



NB FOREST TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7th, 2016

1) OPEN MEETING

- ✚ In the absence of NBFTA President France Roussel who was unable to attend, Riley Côté-DeMerchant welcomed members to the 2016 NBFTA AGM held in conjunction with the CWF Spring Meeting at the Delta Beausejour in Moncton, NB.
- ✚ The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM with twenty NBFTA Members in good standing, and two invited guests in attendance. Riley welcomed guest speaker Gerry Redmond, Director of the Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT), and Mike Cunningham of Engage Agro.
- ✚ Meeting participants observed a moments silence for well known and respected forest practitioners Ken Hardie and Lewis Stone (MFRS Class of '60) who recently passed away.
- ✚ Mike Cunningham was introduced by Blair DeGrace to make presentation of the 2016 NB Forest Technician of the Year Award to deserving recipient Riley Côté-DeMerchant. The award has been made possible annually for many years by the very kind support of Mike and Engage Agro.

2) MCFT UPDATE

- ✚ Maritime College of Forest Technology Director Gerry Redmond updated attendees on the following issues relating to the operation and administration of the College:
 - Attended NSFTA And NBFTA Annual General Meetings.
 - Large number of 45 expected to graduate from Fredericton MCFT Campus on April 22. Job prospects are good for graduates.
 - There were 100 applicants for the intake of 60 students that commenced in September 2015. 51 remain enrolled including 2 from the Netherlands, 1 from Sweden and 1 from Japan.
 - Improved orientation contributes to strong first year retention numbers. The College is appreciative of NBFTA financial support to orientation activities.
 - Natasha Ouellet is departing MCFT to take up employment with NBDNR. Todd MacPherson was hired under contract to lead the Continuing Education Department.
 - The Maritime Provinces Higher Education is directing fiscal restraint upon the College. As a result, MCFT is exploring alternative revenue sources of Continuing Education and an Alumni Association.
 - MCFT remains the only Canadian forestry college accredited by the Society of American Foresters.
 - MCFT is also accredited by the North America Fish & Wildlife Association.
 - NBFTA is welcomed to continue promoting the Association annually to MCFT students.
 - MCFT is willing to support NBFTA in achieving continued success.
- ✚ Todd MacPherson presented a MCFT Continuing Education update
 - Returning to MCFT CE for the second time in his career.
 - Challenge to technicians to attend and bring a friend to the MFRS/MCFT 70th year reunion upcoming in July. A drone workshop to be held in conjunction on July 29th at 8:30 AM.

- Watercourse Alteration Certification has an expiry date in Nova Scotia, but not in NB. The College is experiencing competition from another provider in NB.
- LiDAR workshops are popular.
- MCFT partnering with NB Power in the development of a 2 year Utility Arboriculture Program.
- A joint economic development initiative is being developed with First Nations.
- An advanced forest vegetation management course, a signature MCFT event, is fully booked.
- A dangerous tree identification and removal course is to be offered.
- NBFTA members are asked to spread the word and promote CE offerings to help offset competition from the many training companies in the same market.

3) QUORUM

Twelve members were present enabling transaction of regular business as required under Article 11 of the NBFTA Constitution (see attendance sheet attached).

4) READING & CONFIRMATION OF 2015 AGM MINUTES

Chris Finnamore moved approval of the previously distributed minutes of the 2015 NBFTA AGM. The motion was seconded by Dusty Corey.

5) EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 📌 **PRESIDENT:** Motion carried (moved by Riley Côté-DeMerchant, seconded by Dusty Corey) to approve the attached report by France Roussel.
- 📌 **1ST VP & CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** Motion carried (Moved by Riley Côté-DeMerchant, seconded by Chris Finnamore) to approve the attached report by Riley Côté-DeMerchant.
- 📌 **2ND VP & DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:** Motion carried (Moved by Blair DeGrace, seconded by Gilles Gallant) to approve the attached report by Allie DeGrace.
- 📌 **SECRETARY:** Motion carried (moved by Blair DeGrace, seconded by Trevis Schriver) to approve the attached report by Blair.
- 📌 **TREASURER:** Motion carried (Moved by Chris Finnamore, seconded by Fred Harris) to approve the attached report by Chris.
- 📌 **MEMBERSHIP:** Motion carried (Moved by Chris Finnamore, seconded by Fred Harris) to approve the attached report by Chris.
- 📌 **AUDITORS' REPORT:** Motion carried (moved by Blair DeGrace, seconded by Andrew Chase) to approve the attached report prepared and submitted by France Roussel who was unable to attend the AGM.
- 📌 **PAST PRESIDENT & ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** There was no report available from Past President and Advisory Committee Chair Gareth Davies who was unable to attend the AGM.
- 📌 **4 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - **Region 1:** Motion carried (moved by Riley Côté-DeMerchant, seconded by Todd MacPherson) to approve the attached report presented on behalf of Jonathan DeGrace who was unable to attend the AGM.
 - **Region 2:** Motion carried (moved by Riley Côté-DeMerchant, seconded by Dusty Corey) to approve the attached report presented on behalf of John Green who was unable to attend the AGM.
 - **Region 3:** Motion carried (moved by Riley Côté-DeMerchant, seconded by Dusty Corey) to approve the attached report presented on behalf of Paul Gilmore who was unable to attend the AGM.
 - **Region 4:** Motion carried (moved by Pamela Hurley Poitras, seconded by Chris Finnamore) to approve the attached report presented by Pamela.

- 📌 **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** There was no report presented by the Public Relations Committee which is currently inactive.
- 📌 **CONTINUING FOREST EDUCATION:** Motion carried (moved by Chris Finnamore, seconded by Riley Côté-DeMerchant) to approve the attached report by Chris.
- 📌 **AZIMUTH:** Azimuth Co-Editor Dusty Corey verbally reported that two editions were translated and circulated during the past year. He encouraged all members to submit articles and informed that another issue is planned for release during the spring of 2016. Motion carried (moved by Dusty Corey, seconded by Trevis Schriver).
- 📌 **MFRS BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Motion carried (moved by Blair DeGrace, seconded by Fred Harris) to approve the attached report presented by Blair.

6) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 📌 Motion carried (moved by Blair DeGrace, seconded by Dusty Corey) to approve the attached correspondence report by NBFTA Secretary Blair DeGrace.

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 📌 There were no unfinished business items for review.

8) ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

- 📌 Nominations were submitted for the positions of President (Riley Côté-DeMerchant), First Vice President (Allie DeGrace) and Second Vice President (Dustin Corey) prior to the AGM as required in NBFTA Constitution Article 4. Nomination forms are attached for review.
- 📌 **SECRETARY:** Blair DeGrace reoffered to serve as Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 📌 **TREASURER:** Chris Finnamore reoffered to serve as Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 📌 **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**
 - **Region 1:** Jonathan DeGrace reoffered to serve as Region 1 Representative. There were no nominations from the floor.
 - **Region 2:** John Green reoffered to serve as Region 2 Representative. There were no additional nominations from the floor.
 - **Region 3:** Paul Gilmore reoffered to serve as Region 3 Representative. There were no nominations from the floor.
 - **Region 4:** Pamela Poitras Hurley reoffered to serve as Region 4 Representative. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 📌 **CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** The following individuals committed to participate in the certification committee: Preston Coughlan, Fred Harris, Todd MacPherson, and Chris Spencer. Two positions remain vacant to be filled in 2017.
- 📌 **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The executive committee agreed to recruit additional members in 2017 to support Chris Finnamore.
- 📌 **MCFT:** Blair DeGrace offered to continue representation.
- 📌 **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** There was discussion on potentially combining the PR committee with membership.
- 📌 **AUDITOR:** France Roussel was selected as the 2017 auditor.
- 📌 A motion was carried (Riley Côté-DeMerchant / Chris Finnamore) to approve the installation of officers and committee members.

9) NEW BUSINESS

- 📌 **WEBSITE JOB POSTINGS:** Riley Côté-DeMerchant reported that an Alberta company requested to post a job advertisement at NBFTA.org. Following discussion, a motion was passed (Blair DeGrace/Chris Finnamore) to institute a fee for posting job advertisements at NBFTA.org. The fee is in the amount of \$50.00 for Maritime based companies and \$100 for companies outside of the Maritime Provinces.
- 📌 **2015 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:** There was a general discussion on the challenges of attracting and retaining regular and certified members. It was agreed that an opportunity exists in retaining MCFT graduates. The decision by NBDNR to support membership dues for certified members only resulted in the reduction of members. There was consensus that the NBFTA Executive considers this topic as a priority business item during the upcoming year.
- 📌 **CFE CHANGES:** Chris Finnamore led a discussion focusing primarily on the challenge member's face in qualifying for Category 1 hours. Chris urged members to look for webinars online, and noted the reduction in hours required annually for category 1 from 20 to 10. No changes were made to the number of hours required for Category 2 or 3. There was consensus that part of the difficulty members face with Category 1 hours results from a lack structure and discipline by individual members. Todd MacPherson volunteered to explore developing a web based CFE record keeping tool. The NBFTA Executive was tasked with exploring Category 1 opportunities in the upcoming year.
- 📌 **CFE'S NOT IN GOOD STANDING:** Chris Finnamore noted that France Roussel and Blair DeGrace called all members in the fall of 2015 whose CFT status had lapsed. He reported that the 17 who remained as not current were removed from the CFT list and billed as regular members. There was consensus that the 17 would be contacted again and given another opportunity to maintain their CFT status. A motion was passed (Riley Côté-DeMerchant / Todd MacPherson) to increase regular membership dues from \$30.00 TO \$35.00.
- 📌 **COLLABORATION WITH ARPFNB:** Riley Côté-DeMerchant stated that it was his understanding following talks with ARPFNB representatives, that there was a desire from within the ARPFNB to form a joint association. Chris Finnamore commented that ARPFNB is not without its challenges and that membership has dropped. Dusty Corey commented that NBFTA is in sound financial condition and membership would need to see a significant concrete advantage before agreeing to merge both associations. Riley stated that there may be advantages in sharing administrative tasks such as CFE. There was consensus in maintaining good relations and in keeping the lines of communication open with the ARPFNB and to continue collaborating on issues of mutual interest such as CFE events, tours, etc. However, there was no consensus on any type of merger between the NBFTA/ARPFNB. Riley commented that there may be value in a meeting with executives of both bodies. Blair agreed to communicate with ARPFNB President Jody Jenkins to clarify the merger issue and verify alignment of the ARPFNB executive, their committee members, and executive director.
- 📌 **CFT AND CFE CERTIFICATES PRESENTATIONS:** Chris Finnamore presented certificates to the following recipients:
 - CFT: William Connell, Mike Millican, Meghan White. Absent: David Kierstead
 - CFE: Chris Spencer, Preston Coughlan, Todd MacPherson, Matthew Tucker, Andrew Chase, Trevis Schriver. Absent: Pamela Hurley Poitras, Peter McCue, Guy Levasseur, Jonathan DeGrace, Andy Soucy, Benoit Bouchard, Gilles Bossé, Gerald A. LeBlanc, Donald Parent, Claude Chiasson.
- 📌 **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Todd MacPherson agreed to follow-up with Paul Gilmore regarding updates to the NBFTA Wall of Fame at MCFT.
 - Todd verified that the NBFTA secretary and treasurer would receive emails resulting from inquiries originating from NBFTA.org.
 - Todd thanked the NBFTA for financial support for the CWF Fall Teachers Tour and commented that the event pays big dividends by exposing educators to real life forestry practices.
 - Trevis Schriver expressed frustration that forest cover maps are not made available by Government to those carrying out work on small forested properties. Chris Spencer stated that DNR is working on a release of photography and GIS data for the entire Province.

10)NOMINATE AUDITORS FOR 2017 AGM

France Roussel was selected as auditor for the 2017 NBFTA AGM.

11)SELECT DATE & LOCATION OF 2017 AGM

There was consensus on April 10 in Moncton as the date and location of the 2017 NBFTA AGM to be again held in conjunction with the CWF Spring Meeting. Blair DeGrace was asked to confirm arrangements with CWF Director Peter Robichaud.

12)NOTICE OF MOTION

Riley Côté-DeMerchant moved conclusion of the 2016 NBFTA AGM at 4:45 PM.

13)CLOSING

President Riley Côté-DeMerchant thanked members for their attendance and continued support.

NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

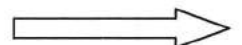
April 7th, 2016



- 1) OPEN MEETING; PRESIDENT
- 2) UPDATE FROM MCFT: Gerry Redmond, Director and Todd MacPherson, Supervisor of Continuing Education
- 3) QUORUM
- 4) READING & CONFIRMATION OF 2015 AGM MINUTES
- 5) EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - PRESIDENT
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 - SECRETARY
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 - AUDITORS' REPORT
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 - REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
 - PUBLIC RELATIONS
 - CONTINUING FOREST EDUCATION
 - AZIMUTH
 - MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS
- 6) READING OF CORRESPONDENCE
- 7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 8) ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
 - REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
 - CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE (2 MEMBERS)
 - TREASURER
 - SECRETARY
 - 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
 - 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT
 - PRESIDENT
- 9) NEW BUSINESS:
 - Website Job Postings: Riley
 - Membership numbers 2015: Riley & Chris
 - CFE Changes and discussion: Chris
 - CFT's not in good standing:...
 - Joint collaboration with the ARPFNB... :Riley
 - CFT AND CFE Certificate Handouts: Chris
 - Other new business...
- 10) NOMINATE AUDITORS FOR 2017 AGM
- 11) SELECT DATE & LOCATION OF 2017 AGM
- 12) NOTICE OF MOTION
- 13) CLOSING



Meeting Purpose:		NBFTA AGM 2016	
Date:		APRIL 7, 2016	Time: 1:00 PM
Location:		DELTA BEAUSEJOUR MONCTON, NB	
Lead:		RILEY CÔTÉ-DeMERCHANT	
	NAME	SIGNATURE	
1.	BLAIR DEGRACE	Blair Degrace	
2.	Chris Finnamore	Chris Finnamore	
3.	Pamela Hurley Portas	Pamela Portas	
4.	Trevi Schriver	Trevi Schriver	
5.	Preston Coughlan	Preston Coughlan	
6.	Fred Harris	Fred Harris	
7.	TODD MacPHERSON	Todd MacPherson	
8.	Riley Côté-DeMerchant	Riley Côté-DeMerchant	
9.	Andrew Chase	Andrew Chase	
10.	Matt Tucker	Matt Tucker	
11.	Mike Porter	Mike Porter	
12.	Matt Heder	Matt Heder	
13.	Gilles Gallant	Gilles Gallant	
14.	Meghan Whyte	Meghan Whyte	
15.	Bill Connell	Bill Connell	





16.	Guy Levasseur	Guy E Guy.Levasseur1@gmail.com
17.	Gerald Redmond	gredmond@mct.ca
18.	Mike Millican	millicanm@mct.ca
19.	Dustin Corey	Dustin G dcory@acadian timber. co.
20.	Dwayne Simkins	Dwayne Simkins dsimkins@snbac. ca. and dwayne lynn simkins@rogers. ca.
21.	Michael Cunningham	M Cunningham
22.	Chris Spencer	Chris Spencer spencerc@snbac.ca
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NBFTA TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION - 2016

Nominee Name:	Riley Côté-Demerchant
Nominee Employer:	Leading Edge Geomatics
Nominee Address:	Summerfield, N.B.
Nominee Telephone:	(506) 471-5342
Nominator Name:	Blair DeGrace
Nominator Phone Number:	(506) 356-5025

Recognizing the achievements & character of Riley Côté-DeMerchant as the 2016 recipient of the NBFTA Technician of the Year Award would reflect favorably on the NBFTA & the practice of forestry in general. Riley would be a worthy recipient based on the following merit:

- Certified NBFTA member in good standing
- Adheres to the NBFTA Code of Ethics and displays high moral standards and dedication in his day to day work with his employer
- Demonstrates initiative in progressing the forest technological field
 - Maintains the NBFTA website
 - Currently working professionally with LiDAR technology
- Recognized by his peers as a leader in forestry
 - Well respected at work & in the community
 - Active in the NBFTA Executive Committee
 - Well known through public presentations with his employer
 - Ongoing consultations with other forest professional organizations
 - Very supportive of his peers & all practicing forest professionals
- Demonstrates a commitment to continuing education
 - Maintains a NBFTA CFE certificate
 - Instrumental in revitalizing CFT program
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to the NBFTA
 - Served as 1st vice president
 - Accepted nomination for President
- 2009 MCFT graduate
- 2004 Southern Victoria High School Graduate
- 8 years distinguished service in the practice of forestry
- Riley is an honest, competent, hard working team player who continually leverages his training, skills & energy to the benefit of his employer, his profession, and the NBFTA

NOMINATOR

Blair DeGrace, CFT 0009

Blair DeGrace

NBFTA SUPPORTING MEMBER

France Roussel, CFT 0024

France Roussel

New Brunswick Forest Technician Association

Presidents' Report

2015 Annual report

Annual General Meeting 2016

Continued the goal of improving and maintaining the communication with our members through the Azimuth – Contributed to each of the two issues with an article.

Wrote an article for the Atlantic Forestry Review that was published in the spring of 2015

Chaired three executive meetings during the past year. (June 13th , November 28th in Fredericton and March 5th by teleconference)

Contacted Infor requesting change to the 'New Brunswick Sugar Bush Silviculture Funding Program' to be consistent with the sugar bush assessments on Crown Lands under the "Maple Sugary Leasing Proposal" to require a Certified Forest Technician (CFT) to complete the work. It is very encouraging to see DNRE increasingly endorsing the CFT designation for specific jobs.

Contacted DNRE to clarify the requirement for a CFT for the preparation of woodlot and silviculture management plans under marketing board jurisdiction effective in 2016.

Attended the Canadian Woodlands Forum fall meeting in Fredericton.

Called members whose CFE certificates had expired to inform them that they had until December 31st, 2015 to renew their certificates. If not renewed by the deadline, loss of their CFT designation would result. This exercise resulted in a number of members renewing their CFE.

Recruited 2 new members from the Edmundston area with 1 of them scheduled to write his CFT exam late March or early April.

Significant progress was achieved in cleaning up the general membership database and the CFT database - thanks Riley and Chris

I want to thank the entire executive for their support and devotion during the past year. Together we accomplished a lot of little things that have contributed to reviving our organization.

Thanks Riley for accepting the role of President for the upcoming year.

France Roussel, CFT
NBFTA, President
March 26, 2016



First-Vice President's Report

NBFTA Annual General Meeting – April 7th, 2016
Room Shediac C, Delta Beausejour Hotel, Moncton, NB

Dear Fellow Executive members, fellow NBFTA members and guests, I would like to start by saying I think 2015 and the start of 2016 was a good year for the association, and if you are in the room today, you likely contributed to that success, thank you and congratulations.

I believe in the past year the NBFTA has recovered from the problems the association had a few years back. Our decline in membership should be leveling off, our books are good hands and have been brought back up to date and our CFT members are getting caught up on filing their CFE credits. As well in the past year we have published 3 volumes of The Azimuth and had 4 new CFT's join the ranks of the NBFTA. Additionally the executive was able to meet twice in person for Executive Meetings, which I think helps the productivity and comradery of the organization. Also the NBFTA has supported events undertaken by the CWF, which then allows us to continue to contribute back to the industry by supporting initiatives such as the Teachers Tour.

I would like to thank those of the Executive for all of their effort. Particularly I would like to thank Chris for getting our books back on track, I think to compare it to "herding cats" would be an understatement. I want to thank Dusty for continuing to take initiative on The Azimuth, putting the material together and pushing things along. I think publishing The Azimuth is a good indication on the health of the Association. I want to thank Todd for his IT support for the website and email addresses. Todd salvaged NBFTA.org from the abyss and we've had many compliments of the new theme. I also want to thank Todd for posting CE courses there, I think it's good to keep lots of fresh, relevant material up. Once again I want to thank Blair, if its NBFTA related, Blair seems to have it or an answer for it. Finally, I want to thank France for his dedication over the last two years and for stepping up when the association needed it.

On another note, in the past year the Certification Board has been more active than I think it has been in many years. Currently the Board consists of myself (as First-Vice), Chris Spencer and Fred Harris. The certification of members was a bit rushed this winter, but Chris and Fred each took time to review applications in a prompt amount of time and provide their observations back to me. I would like to thank them both very much. We need two more members to join the Board, they need to be CFT's and can't be part of the Executive. I believe participating in the Board is a great way to contribute to the association, so please do not be shy when the opportunity comes.

I think the coming year holds more promise for the association and I am hoping that today the membership can provide us with the feedback required to continue this momentum.

This year was a good one, and like I tell my wife Chantal, next year will be even better ☺.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Riley Côté-DeMerchant
506-471-5342
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2nd VP Yearly Report – Allie DeGrace

- As discipline falls under the duties of the 2nd VP, I am pleased to report that there were no disciplinary actions in the last year.
- Communicated with Mike Cunningham from Engage Agro., who again offered to sponsor the prize for technician of the year should a successful candidate be named.
- Participated in executive meetings

Allie DeGrace, 2nd VP, NBFTA



**NBFTA Annual General Meeting
2016 Annual Report
NBFTA Secretary**

The writer accepted the position of NBFTA Secretary at the NBFTA AGM on April 3, 2014. Activities during the past twelve months are as follows:

- Participation at all NBFTA Executive Committee and AGM meetings.
- Distributed meeting minutes to Executive Council, the Azimuth editor, and to the NBFTA Webmaster.
- Submitted 2015 NBFTA "Annual Returns" Forms to SNB as a requirement under the NB Companies Act to maintain incorporation as a not for profit organization.
- Maintained a summary of "Action Items" of Executive Committee Members.
- Updated NBFTA Contact Listing and Organizational Chart
- Prepared and maintained an individual action plan.
- Assisted members to maintain their Continuing Forest Education Certificate current.

Opportunities for 2016 include:

- Consolidate, organize, and maintain NBFTA files up to date.
- Provide information from NBFTA files, as appropriate, to internal or external parties, while respecting confidentiality of individuals and the Association.
- Continue to provide support to, and participate in, the work of the Executive Committee.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Blair DeGrace

Blair DeGrace, CFT 009
April 7, 2016

New Brunswick Forest Technician Association

2015 Financial Report

Opening balance	\$19 851.07
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Revenues:

Membership dues	\$5355.00
CWF Fall Meetings	\$500.00

Total Revenues:	\$5855.00
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Expenses:

Advertising	\$1000.00
Awards	\$361.59
Bank Charges	\$72.00
Meeting Expenses	\$1025.86
CWF Membership	\$400.00
Postage	\$121.19
Printing & Reproduction	\$394.78
Professional Service Fees	\$750.00
Other Miscellaneous Expense	\$550.00

Total Expenses	\$4 675.42
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<u>Surplus:</u>	\$1 179.58
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Balance December 31,2015	<u>\$21 030.65</u>
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Chris Finnamore, CFT
NBFTA, Treasurer
March 29, 2016 – Audited

Membership Report

As of December 31, 2015 the paid membership consisted of 21 Regular members and 41 Certified members.

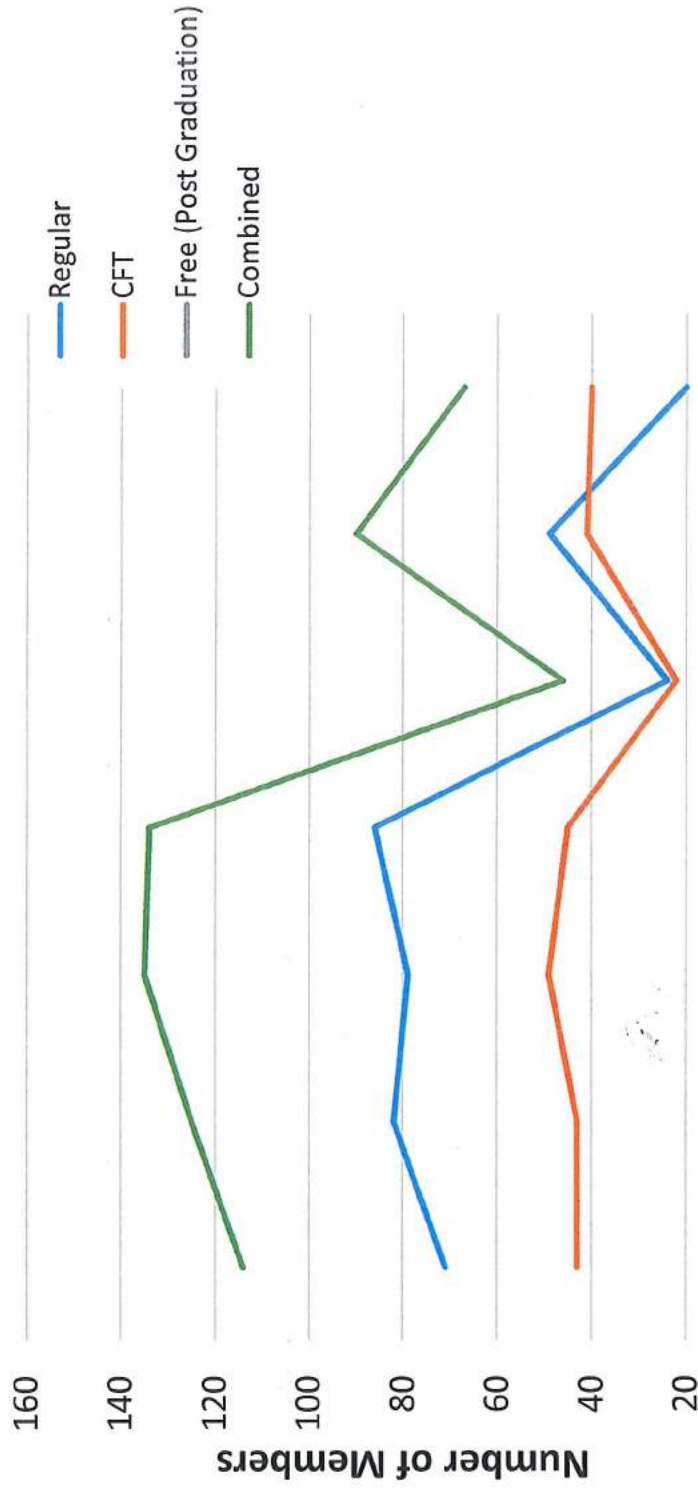
The number of paid members include the Certified members that are employed by the Department of Natural Resources in Region 1 and Region 4. The dues for Region 3 (two members) were not received until March of 2016. There are no Certified members from Region 2 therefore the department did not pay for any dues for employees in that region. There was only one regular member employed by the Department of Natural Resources that paid there own dues for 2015.

The membership database is currently in pretty good shape with only a few minor pieces of information missing for a few members. The main issue that we seem to have with the database is that members are not informing us of a change in their information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Finnamore, CFT #0109
Treasurer



NBFTA Membership 2008 - 2015 (Excluding 2013)



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014	2015
Regular	71	82	79	86	24	49	20
CFT	43	43	49	45	22	41	40
Free (Post Graduation)	0	0	7	3	0	0	7
Combined	114	125	135	134	46	90	67

New Brunswick Forest Technician Association

2015 Auditors' Report

2016 Annual General Meeting

I have verified the New Brunswick Forest Technician Association financial report for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

The report is balanced and accurate. Supporting documents for expenses are all accounted for.

Sincerely,



France Roussel, CFT 0024

Auditor 2015

Subject: FW: NBFTA Annual Reports

From: Degrace, Jonathan (DNR/MRN) [<mailto:Jonathan.Degrace@gnb.ca>]

Sent: April-05-16 4:10 PM

To: DeGrace, Blair (Plaster-Rock)

Subject: RE: NBFTA Annual Reports

Report For Region 1

Attended a few (and missed a few) Executive meetings

Handed out Scholarships and MCFT award at graduation ceremony in Bathurst

Committed to Attend MCFT annually (Feb/Mar) to promote the Free NBFTA Membership

Jonathan DeGrace CFT

Forest Ranger

Region 1 DNR

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Subject: FW: AGM & 2015 Report

From: John & Margaret Green [<mailto:toogaler@gmail.com>]

Sent: April-04-16 1:08 PM

To: DeGrace, Blair (Plaster-Rock)

Subject: AGM & 2015 Region 2 Report

Hi Blair

I won't be able to attend the pre meeting or AGM as I am out of province for the next 3 weeks.

Brief summary of 2015:

Was appointed Reg. 2 rep at AGM in Moncton in April

Attended exec. Meetings in Fredericton June and November.

Missed the Dec 31/15 deadline to submit application to maintain CFT status because of

Insufficient category 1 hours. I will have acquired the necessary hours by May 2016.

Please advise if I can submit then.

John Green

NBFTA Region 3 Representative Report for NBFTA AGM 7 April, 2016 Moncton

I am in the process of attempting to accomplish the objectives from the previous Executive Meeting.

I am not sure at this point what pieces of information I should have passed along to the NBFTA membership during the past year. The email list I have created must be revised to accommodate the DNR staff who are presently NBFTA members and keeping dues up to date.

As I have stated many times before. I am a firm believer in the NBFTA and what has been accomplished for and on behalf of Forest Technicians in New Brunswick. This is the only avenue Forest Technicians in New Brunswick have to ensure our place as professionals in the field of forestry in New Brunswick. There may not be major issues each year that NBFTA needs to address or be part of the discussions but when they appear, we need a strong and common sense association to tackle these issues and represent the Forest Technicians of New Brunswick in a professional manner as has been very well done from Association beginnings to present.

I believe we, NBFTA Executive and membership, must find some means to convey an important message to Forest Technicians not presently members and those graduating each year from MCFT (or similar Colleges). The need for their membership, inclusion, involvement, efforts and time are or will be essential to maintaining an Association who will continually look out for the well being of Forest Technicians in New Brunswick. If not, Forest Technicians may be doomed to a lesser professional situation than we presently have. At that point, they will have no one to blame but themselves.

I am not sure that following the DNR Regional boundaries are the best means to decide who the Regional Representative is responsible for. These boundaries have changed many times in the past and there is nothing to say they will not change again in the future. The one set of boundaries that have remained constant for many, many years in the past and will do so well into the future are Counties. I believe that there is still a need for at least 4 representatives and possibly 5 but have not had the opportunity to have proper discussions with the other Regional Reps to this point. I do think that dividing the membership by county and even that membership out by representative is a better option.

For instance;

Regional Rep 1 – Victoria, Madawaska, Restigouche, Gloucester
Regional Rep 2 – Northumberland, Westmorland, Kent
Regional; Rep 3 – Albert, Saint John, Kings, Queens
Regional Rep 4 – Charlotte, Sunbury, York, Carleton

Finally, I leave this with the membership and AGM. NBFTA needs more and younger blood to take their place at bat. If someone else wants the opportunity to take this on, I would gladly relinquish my position as Region 3 Representative. If no takers at this point, I will remain as the Regional Representative for another year.

Paul Gilmore
NBFTA
Region 3 Representative



**NBFTA Annual General Meeting
2016 Annual Report
Region 4 Representative – NW New Brunswick**

The writer accepted the position of NBFTA Region 4 Representative at the NBFTA AGM in Mai, 2014.

Limited activities during the past twelve months are easily summarized as follows:

- Participation at NBFTA Executive Committee meetings.
- Supported the NBFTA Executive with ongoing measures to protect the interests of Technicians/Technologists relative to the ARPFNB's Right to Practice Legislation.
- In the last 3 months I have kept in contact with region 4 members by sending monthly forestry related news.
- Updated the best I could the region 4 members communication information.

Objectives for 2016 include:

- Continue sending monthly forestry news
- Assist the Association Treasurer as required to ensure the membership listing is maintained current and accurate.
- Establish an e-mail distribution listing for Regional Members to communicate information as it becomes available.
- Trying to convince forest technicians to become a member of the NBFTA

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Pamela Hurley Poitras

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April 5, 2016

Continuing Forest Education Committee

In 2015 there were 17 CFE applications received and approved.

The Continuing Education process was examined at an Executive meeting held in 2015. It was agreed that the Category 1, Structured Learning, was the component that was and still is creating the most problems for Certified members. As a result the Category 1 requirement for 60 hours has been reduced to 30 hours. This is just 10 hours a year which should make it easier for the members to obtain.

The following Certified members received their Continuing Education Certificates:

Pamela Hurley-Poitras, Peter McCue, Chris Spencer, Guy Levasseur, Todd MacPherson, Jonathan DeGrace, Andy Soucy, Benoit Bouchard, Gilles Bossé, Albert Ned Morin, Preston Coughlan, Gerald A. LeBlanc, Donald Parent, Claude Chiasson, Matthew Tucker, Trevis Schriver, Andrew Chase.

Respectively Submitted,
Chris Finnamore, CFT #0109
Chair Continuing Education Committee

2016 NBFTA AGM

Annual Report of NBFTA Membership in MCFT Board of Governors

This report summarizes the Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT) Board of Governors activities spanning the period from May 2015 to April 2016.

BACKGROUND

The NBFTA'S initial involvement in the MCFT Board of Governors was by invitation to its Annual Meeting on April 23, 1999. A vacancy had been created by the departure of representation from Newfoundland due to a forestry technical program being developed at the College of the North Atlantic. Andrew Clarke represented the NBFTA for the period of 1999 - 2000. The writer has represented the NBFTA from April 2001 to present.

2015-2016 BOARD MEMBERS

The current MCFT Board of Governors is comprised of:

Mr. Peter Adams *	Barrister & Solicitor, MCFT Board Chairman
Mr. Gerald Holmes *	Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury
Mr. Derek MacFarlane *	Natural Resources Canada
Mr. Jason Thibodeau*	MCFT Board Secretary
Mr. Gerry Redmond*	MCFT Executive Director
Dr. HEA (Eddy) Campbell	UNB President & Vice Chancellor
Mr. Blair DeGrace	NBFTA
Mr. Frank Dunn	N.S. Dept of Natural Resources
Dr. Van Lantz	UNB Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Management
Mr. Bill Levesque	NBDNR
Ms. Kate MacQuarrie	P.E.I. Dept. of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
Mr. Derek Prest	Eacan Lumber Ltd.
Mr. Peter Robichaud	Canadian Woodlands Forum, MCFT Board 2 nd Vice President
Mr. Jeff Sode	Flakeboard Company Limited

* *Executive Committee Members*

MCFT BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings during the reporting period were convened on the following dates:

- 2016-05-27 Board of Governors (BOG)
- 2015-08-27 BOG Executive Committee
- 2015-11-26 BOG

A brief summary of issues discussed are as follows:

- MCFT Administration to contact inactive board members to encourage their active participation.
- Improved information flow between MCFT Administration and the BOG including password protected website access to documents, meeting minutes, and quarterly updates from Director Redmond.
- Kingsclear Woodlot lease signed with the Province in the fall of 2015.

NBFTA ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2016-2017							
POSITION	CURRENT OFFICER	RE-OFFER FOR SECOND TERM	POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS (CFT's)	ACCEPT NOMINATION	NOMINATION LETTER TO CHAIR >30 DAYS TO AGM	SIGNED BY TWO CFT's	SIGNED LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE
PRESIDENT	France Roussel	No	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 ST VICE	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	No	Allie DeGrace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 ND VICE	Allie DeGrace	No	Dustin Corey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PAST PRESIDENT	Gareth Davies	No	France Roussel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SECRETARY	Blair DeGrace	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TREASURER	Chris Finnamore	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGION 1 *	Jonathan DeGrace	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGION 2 *	John Green	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGION 3 *	Paul Gilmore	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REGION 4 *	Pamela Hurley-Poitras	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* NOTE: Region Representatives will be elected at a Regional Meeting prior to the AGM; Even Regions on even years, Odd Regions on odd years.

NBFTA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION: 2016-2017			POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS
POSITION	CURRENT OFFICER	RE-OFFER FOR SECOND TERM	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Gareth Davies	No	France Roussel
AZIMUTH EDITOR	Dustin Corey	Yes	Dusty Corey & Riley DeMerchant
CERTIFICATION BOARD	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	No	Allie DeGrace
CFE COMMITTEE	Chris Finnamore	Yes	N/A
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE	Allie DeGrace	No	Dustin Corey
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	Vacant	N/A	Chris Finnamore
MCFT BOARD	Blair DeGrace	Yes	N/A
PR COMMITTEE	Vacant		
TREE HOUSE	Vacant		

NBFTA OFFICERS						
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
PRESIDENT	Gareth Davies	Gareth Davies	Gareth Davies	France Roussel	France Roussel	Riley Cote-DeMerchant
1ST VICE	David Brown	David Brown	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Allie DeGrace
2ND VICE	Allie DeGrace	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	France Roussel	Allie DeGrace	Allie DeGrace	Dustin Corey
PAST PRESIDENT	Todd MacPherson	Todd MacPherson	Todd MacPherson	Gareth Davies	Gareth Davies	France Roussel
SECRETARY	Travis Schreiber	Allie DeGrace	Holly Pees	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace
TREASURER	France Roussel	Rebecca Jones	Rebecca Jones	Chris Finnamore	Chris Finnamore	Chris Finnamore
REGION 1 *	Jonathan DeGrace	Jonathan DeGrace	Jonathan DeGrace	Jonathan DeGrace	Jonathan DeGrace	Jonathan DeGrace
REGION 2 *	Lance Crain	Lance Crain	Lance Crain	Lance Crain	John Green	John Green
REGION 3 *	Paul Gilmore	Paul Gilmore	Paul Gilmore	Paul Gilmore	Paul Gilmore	Paul Gilmore
REGION 4 *	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Pamela Hurley-Poitras	Pamela Hurley-Poitras	Pamela Hurley-Poitras
NBFTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS						
ADVISORY	Todd MacPherson	Todd MacPherson	Todd MacPherson	Gareth Davies	Gareth Davies	France Roussel
AUDITORS			Roussel/Harris	France Roussel	Jones	France Roussel
AZIMUTH EDITOR				Cote-DeMerchant, Corey	Cote-DeMerchant, Corey	Corey, Cote-DeMerchant
CERTIFICATION		Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	Allie DeGrace
CFE					Chris Finnamore	Chris Finnamore
DISCIPLINE	Allie DeGrace	Riley Cote-DeMerchant	France Roussel	Allie DeGrace	Allie DeGrace	Dustin Corey
MEMBERSHIP	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Chris Finnamore
MCFT BOARD	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace	Blair DeGrace
PR	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	
TREE HOUSE	Walter Bidlake	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	

I, Brian Dograce, nominate RILEY COTE-DEMERCHAUT
to serve as NBFTA PRESIDENT within the Executive
Council of the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association for the Term
2016 & 2017.

Nominators Signature: Brian Dograce Date: 2015/12/15 CFT 009

CFT Signature: Brian Dograce Date: 2015/12/15 CFT 009

CFT Signature: Francois Date: 2015/12/15 CFT0024.

Nominee Acceptance: Riley Cote-DeMurchaut Date: 2015/12/21 CFT0137

I, BLAIR De GRACE, nominate ALLIE De GRACE
to serve as FIRST VICE - PRESIDENT within the Executive
Council of the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association for the Term
2016 & 2017.

Nominators Signature: Blair DeGrace Date: 2015/12/09

CFT Signature: Blair DeGrace Date: 2015/12/09 CFT 0009

CFT Signature: France Boushel Date: 2015/12/15 CFT 0024

Nominee Acceptance:  Date: Dec 21st, 2015 CFT #100

I, BLAIR DeGRACE, nominate AUSTIN COREY
to serve as SECOND VICE PRESIDENT within the Executive
Council of the New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association for the Term
2016 & 2017.

Nominators Signature: Blair DeGrace Date: 2015/12/09

CFT Signature: Blair DeGrace Date: 2015/12/09 CFT0009

CFT Signature: Francoise Roussel Date: 2015/12/15 CFT0024.

Nominee Acceptance: Austin Corey Date: 2015/12/15 CFT#106

NBFTA CORRESPONDENCE RECORD

#	Date	From/Organization	To/Organization	Details
1	2015-2016	Gerry Redmond, MCFT BOG	Blair DeGrace, NBFTA	Numerous emails (Meetings, Updates, Orientation Day; Alumni; Reunion; Forestry articles...)
2	2015-2016	NBFTA Executive	NBFTA Executive	Numerous emails (Meetings; Reports; Azimuth; CFT; CFE; Scholarship; General business)
3	2015/04/09	Blair DeGrace, NBFTA	Province of NB	2015 Annual return of "Form 35.1" for NBFTA under the "NB Companies Act"
4	2015/04/22	Peter McCue, DNR	NBFTA Executive	NB Scalers examination
5	2015/06/01	Peter Robichaud, CWF	NBFTA Executive	Collaboration for the 2015 CWF Fall Meeting
6	2015/11/03	France Roussel, NBFTA	INFOR	Email to INFOR to recommend CFT wording change to Sugar bush Funding Program criteria
7	2015/11/10	Jim Bowen, MCFT	Blair DeGrace, NBFTA	Forest Operations Advanced Diploma
8	2015/12/02	Thomas Bowmaster, MCFT	NBFTA Executive	MCFT Woodsmen's Team Sponsorship
9	2016/01/06	Blair DeGrace, NBFTA	NBFTA Executive	Nominations
10	2016/02/11	Todd MacPherson, NBFTA	NBFTA Executive	CWF Teachers Tour funding request
11	2016/02/25	CWF	NBFTA Executive	Invitation to exhibit and collaborate at CWF Spring Meeting
12	2016/03/07	Erin Gallagher/NBDNR	NBFTA Secretary	Annual confirmation of NBFTA Contact Information
13	2016/03/08	C. Finnamore/NBFTA	NBFTA Membership	Email notification of AGM date & location