

NEW BRUNSWICK FOREST TECHNICIAN'S ASSOCIATION

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NBFTA NEWS

2017 Annual General Meeting

All members take note! The 2017 NBFTA AGM is slated for 1 p.m., April 13, 2017 at the Delta Beausejour in Moncton. As in years past, it will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meeting. Attendance at the CWF event has been excellent the last few years, and hopefully 2017 will be the same!

Please make an effort to attend. This is a great time to renew old acquaintances, and take in some continuing education. The spring meeting always has a great line up of informative and interesting speakers, and 2017 should be no exception. It's also very important to the Association have a good turnout at our AGM – as a relatively small group, we need active members. There are still committee positions available –if you have an interest in helping out, contact any member of the executive. See you in the spring! CWF spring meeting registration details will be available soon at www.cwfcf.org

November Executive Meeting

The latest NBFTA executive meeting was held on November 16, 2016. In an effort to reduce travel time and cost for executive members, a conference call was held, and attendance/participation was good.

Items discussed included membership numbers, certification, the Azimuth newsletter, MCFT scholarships and the upcoming AGM. Also discussed were efforts to continue our ongoing collaboration with the RPF association.

Complete minutes of the meeting are available and can be viewed on the NBFTA website, www.nbfta.org.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Winter has certainly arrived here in much of New Brunswick, it seems. While I was hoping for another couple of weeks of milder weather, this should be well received by snowmobilers and those that make their living from snow ploughing.

Once again 2016 has been an active year for the NBFTA and the Executive. We are fortunate to have a full Executive Council of committed and devoted CFTs. Allie and Jonathan DeGrace and Claude Chiasson have agreed to head the Membership Committee and work towards engaging more technicians and technologists who are currently not members of our organization. I would recommend that anyone who has suggestions for the Membership Committee, or who would like to join their effort, to please reach out to one of them or another member of the Executive. Attached to the Azimuth is the NBFTA contact list including names, emails and phone numbers for all the Executive members. Please review this list and do not hesitate to reach to anyone you see there.

As I hope most members would know, the NBFTA gives out two scholarships each year for students enrolled in their second year at a recognized Forest Technician/Technologist Program. In the past years, the scholarship applications were typically due at the end of November; however, given the busy fall schedule of the students and those administering the scholarship, it was decided to move the application date to March 1st with the scholarship being awarded at the graduation ceremony. The scholarship application form and award criteria have been added to this publication. If you know someone attending a recognized Forest Technician/Technologist Program in their second year, please pass this information along. Even if they are in their first year, pass the information along for future reference.

The NBFTA and ARPFNB (The Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick) are looking to work together and improve relations between our two associations. The ARPFNB Executive has offered to provide NBFTA members the same discount rate for their CFE training opportunities that their own members receive. In response to this, the NBFTA has offered assistance in organizing and implementing these events. The ARPFNB also informed us that a review of their membership numbers has disclosed a continual growth for the past 3 years of an average of 20 new members /year.

Once again, this year's AGM will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum Spring Meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick on April 13, 2017. As we get closer to the date, please look for communications from the Executive as we prepare for the event, such as Tech of the Year (any inquiries or nominations on this should be sent to Blair Degrace).

On a final note, I was able to travel to Virginia earlier this fall for a few days of field work and then Wisconsin for a conference. While in Virginia I was able to measure some impressive hardwoods (mostly oaks) and some very clean and healthy beech. It is regrettable that our beech is no longer so healthy. I was also

able to see some very very large poison ively, and I'm quite happy it doesn't occur to the same extent where I live.



I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Start to the 2017 Year. As always, remember to take some time to enjoy the better things in life, and I hope to see you at the AGM in Moncton on April 13, 2017.

Best Regards,
Riley Côté-DeMerchant
CFT #139
NBFTA President

A WORD FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Season's greetings everyone,

Hopefully your snowshoes and sleds are all ready to go because that time is upon us. At this time of year, as we hear people comment on how beautiful the snow on the branches is, we can't help but shiver with the thoughts of snow down our backs and fogged up compasses.....but it's still awesome to get to go to the woods for a living.

Your NBFTA executive is busy working behind the scenes to ensure that the forest technicians of New Brunswick are well represented in our forestry community.

I wish you the very best holiday season with your friends and family, and I ask that when you think about your new year's resolutions, consider becoming more active in the association, it would really be great to see a few fresh faces on the executive in 2017.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours,
Allie DeGrace, CFT #100
NBFTA 1st Vice President

NBFTA Scholarship Information

NBFTA **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** **2nd YEAR STUDENT**

The New Brunswick Forest Technicians Association will award a \$500.00 scholarship annually to a worthy individual entering their second year at a recognized Forest Technician/Technologist Program.

The NBFTA secretary will be responsible for collecting the applications and presenting them to the executive at the spring meeting of each year.

Applications must be received by March 1st of each year to be considered for the scholarship, which will be awarded at the graduation ceremony.

The scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the executive of the NBFTA after reviewing all applicants who qualify for the award by meeting the following criteria.

CRITERIA:

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of New Brunswick
- Have graduated from a New Brunswick High School
- Include a cover letter describing why you are deserving of this scholarship

Applicants will be assessed based on:

- Previous academic work at high school or post-secondary school
- Extra-curricular and community involvement
- Letters of recommendation from former teachers and others who know them well.

Preference will be given to those applicants with direct family members who are NBFTA members in good standing.



NBFTA
Application for Scholarship



Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Family Member _____ Telephone _____
 (In NBFTA)

Education

Beginning with high school up to current:

Institution	Dates		Certificate, Diploma, or Degree (Received or Sought)	Major Field	Field of Study
	From	To			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Please attach a transcript of your most recent marks/grades)

Scholarships, awards, distinctions, honors received and other evidence of accomplishment or leadership

Activities in Volunteer / Extra Curricular Activities

Name of organization, club,

Group, committee, etc. Position Held Dates Duties

Letters of Reference

Please attach 2 letters of reference from a person who knows the candidate in an employment, educational, or volunteer setting and can judge his/her intention to pursue his/her education.

The letters should include the author's relationship to the applicant, and why they believe he/she should be awarded the scholarship.

Please mail completed application to:

NBFTA

Fredericton, NB
c/o NBFTA Secretary
1350 Regent Street
E3C 2G6

Or fax to: 356-4281 (Attention Blair DeGrace)

2016 Teachers Tour



This past August celebrated the 16th year of the Forests Worth Knowing-Atlantic Teachers' Tour. The two tours offered in both Miramichi, NB (English) and Kedgwick, NB (French) provided the opportunity for the forest industry to 'tell its story' to the 39 participating teachers from across the region. The 'hands-on' program provided educators with a better understanding of sustainable forest management, the application of science and research, resource and management planning, technology, how products that they use every day are manufactured, and insight to the many career opportunities that the industry provides.

The program provides a great benefit and value to the forest sector!

The tours are designed for teachers who teach or write curriculum for environmental studies, science, biology, global geography or related topics for all grade levels, and guidance counselors. Based on the positive feedback that has been received over the last 16 years from both teachers and supporters alike, it continues to be described as one of the 'best hands-on professional development programs of their career'.

The planning committee is indebted to the many companies and organizations that provided their generous support and time to make the 2016 program a huge success, a sincere thank you. Not to forget the sponsoring companies and organizations, and all of the great presentations from the numerous guest speakers throughout the program.

In addition, the success of the tour owes a great deal to the dedicated members of the planning committees: Bernie Daigle, Ken Bouchard, Yolanda Spithoven, Jeff Bishop, Ken Mayhew, Yves O'Brien, Daniel Gautreau, Anne LeBrun Ruff, Todd MacPherson, Claude Ouellet, Gabriel Leblanc, Daniel Soucy, Michel Caron, Jeff Levesque, Tara Croft and Peter Robichaud; all who contributed their enthusiasm and hard work to make it happen, great job!

Article excerpted from CWF November newsletter



Photos from the 2016 Teachers tour, courtesy of CWF newsletter.

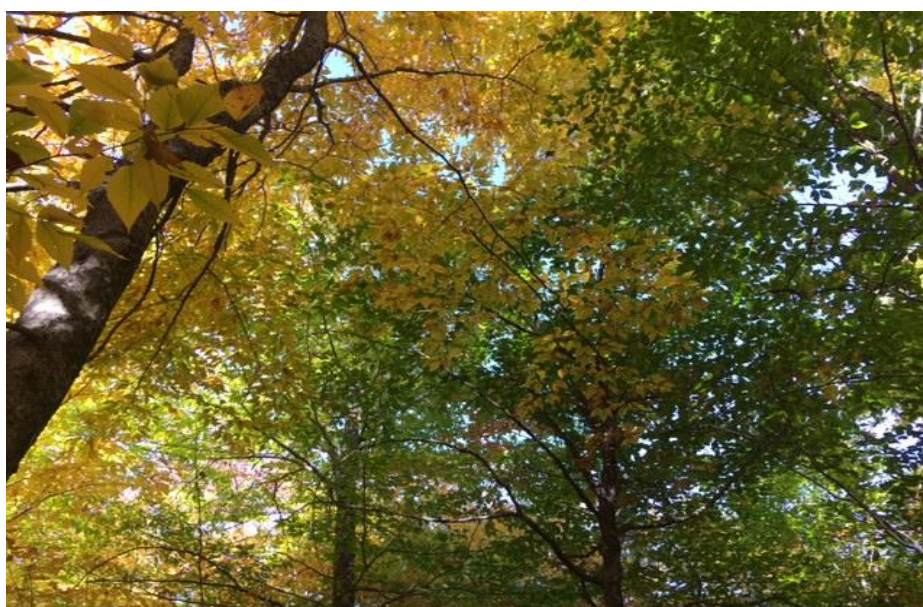
NHRI/CWF 2016 Fall Workshop

The Northern Hardwood Research Institute and the Canadian Woodland Forum joined forces on October 5-6 2016 to conduct a two day field workshop. Participants had a chance to learn about some of the recent advances in the field of hardwood management, and best management practices for management of quality hardwoods. The event was very well attended, and those who were there were treated to a couple of beautiful October days,

Day 1 had participants travelling onto crown License 9, where they were welcomed by Jamie Rossignol of Acadian Timber. The day was spent looking at some recent hardwood treatments carried out on License 9 (Twin Rivers License), under management of Acadian Timber. Participants were introduced to the NHRI Silviculture Prescription System, as well as a phone app created by the NHRI group to aid in applying the prescription system.

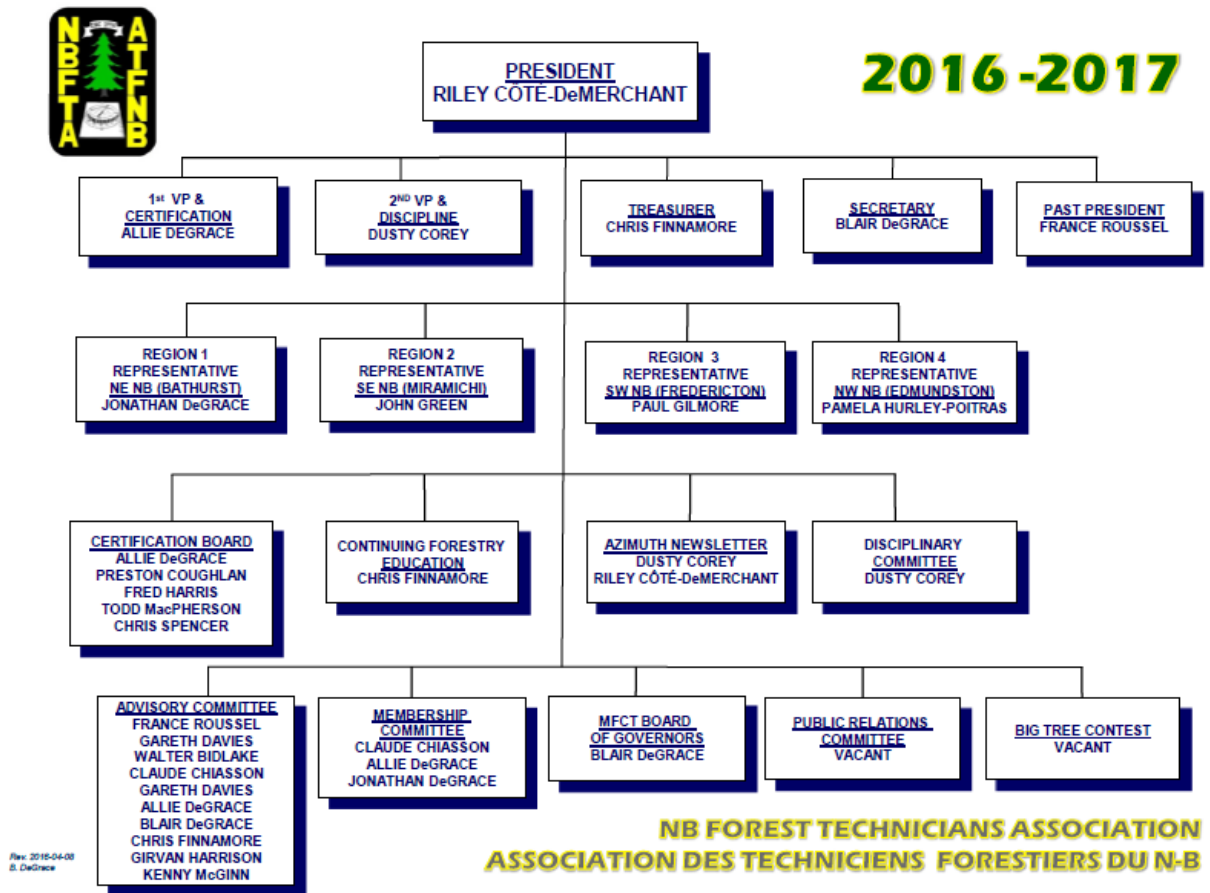
On day 2 the group travelled a bit to the south, and was welcomed onto JDI freehold at Black Brook by Michel Cyr. The day was spent touring past hardwood treatments, and discussions were centered on whether the goals of the original harvest were met. The theme for the day was dealing with "problem" stands – stands with a high component of less than desirable species, such as beech.

The two day event was very much a success, and participants were treated to a lot of good information, good meals and a nice setting, as the fall colors in northwest NB were starting to near their peak.





NBFTA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Henry Ford

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PARTING WORDS

Wow – another year has flown by in a whirlwind! As I write this, I am looking out the window at a white landscape, and thinking of the challenges the winter season thrusts upon us as forest technicians. It seems like only yesterday that I took my first trip to the spring woods, eagerly anticipating the summer to come! I can recall being told several years ago, that as one gets older, the hands on the clock and the pages of the calendar move quicker, and I certainly believe this to be true.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out with the Azimuth during the past year, and I will look forward to your continued assistance in 2017. Special thanks to Peter Robichaud , executive director of the Canadian Woodland Forum, who is always eager to help and contribute to the Azimuth. Also, happy holidays to all NBFTA members and their families, and the best of luck to everyone in the New Year!

Cheers

Dustin Corey, CFT #106



Winter has settled in across the New Brunswick landscape (photo D Corey).