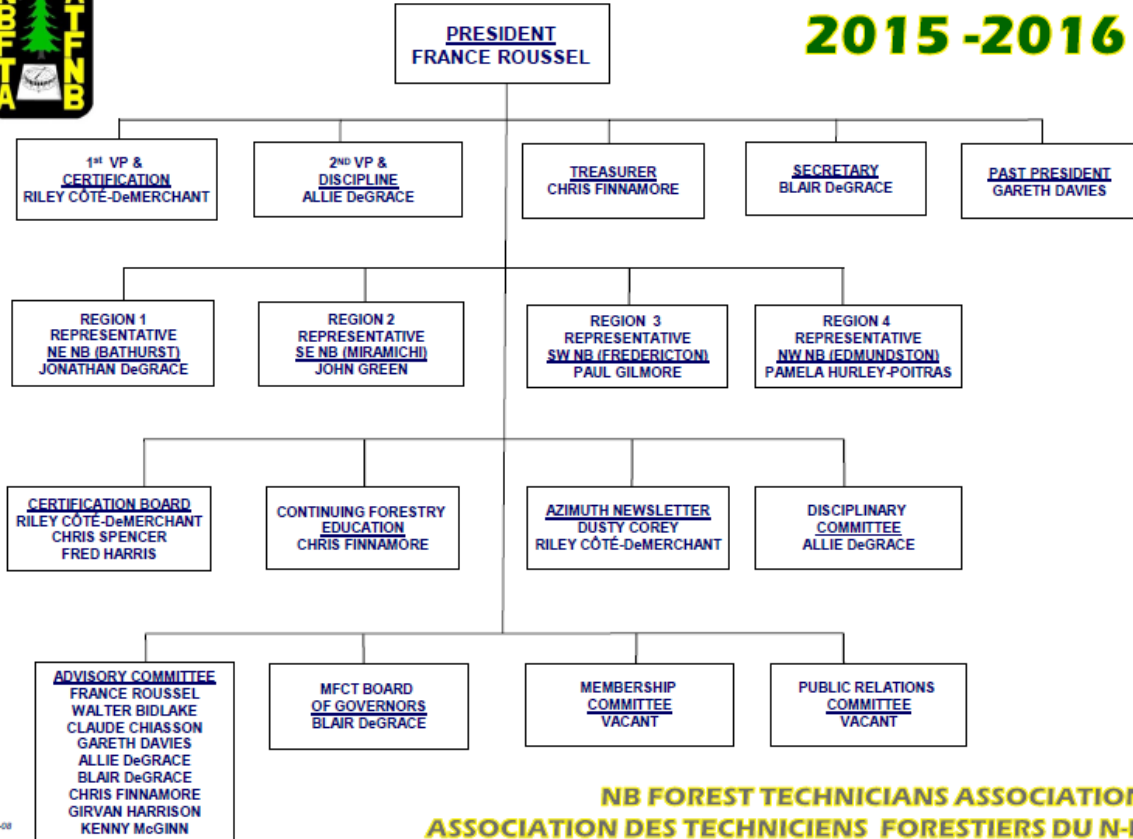


Above: Photos from the CWF fall field tour – submitted by Peter Robichaud

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"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

Theodore Roosevelt

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PARTING WORDS

Summer has come and gone and winter now has its icy grip on our province. Time to put away the work boots and dig out the snowshoes! In the year ahead, please plan to support your Association – a good start would be getting out to the spring CWF meeting – a great chance to take part in some continuing education, and attend our AGM.

Winter brings many challenges to the forest industry, and I wish everyone a safe and productive winter, and a prosperous new year.

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106



Wapske River in NW NB, December 2015