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Presidents' Message



It is hard to believe that we are already three months into 2018 which means that Spring has officially arrived. I know many of you are itching to get out in the field with some warmer weather and snow free conditions.

The past three months have been a whirlwind of activities for the Association as we unite and align our Regulations with the new Legislation approved in December through Royal Assent and begin revising our Bylaws and updating our Policies to

ensure continuity. We are also working on a leaner more agile governance structure that adopts best practices and will make effective decision-making more efficient. We have not yet received a Proclamation date from the Government of Alberta but remain optimistic that it will happen this Fall.

It is my pleasure to introduce our new public members. Each of these outstanding representatives, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from a wide array of backgrounds. Their input has already been invaluable, and I am confident they will bring great ideas and advice to the Council table. Our new public members are:

Abby Adesanya
Jack Jones

Anil Nair
Marilyn Hooper

The past three months has also brought sad news with the recent passing of CAPFT Past President Mark Solkowski. As many of you know, Mark played an integral role in visioning the merge of the two Colleges under AAFMP. In addition to being a champion of change and a supporter of the Association, Mark was a highly experienced, knowledgeable and engaged member and a friend to so many of us. We shall miss Mark. Our thoughts remain with his family.

The Spring Regional Workshops are right around the corner. We have been busy finalizing speakers and completing the logistical details required to deliver excellent workshops. Based on the Conference Satisfaction survey and the more recent Spring Regional Workshop survey, the sessions were selected based on what you told us you wanted. [Registration](#) is open and the agendas have been posted. More information can be found in the newsletter.

2018 AAFMP Spring Regional Sessions

Edmonton, Thursday April 12

Edmonton Inn & Conference Center 11834 Kingsway Ave

Draft Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration and Networking
9:00 – 9:15 am	President's Update
9:15 – 9:30 am	Other Updates
9:30 – 10:15 am	<p>Now's the Time: Applying Innovation to the Challenges Facing the Forestry</p> <p>There has never been a more opportune time to apply innovative approaches to improve business performance. Investing in strategic and tactical approaches to deal with issues such as caribou, ILM, spatial data management, consultation, etc. will reap significant benefits in the future.</p>
<p>Silvacom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Ferguson Director of Business Development and Communications Zachary Cole Forest Resource and Business Analyst 	
10:15 – 10:30 am	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:15 am	<p>Indigenous Consultation Update</p> <p>Effective consultation is critical to the success of any major project. A key initiative of the Government of Alberta is to work with Indigenous, municipal and industry groups to create a new consultation framework that address all needs. The Government of Alberta will provide an overview of the process undertaken over the last year, the outcomes, the status and next steps.</p>
<p>Government of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawrence Aimoe, Executive Director 	
11:15 – Noon	<p>Understanding Woodland Water Crossings</p> <p>Understanding Woodland Water Crossings can be a complex undertaking. We have engaged experts who will help demystify this topic by sharing with you best practices from water course crossing compliance through to permitting and construction. They will do this by walking through the process using a case study of water course crossing reconstruction</p>
<p>WOLF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Patershuk Rene Villiger 	
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Networking
1:00 – 1:15pm	<p>Continuing Competence Program – Aligning for Amalgamation</p> <p>Since Receiving Royal Assent in December 2017, the Colleges have been working to combine duplicate programs under a single program that meets the needs of the members. Your Competence Chairs will share ideas and obtain your input toward creation of a new modified Continuing Competence program to meet the needs of all members.</p>
<p>Joint Chairs of the Competence Committee</p> <p>Pat Golec & Joel Cornish</p>	
1:15 – 2:00	<p>The Role of a Forest Professional in the Oil and Gas Sector</p>
<p>SUNCOR</p> <p>Lelaynia Wells</p>	
2:00 – 2:15	Networking Break
2:15 – 3:00	<p>Caribou Recovery Plan Update</p> <p>In December, the Government of Alberta released <i>Alberta's Approach to Achieve Caribou Recovery</i>. The Government has also hosted several consultation sessions that included industry, indigenous and municipal groups as well as the public. The Government will provide an overview of the process undertaken, the outcomes, the status and next steps.</p>
<p>Government of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia Chand George Duffy 	
3:00 – 4:00	<p>Fate, effects, and risk of herbicides used in the Canadian forestry industry</p> <p>In Canada, glyphosate comprises greater than 95% of the herbicide used in the forestry industry according to the National Forestry Database Program. Dr. Prosser will present information on the persistence and movement of glyphosate in ecosystems, along with its potential effects on flora and fauna in these ecosystems. Dr. Prosser will also present information on the risk of glyphosate to human health and the decision by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer to classify glyphosate as a probable human carcinogen (Group 2A) in 2015.</p>
<p>Dr. Ryan Prosser</p>	
4:00 pm	Close

Executive Director's Update

The official arrival of Spring also signals the end of the first quarter of the calendar year and it has indeed been a busy first quarter. The beginning of the year, saw us fully up and running in the new location. In January and February, we concentrated efforts on working with the Government of Alberta Labour Ministry and our Policy -Act-Regulation-Bylaw (PARB) Committee to align the Regulations with the new Legislation and create the Policy Development Document. This is a necessary first step toward drafting and ratifying the new Regulations. Once the Government approves the changes identified in the Policy Development Document, we move into the next phase which includes membership voting in principle and stakeholder consultation. We are also reviewing the Bylaws and Policies to identify any required changes.

Our first of two annual exam writings will be held in April. It is the first time that we will administer the Jurisprudence exam at our new location. Those who are required to write the exam have been notified since January and we have ensured that the study material was updated and made available online through the Forestry Commons.

We are also pleased with the progress made on our Exam Modernization initiative and we thank the Joint Professional Exam Committee for their commitment to the project. We have had presentations from both the Association of BC Forest Professionals and the Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta who shared their experiences as they transitioned from a manual to an online jurisprudence exam delivery format. They also demonstrated their online systems to us. We will most certainly learn from their successes and challenges as we move forward with this exciting initiative and we will benefit from their experiences. We are working with experts in the field of exam development and delivery to help guide us in the right direction.

Since January, we have been looking at alternatives on how we can best transition the existing College websites into a single AAFMP members website with the necessary back office functionality required. The current websites were built on older technology and we want to ensure that we take full advantage of the newest tools and technologies available today. The good news is that the timing coincides with the emergence of our new Association, and the focus will be to ensure that we deliver the best value to our members.

2018 is the first year in which our fiscal years fully align. Both Colleges' fiscal years run from July 1 – June 30. All members will receive their membership invoices in early April with a payment deadline of May 31.

There is still a significant amount of exciting work to be done operationally, to amalgamate the two Colleges into one. I am pleased to be working with an outstanding staff, Council and Committees who are all equally dedicated to fostering a united, inclusive and welcoming culture.

Please let us know if you are in the neighbourhood, we would be delighted to show you around the new office space.



Important reminder

Members are asked to please ensure that they log into their member page, review the information and ensure the following information is complete, accurate and current:

- Name
- Address
 - Home
 - Work
- Telephone
 - Home
 - Work
- Email
 - Home
 - Work
- Current Employment information

2018 AAFMP Spring Regional Sessions

Grande Prairie Wednesday April 18
Pomeroy Inn and Suites 11633 100 Street
Draft Agenda

Edson, Thursday April 19 (tentative)
Galloway Station Museum 223 55 Street
Draft Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 am	Registration and Networking
9:30 – 9:45 am	President's Update
9:45 – 10:00 am	Other Updates
10:00 – 10:45 am	Now's the Time: Applying Innovation to the Challenges Facing the Forestry
Silvacom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Ferguson BA, CGD Zachary Cole BScF, RPF 	There has never been a more opportune time to apply innovative approaches to improve business performance. Investing in strategic and tactical approaches to deal with issues such as caribou, ILM, spatial data management, consultation, etc. will reap significant benefits in the future.
10:45 – 11:00 am	Networking Break
11:00 – 11:45 am	Indigenous Consultation Update
Government of Alberta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurt Borzel, Consultation Advisor, Aboriginal Consultation Office Amanda Tangedal, Consultation Advisor, Aboriginal Consultation Office Tim MacDonald Glenn Sorensen 	Effective consultation is critical to the success of any major project. A key initiative of the Government of Alberta is to work with Indigenous, municipal and industry groups to create a new consultation framework that address all needs. The Government of Alberta will provide an overview of the process undertaken over the last year, the outcomes, the status and next steps.
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Suncor Lelaynia Wells	
2:00 – 2:15	Networking Break
2:15 – 3:00	Caribou Conservation through Better Cutblock Design
fRI Research Barry Nobert	<p>Beginning in 2018, through fRI Research, this project will investigate how cutblock design can be less favourable for deer, moose and elk.</p> <p>Converting old forest to early seral stands through forest harvesting turns good habitat for caribou into good habitat for moose, deer, and elk—and their predators. We will set up camera traps in cutblocks and fit deer with GPS collars to see how cutblock characteristics affect their use by deer. Managers can use this to design cutblocks with caribou conservation in mind.</p>
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WOLF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Patershuk Rene Villiger 	Understanding Woodland Water Crossings can be a complex undertaking. We have engaged experts who will help demystify this topic by sharing with you best practices from water course crossing compliance through to permitting and construction. They will do this by walking through the process using a case study of water course crossing reconstruction.
4:00 pm	Close

Presidents' Message continued

As the Colleges move forward in their amalgamation under unified legislation, regulation, bylaw, policy and operations, it is also necessary to align the various programs and activities that were independent in the past. The Continuing Competence Programs are vital examples of two independent programs that must be aligned for consistency and to benefit from efficiencies without having a deleterious impact on members, the association and the public. Our Joint Chairs have been working together to align these programs and we look forward to your feedback at the upcoming Spring Regional Workshops. The draft revised Program has been posted on the AAFMP website and you may also forward your feedback via [email](#). Please indicate CC program in the subject field.

As part of our commitment to open and transparent governance, we continue to post the [Summary Notes of Joint Council](#) so that you can review the activities undertaken at Council.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be asked to vote in principle on newly aligned Regulations as well as Bylaws. It took much effort and patience to finally get where we are with a new unified organization recognized in Legislation, but we have the momentum and the finish line is in sight. While there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done over the next few years, I am confident that AAFMP will be able to deliver the kind of value to members, the public and stakeholders necessary to ensure success and sustainability well into the future.

Events

Save the date

CIF/IFC National Conference & AGM

Grande Prairie
September 18-20

2018 Forest Forum Canadian Institute of Forestry

Maple Leaf Room, Lister Centre,
University of Alberta, Edmonton
April 24-25



Legislative Update

AAFMP has been working with Alberta Labour to amend the Regulations so that they align with the new Legislation. In the coming weeks and months, members will be asked to vote, in principle on both the amended Regulations and revised Bylaws. Additionally, the Government will engage stakeholders to invite their comments. These activities are vital to establishing a Proclamation date – determined by the GoA. The Proclamation date establishes the date for which the new Act, Regulation and Bylaws come into effect. AAFMP is working with the Government and is optimistic for a fall Proclamation date.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Deputy Minister Parr - April
- Deputy Minister Pickering - April

On the move:

Effective March 21, cabinet appointed Andre Corbould as Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry. Mr. Corbould was previously Deputy Minister for Environment and Parks. Eric Denhoff was appointed Deputy Minister of environment and parks. Mr. Denhoff was previously Deputy Minister responsible for the climate change office. His new role encompasses both portfolios (environment and parks and the

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Feature article

We would like to publish a feature article in our Quarterly Newsletter. Our hope is that you, our members, will write and submit timely and relevant articles by the end of April, May, August, November so that we can publish your article and share it with your colleagues. Writing an article also counts toward your Continuing Competency Credits so it's win-win all around. Please submit a 500 word max. article to wendy@AAFMP.ca.



Legislative Update

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climate change office). Beverly Yee was made Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Relations. Ms. Yee was previously Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry.

Question Period:

During the Day 6 of the 29th Legislature Fourth Session, much discussion centered on the Caribou Recovery Strategy. Following consultations where industry and communities expressed concerns about the impacts of range planning, the Government of Alberta is suspending consideration of conservation lands and some aspects of range planning pending a full socioeconomic analysis.

The Government of Alberta has written to the federal government requesting that they:

1. Partner with the GoA on a socioeconomic impact study
2. Assist with an infusion of federal funds for habitat restoration
3. Listen to the Alberta delegation to discuss the matter more fully

AAFMP Congratulates the 2018 University of Alberta Forestry Graduating Class



AAFMP President and Chair of the Joint Council, Ryan Hee was pleased to toast the University of Alberta Forestry 2018 Graduating Class. President Hee reflected on his own experiences, imparted some words of wisdom as the students embark on their career path and noted that there has been an increase in the number graduates in recent years, signalling a renewed interest in the profession. AAFMP was delighted to be on hand to support the students.



Continuing Competence Committee

The Joint Continuing Competence Committee has been hard at work harmonizing the two respective Continuing Competence Programs under one program for all members in anticipation of Proclamation.

The Committee has developed a proposed new program that strikes a balance between the diligence of the current program with some simplification to benefit the membership. The proposed changes were made with a focus to ensure an appropriate level of rigour is maintained and that Practice Standards and protection of the public are not compromised.

Please review the [draft](#) and provide any comments [via email](#) by April 30. An opportunity for providing feedback will also be made available at the upcoming Spring Regional Workshops.