

**ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010**  
*Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*Festival Hall, Pembroke ON*

**1) Call To Order**

President Carl Corbett called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. noting that this was the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.

**2) Notices, Members and Proxies**

He noted that the meeting was properly constituted to proceed:

- Notice of the Meeting was published in the Professional Forester Newsletter and separately distributed to all Members at least 30 days before the meeting;
- The Registrar confirmed there were 46 self-identified Members in attendance and 59 proxies have been received; A Total of 40 were required.

**3) President's Remarks**

President Carl welcomed Members, noted that guests were welcome, though only members were entitled to vote during the meeting.

He noted that an agenda and the Annual Report for the previous fiscal year with all reports and the audited financial statements were posted on the Website for Members and printed agenda and Annual Reports were available at the meeting. All reports to be considered were in the Annual Report with page numbers referenced on the agenda.

Past-President David Milton had taken the lead in a complete updating of our by-laws, assisted by the Registrar & our Regulatory lawyers. In 2007, we voted by mail on by-law changes resulting in many more members being involved. Council proposed to take the same approach this year. David would lead a review of th by-laws at the meeting,

In order to adjourn by 5:30, so Members would have time to prepare for dinner and get to the other location, and to let David do his work, to deal properly with any resolutions and to allow you to ask questions of Bob Elliott, Chair of our Competency Support Committee, Carl wouldl be asking for a blanket motion to adopt all reports, rather than deal with them individually. However, if any Member had reason they wish to explain, the meeting could separate any report for a separate vote.

**4) In Memoriam**

The President read the names of the 13 members who we had passed away since the last Annual Meeting or whose death we had learned about since then, then asked for a moment of silence in their memory:

**Thomas Ballantyne**

**George Bailey**

**Ted Dupuis**

**Bill Fullerton**

**George Garner**

**Bill Hall**

**S Conn Howe**

**Fred Jackson**

**John Lambie**

**Malcolm McLean**

**Neeta Nathwani**

**George Sinclair**

**Glenn Whitelock**

President Carl then noted the death of a past Member of note: **Willem (Bill) Morsink**.

**5) Recognition of New Members:**

President Carl asked any in attendance who had joined OPFA since the 2009 AGM, to stand and introduce themselves, however none were present

**6) Approval of Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting**

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President Carl noted that the minutes had been posted in draft on the website and were in the printed annual report.

**Motion:** Moved by Mike Willick RPF; Seconded by Rob Galloway, RPF: "that the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting be approved as presented"

**Carried**

**7) 2009 Resolution Update:**

Two resolutions were passed at the 2009 AGM and subsequently considered by Council. Carl noted that the wording of the resolutions is in the minutes and as customary, reported on Council's action on these matters.

**"Res 2009-1: Electronic Seal**

*Moved by Dave Legg, RPF #1572    Seconded by Susan Jarvis, RPF #1294*

*Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources forest management planning process now requires electronic submission of Forest Management Plans, Annual Work Schedules, Annual Reports, Forest Operation Prescriptions, Revisions and Amendments, etc.; and*

*Whereas the forest industry is evolving to centralized forest management planning, the OPFA should proceed to allow the use of electronic RPF and Associate RPF seals,*

*Be it resolved that Council give consideration to conditions applicable for the use of an electronic seal and any relevant control methods, such as, but not limited to:*

- *A "Delegation of Use" form must be signed by both the R.P.F. and the user of the electronic seal,*
- *Electronic seal must include the statement:*

*" This electronic seal is applied with approval of the R.P.F.,.*

- *Electronic seal must be accompanied by an electronic signature of the R.P.F.,*
- *Electronic seal must be in a secure document format, such as PDF or JPG.*
- *Foresters remain responsible for the use of their seal".*

*After brief discussion, a vote was called and the resolution was **Carried"***

This matter arose in connection with the electronic filings for Crown Land Forest Management processes and council referred the matter to the Crown Lands Forestry Committee. They consulted the author of the resolution and MNR, considered work by other professions and, through several drafts, developed a brief clarification to our current "Use of Seal" Guide and drafted a new Practice Bulletin #9 on this specific topic. We expected that it would be issued early this year, but we had neglected to consider Private Lands Forestry implications and the bulletin was delayed, while that Committee worked on some clarifying wording. The Bulletin was approved at the Council meeting the previous morning and will be posted and issued.

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As some would recall, there was significant discussion on a second resolution put forward by Tom Griffiths, seconded by Bob Elliott. President Carl noted final approval of the resolution as amended on the recommendation of Dave McGowan and Mike Willick

***"Resolution 2009-02: Advocacy on Misinformation (as amended)***

*Whereas* *sustainable forest management practiced in Ontario provides well paying jobs, improves forest health and sequesters carbon dioxide, and*

*Whereas* *there are numerous well funded organizations lobbying against sustainable forest management in Ontario*

*Whereas* *two resolutions (2007-1 and 200 7-5) were approved at the OPPA AGM in 200 respecting advocacy, and*

*Whereas* *The Professional Foresters Act. 2000. under Object 7 documents the promotion of public awareness of the role of the Association and to communicate with the public on behalf of its members.*

*Be it resolved that Council give consideration to implementing an advocacy program to respond in a timely manner by correcting misinformation in public statements concerning sustainable forest management and/or professional forestry (reactive), and*

*in addition, Council should consider opportunities to move to a more active role in advocacy.*

***Carried"***

Council considered this resolution at its June 2009 meeting and the Members' sentiments were reflected in the strategic plan statement issued subsequently. 2 of the 5 objectives set out in that plan deal with advocacy matters and encompass the two thrusts of the resolution:

Objective #3: POLICY ENGAGEMENT

To take a proactive role in the development of forest policy in Ontario as it relates to the practice of forestry by members of the OPFA.

Objective #4: PROFILE

To increase the public's recognition of the roles of OPFA and its Members throughout Ontario.

In the former connection, OPFA efforts on Tenure and Pricing were the strongest issue, but Carl also mentioned meetings last month with each of our Ministers: MNR and MNDMF, which were devoted in part to concerns about species at risk legislation and the related processes.

On the latter part of the resolution, which fits well within objective 4: Profile, Council decided to place the responsibility with the Executive Committee to respond to any "misinformation in public statements" that were brought to the associations attention by Members, though subsequently no Members raised such issues. Council also struck a task group of Councillors to look at communications more broadly and they were still meeting.

**8) Receiving reports:** President asks for a motion

**Motion:** Moved by Caroline Mach RPF; Seconded by Paul Poschman RPF -- "that the following reports be received as presented in the Annual Report":

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| a) President's Report                           | <i>page 6</i>  |
| b) Report of Registrar & Executive Director     | <i>page 7</i>  |
| c) Registration Committee                       | <i>page 11</i> |
| d) Recognition and Awards                       | <i>page 13</i> |
| e) Editorial Board                              | <i>page 16</i> |
| f) Website Committee                            | <i>page 17</i> |
| g) Competency Support Committee                 | <i>page 18</i> |
| h) Private Lands Forestry Committee             | <i>page 20</i> |
| i) Crown Lands Forestry Committee               | <i>page 21</i> |
| j) Urban Forestry Committee                     | <i>page 22</i> |
| k) Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board (CFAB) | <i>page 24</i> |
| l) Finance and Audit Committee                  | <i>page 30</i> |

**Carried**

**9) Auditors Report & Financial Statements**

*pages 31-41.*

The President called for a motion –

**Motion:** Moved by Bob Burgar RPF; Seconded by Jack Harrison RPF -- "that the Auditor's opinion and Financial Statements for the year ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be received".

**Carried**

### **10) Appointment of Association Auditor For The Year Ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The President called for a motion –

**Motion:** Moved by Greg Pawson RPF; Seconded by Bill Murphy RPF -- “that Ed Girardi C.A. be appointed as Auditor for the Association for the year ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011”

**Carried**

President Carl drew Members attention to pages 42 and 43 in the annual Report, featuring sponsors for the Fall Seminars and for last year’s Annual Conference and their contribution was recognized.

### **11) Ratification of Actions of Council**

The President called for a motion –

**Motion:** Moved by Jim McCready RPF; Seconded by Lorne Riley, RPF -- “that all acts, contracts, By-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Council and officers of the Association since the last Annual meeting of the Association to the date hereof, as the same are set out or referred to in the minutes of the Council, or in the financial statements submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved, sanctioned and confirmed”

**Carried**

### **12) Fee Schedule:**

The President noted that the proposed revised Fee schedule was developed by the Finance & Audit Committee and approved by Council. It was distributed with the Notice of Meeting and was published in the March Professional Forester. While there were changes for administrative costs, including late payment charges, the Annual Fees for 2011 would remain unchanged from 2004, except to reduce Student Membership to zero.

The President then called for a motion.

**Motion:** Moved by David Milton RPF; Seconded by Susan Jarvis RPF -- “that the Revised Fee Schedule as fixed by Council be ratified for the next year.”

**Carried**

### **13) Resolutions**

The President noted that Frank Knaapen RPF and Peter Nitschke RPF had been asked to collect Resolutions, and one was received. Peter read the resolution and the Seconder, Trena Allen RPF, spoke briefly in favour of it. It was noted that the OPFA submission to the Tenure and Pricing Review dealt with the topic. President Carl then called for the vote on their Resolution:

#### **“Res 2010-1:**

Moved: Peggy Smith      Seconded: Trena Allen

“Whereas the practice of professional forestry is influenced by the nature of tenure; and whereas new forms of tenure may promote sustainable forest management; and whereas community forests are a viable tenure option;

Be it resolved that Council give consideration to:

- recommending to Ontario that tenure be reformed to include options for community forestry, including special measures for Aboriginal tenures based on negotiations with local communities to develop models appropriate to local conditions; and further
- to recommend consultation with local communities in the implementation of tenure reform.

**Passed** (substantially, with 4 opposed and 11 abstaining)

#### **14) Ontario Professional Forestry Foundation**

- A written report from OPFF President Paul McAlister was provided as an information item.

#### **15) Revised by-laws**

At the President's request, Past President David Milton review the highlights of the proposed by-laws, sent to all Members and available at the meeting, noting that Member questions and suggestions would be welcomed through May and committed to a conference call if required.

David acknowledged the extensive assistance of our regulatory solicitor, Richard Steinecke, who has knowledge of difficulties encountered by other regulatory bodies. Richard had raised some concerns that would be significant to members and have been deferred to allow more consultation: e.g. Standards of Practice (Article 13); Membership implications if not practicing; status of a suspended Member. He also noted a planned review of the associate Member category.

Among the matters noted:

1. Matters dealt with in the Act and not specifically authorized by it as by-laws are removed. Where needed for context, relevant quotations from the Act are included in footnotes.
2. New sections are added dealing with internal procedural matters that, while not encountered to date by OPFA, have caused difficulties for other regulatory colleges and/or help support public trust. For instance, expectations for Councillors are expanded and extended to committee members.
3. Some "housekeeping changes are made e.g. flexibility for the location of the office; correcting a process for dealing with RPFs from other Provinces on temporary work in Ontario and some matters approved at previous Annual General Meetings (revised longevity requirement for Life Membership; requirement for "internship" as Provisional Member, while gaining required post-graduation experience.
4. The new certification standards (from the Inclusivity project) are included along with phasing out the older subject based academic standards and changes reflecting requirements or expectations under the recent "Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act" and the new "Ontario Labour Mobility Act "
5. The developing Competency support elements, as discussed at the last three AGMs and Fall Seminars, are outlined publically. Note however, that the bylaw provides Council the formal authority to continue to stage implementation as previously committed and to specify process details.

Following his review there were no questions and the call for input was repeated.

**16) Update on Competency Support Committee**

President Carl noted the draft guide that had been available at the registration table and that *Bob Elliott*, RPF, Committee Chair was present and prepared to answer questions. There were none.

**17) Other Business**

The President inquired whether there was any other business for discussion; there was none.

**18) 2011 Annual Conference**

Carl then announced that Timmins was under active consideration for the 2011 Conference.

**19) Acknowledgements 2011 Annual conference**

He then acknowledges the support of sponsors and exhibitors in difficult times, acknowledging particularly the support of the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corp, the Provincial Ministries and the Federal Government. He noted the excellent organization and hard work of the volunteers on the 2009 Annual Conference Committee and their on-site volunteer assistance:

<b>Jeff Muzzi, Associate</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Frank Knaapen, RPF</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Danny Janke, Associate</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Bob Craftchick, RPF</b>	
<b>Steve D'eon, RPF</b>	
<b>Dean Johnson, RPF</b>	
<b>Jeff Leavey, Associate</b>	
<b>Peter Nitschke, RPF</b>	
<b>David Lemkay</b>	<i>(Canadian Forestry Association)</i>
<b>Nancy Young</b>	<i>(Potential member)</i>
Amy Baker	<i>(AFA, Pembroke)</i>
Cory Simpson	<i>(Student)</i>
Mo Mullally	<i>(Student)</i>
Leighton Winter	<i>(Student)</i>

**19) Adjournment**

The President called for concurrence that the 2010 Annual General Meeting be adjourned".

**Carried**

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