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A Day in the Life of Office Paper

The Working Forest Staff



A day in the life of office paper is a true story, written by the Working Forest newspaper to show the need for the forest industry and government services to provide better information about Canada's forest. The lack of information about Canada's forest is eroding every facet of Canada's productivity.

Eva prints out huge amounts of bond paper at one of Canada's biggest and most prestigious law firms. Every day Eva works on the tenth floor of a busy urban setting checking formats and details. The only way she is satisfied is to see the material in final printout. That requires a few hundred pages to review daily, for the backup to some of Canada's most critical legal cases. Eva faces a daily onslaught of criticism from her coworkers in doing her job and spending about a dollar a day on paper.

Eva began her law career at a small firm, specializing in criminal law, then two years

suings major corporations around the world for non-payment in major construction cases. Now she earns just as much at the administration level smoothing out data transmissions and communication issues.

Eva grew up in a forestry town, in a forest contractor family. The bigger the harvest the better. Her university years were paid without having to bear the debt of student loans. The harvest came from her family's three generations of forest operations and a century of forest growth and yield in the same northern township. She watched the chip pile at the mill and 300 log trucks a day lumbering past her high school. She helped load boxes of seedlings from cold storage in the spring. Everyone worked hard and the pay was good.

During her university days in Ottawa Eva listened to her peers disgust at tree harvesting. Eva didn't spend time debating the issues. She would have no friends at all she said if she disagreed with their environmental agendas. Instead she practiced tolerance. After all, she said, she learned the tolerance of that mistaken environmental

viewpoint from listening to her high school teachers.

Now in her urban high-rise of lawyers, she suffers daily derision from her co-workers as the hundreds of sheets of paper are delivered to her desk for review. Eva knows that the daily cost of those 200 sheets of paper is about \$1.00. The value of that 1.00, in the scheme of importance to her employer, a prestigious national law firm, is incalculable.

To do her job properly Eva shrugs off the derision of her coworkers declaration that the forest is disappearing with her paper use. She knows they are completely mistaken in their urban myths. Her work is not about reassuring her colleagues. Her work is about getting the job done properly for the least cost and she has no guilt about using paper. Paper is critical to getting the job done properly. The forest is renewing brilliantly and Eva is part of the efficiency of Canada's business success and the forest industry products.

Practice Bulletins

The Forestry Practice Committees are reviewing all bulletins, which will be issued to all Members and posted, revised or confirmed, as changes are approved by Council. "Enclosed" with this issue of *The Professional Forester* are one confirmed, modified and one new bulletin. Please replace the bulletins in your OPFA binders.

Have you ever wondered what you can do to support the OPFA?

The OPFA functions because of the volunteer contributions of its members who serve on the Association's many Committees.

Have you considered volunteering some of your time to an OPFA Committee? Would you like to participate but are concerned about lengthy time commitments and travel?

The Editorial Board of *The Professional Forester* may meet your requirements and we are eagerly looking for additional members. Editorial Board members work remotely. Twice yearly we meet by conference call to determine the upcoming themes for each issue. Editorial Board members are expected to solicit articles in support of each theme. The work is rewarding and requires only a small contribution of your time. If you are interested in joining the Board please contact the Chair, Matthew Benson, at matthew.benson@ontario.ca.

Understanding Public Perception of Forest Management

summary prepared by
Matthew Benson, R.P.F.



In 2008, author Sylvia Welke wrote an article for the Sustainable Forest Management Network titled *Understanding Public Perception of Forest Management*.

substantially.

At the conclusion of the article, the author provides six management recommendations that are useful reminders for all forest practitioners when dealing with the public:

In the article, the author highlights three key lessons:

- Understanding public perspectives and the factors that influence them can assist managers in better communicating and sharing their forest management objectives and plans.
- Public perspectives are influenced by demographics, geographic location, education, and interpretation of information.
- When local citizens are able to provide an advisory role in forest management decisions, acceptance of industry or government management increases
- Engage the public. A clear process and fair consideration of stakeholder opinion are essential if forest management decisions are to be accepted by stakeholders, particularly if they do not personally agree with the decision.
- Manage visual impacts. Forest management activities that are more favourably perceived by the public should be considered, particularly in recreation and high-visibility areas.
- Get people on-side. Residents of forestry-dependent communities usually have a more positive perception of forest management than those from
- urban centres. This presents an opportunity for joint fact-finding and building long-term community support.
- Education programs can be important but they are not the only solution. Field-based presentations and one-on-one discussions can be useful for gaining trust and fostering a true feeling of engagement.
- Provide balanced information. Changes in forestry practices may be more positively perceived by the public if accompanied by credible information about the benefits of the new practice.
- Stay in touch. Continual monitoring of the public's attitude is necessary if the forest industry and forestry policy makers seek to be favourably perceived, and want to better develop their management plans and public awareness programs.

Lakehead Forestry and the Forest Environment is now the Faculty of Natural Resources Management

New Faculty Name Reflects Mission to Meet Modern-Day Forestry Challenges

Lakehead University's Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment is pleased to announce it has changed its name to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management. The Faculty has also restructured its undergraduate programming. Both changes have been approved by Senate and are effective immediately.

Dr. Ulf Runesson, the Faculty's Interim Dean, says the change reflects the right direction at this point in time. "Our new name better describes our mission to meet related challenges and opportunities, such as adapting to climate change, responding to new economic realities for Ontario, and engaging a more informed and motivated public in the stewardship of Ontario's significant forest estate."

As part of this initiative, the Faculty has aligned two undergraduate Honours degrees – a new degree in Environmental Management and a restructured Science in Forestry degree. Both degree options have a five-year Co-op choice. They also share a common curriculum for the first two years to ensure students receive a sound foundation in sciences, humanities, social sciences, and natural resources management. After the first two years, students will have sufficient information to choose a specialization based on their interests. There are six specializations to choose from – three within each degree. To ensure that all students appreciate the decision-making process on forested lands, they will now all come together in their last two semesters for policy and management courses.

2009 ABCFP Public Opinion Poll Results

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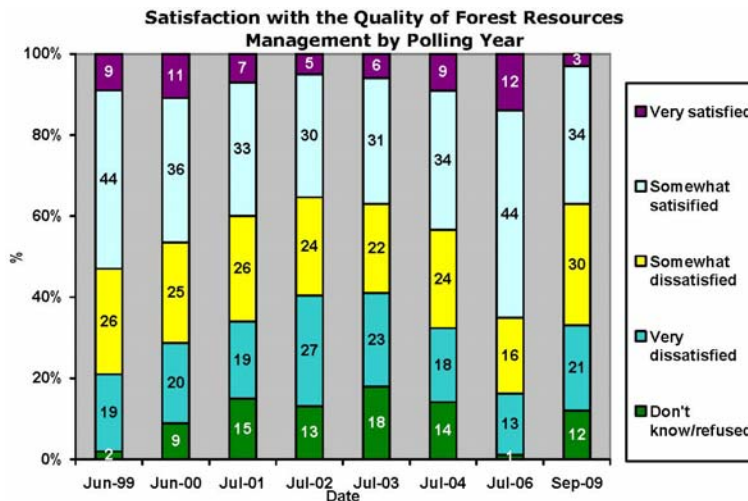
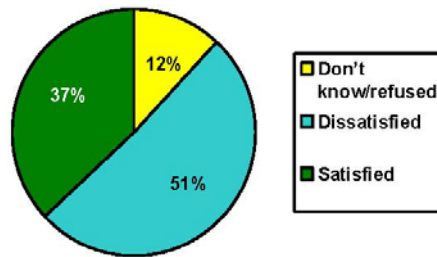
Introduction

The results from the ABCFP forestry poll provide some clues about the way BC's public (our most important stakeholder) view forestry professionals and forest management in the province and may help to guide future strategic planning by the association. Data was gathered during September 2009 from 572 people throughout the province. Results are considered to be 95% accurate (by +/- 4.1%, 95 times out of 100). That means that we can be 95% sure that the results garnered from this survey are accurate within 4.1%.

Quality of Forest Resources Management in BC

Over one-third of British Columbians (37%) are satisfied (somewhat satisfied 34% and very satisfied 3%) with the quality of forest resources management in BC today. This is the lowest level of satisfaction reported in the association's public opinion polling since 2002. These results indicate a generally negative impression and leaves room for improvement as 51% of British Columbians are dissatisfied.

Satisfaction with the Quality of Forest Resources Management in BC (2009)



Those aged 18 to 44 (44%) are more satisfied than those 45 or older (33%). Conversely, respondents 65 or older (60%) are more dissatisfied than those under 65 (50%).

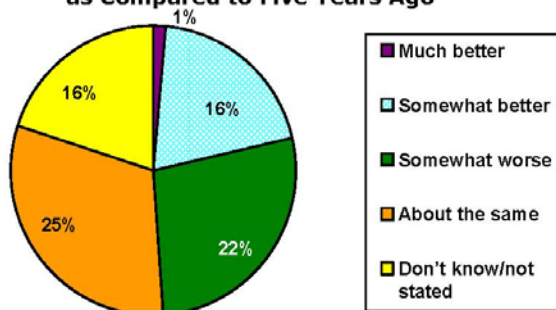
Quality of BC Forest Management Then and Now

When asked about the quality of forest resources management in BC as compared to five years ago, almost half of respondents (42%) felt that the quality had decreased while one-quarter of respondents (25%) felt the quality was same and 17% felt it had improved.

Younger respondents were more likely than older respondents to perceive no difference in the quality of BC's forest resources management.

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Perceived Quality of BC Forest Management as Compared to Five Years Ago

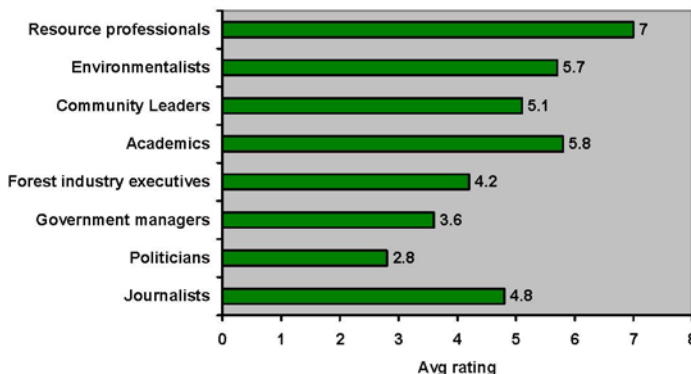


Trustworthiness of Resource Professionals

Resource professionals (including Foresters, Forest Technologists, Biologists, Engineers, Geoscientists and Agrologists) are the most trusted source of information about BC's forest resources. This result is consistent with the 2006 survey.

Those living in urban areas gave resource professionals an average score of 7.1 out of 10 on the trustworthy scale while rural residents gave an average score of 6.2.

Trustworthiness of Various Groups (Average rating out of 10)



When breaking down the group of resource professionals further, it was found that Registered Professional Foresters were perceived as the most trusted (22%). Biologists placed second (16%) and Registered Forest Technologists (12%) placed third.

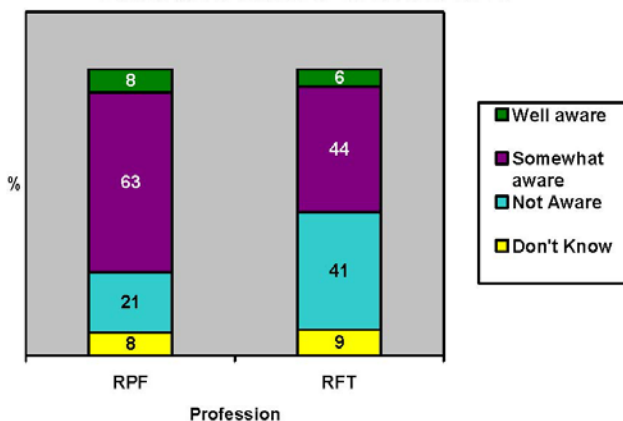
As compared to 2006, the trustworthiness level of Registered Professional Foresters remained the same while the trustworthiness level for Registered Forest Technologists increased by almost 50% (from 7% to 12%).

Public Awareness

While the majority of BC residents are aware (well aware and somewhat aware) of what a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) is (71%), less are aware of what a Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) is (49%). Those living in rural areas (70%) are more aware of both professions than those living in urban areas (58%). Furthermore, awareness of RPFs and RFTs increases with age from 39% among those 18 to 24 to 66% among those 65+.

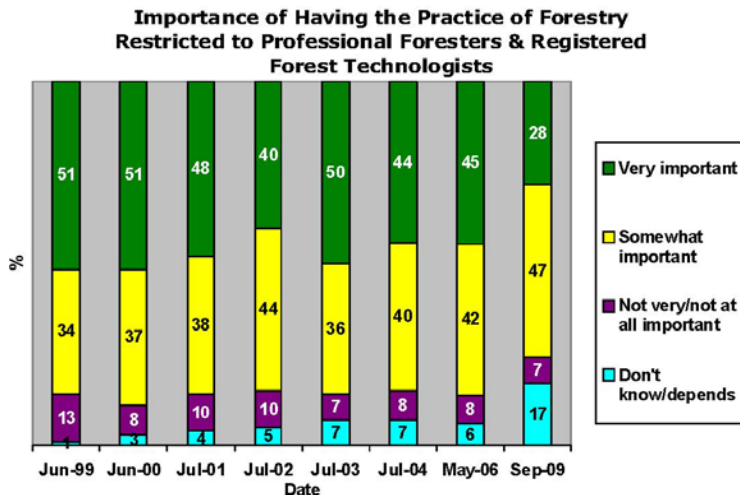
The flipside of these results indicate that 21% of BC residents are not aware of what a Registered Professional Forester is. The responses for Registered Forest Technologists are also poor with 41% of respondents not aware of what a Registered Forest Technologist is. These results are similar to those in 2006 and indicate a continuing need to increase the public's awareness of forestry professions.

Public Awareness of RPFs and RFTs



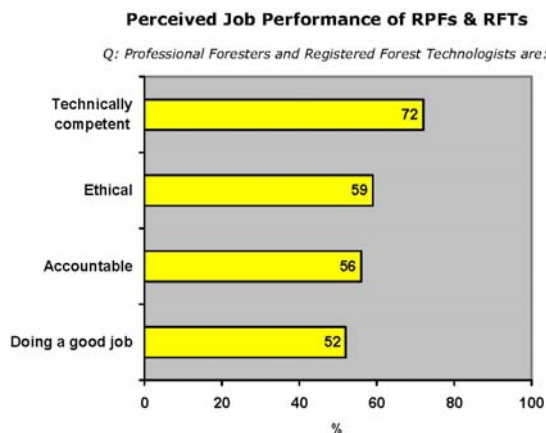
Restricting the Practice of Forestry to RPFs & RFTs

A majority of BC residents (75%) think that it is important to have the practice of forestry restricted to registered professional foresters and registered forest technologists. This result is consistent with previous polling results.



Perceived Job Performance

To answer the question of how Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists are doing in terms of job performance in the eyes of BC residents, several questions were asked. The results show that BC residents believe RPFs and RFTs are performing well with the majority agreeing that RPFs and RFTs are technically competent, ethical in their decision making, accountable for their actions and doing a good job managing BC's forests.

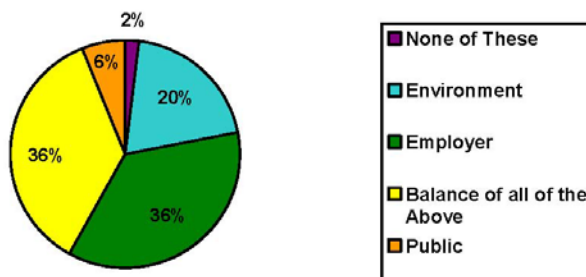


Those aged 45 or over give higher ratings of job performance (55% agree that forest professionals are doing a good job) as compared to those 44 and under (47% agree that forest professionals are doing a good job).

Decision-Making When Faced With a Conflict Between Interests

When asked how forest professionals would deal with decision-making when faced with a conflict between interests, about one-third (36%) felt that forest professionals would choose to balance the needs of their employers, the public and the environment. The same amount of respondents (36%) felt that forest professionals would follow the directives of their employers, while 20% felt forest professionals would do what's best for the environment.

Decision-making with Conflicting Interests
Q: When faced with a conflict of interests, do you believe forest professionals would choose...



2010 Conference Report

Steve D'Eon, R.P.F.
with notes from Steve UHler,
Pembroke Observer



The OPFA Annual Meeting opened in Pembroke with history, logging, milling, and old-growth forests. The meeting closed with a sustained call for foresters to become engaged in issues and no longer sit silently on the sidelines while others grab the agenda. This year's theme was Community Forests: Practicing Forestry in Front of 13 Million People and was held April 14-16 in Pembroke.

The view from the conference floor was; although Renfrew is storied in logging history, the past has gone by and foresters need to move from the woods to in front of the public eye. No longer is it acceptable to allow others to grab the forestry agenda. Professional foresters are the most qualified people to deal with balancing the complex issues modern forest management requires yet we have let others take the leadership role.

Following on last year's tenure reform theme, this year a Hot Stove session asked 'Who should be in charge of Ontario's forests?'; the Crown? Private? Professionals? Aborigines? or Local Governance?

Tom Moore arguing for the Crown noted that only the Crown has the best interest of all the people in its mandate and only the Crown has the depth of resources needed to undertake the complexities of modern forest management.

Peter Nitschke, arguing professionals should be in charge, took a different tact: "Is there any question professionals need to be in charge?" he asked. "If you need open heart surgery, you'd want a heart surgeon to perform it, not a proctologist." Mr. Nitschke said it does take many parties to manage a forest -landowners, biologists, foresters, forest operators -but overseeing it should be a professional forester. "He'd be the best one to co-ordinate all of these needs," he said.

Brian Anderson, speaking for local governance, believes municipalities, such as at the county level are best situated to promote and protect local community interests. Whenever bigger interests such as corporations and the provincial government get involved, they tend to sacrifice the little guy for wider concerns.

Henry Lickers, speaking for aboriginal

interests has a different approach. Henry says his people feel the forest doesn't need help, as it can manage itself. It is when people try to manage it that problems arise. "The forests are already in charge of themselves, we're just borrowing from them," Mr. Lickers said, "and I don't think we've done a very good job of it." He said efforts should be made to foster a culture of responsibility, and to stop using the forest for short term gains at the risk of losing it forever.

Wade Knight, speaking for Private Woodlots would like the province to recognize the importance of working more closely with private forest owners, rather than just regulating them into a corner. He suggested woodlot owners be consulted more effectively before new regulations are put in place, including better consideration of the economic impacts, and more flexibility be added to the enforcement of regulations, so it is used less as a stick.

Although moderator Judy Skidmore declared no clear winner, the audience won simply by participating in a timely, relevant, and controversial debate.

Steve Scheers took the stage and his call to engage was more direct and the consequences to the Association of not becoming involved made clear. Steve challenged the audience that they were the best qualified people but, by being on the sidelines, had lost the forestry agenda. Steve pointed out that the Weed Inspectors in Southern Ontario were better organized and had more impact than foresters. Steve believes the Association, and thus its members, are fast becoming irrelevant in the South and need to get out, speak out, and provide credible factual opinion on forestry issues.

Leo Hall provided perspectives from a private land owner/business that exists via harvesting his land. Leo explained how MFTIP was a beneficial program but other government initiatives are quickly creating a business environment that will lead to closure. In his opinion these programs are indicative of the fact that well-managed forest land is not on the agenda; the legislation is driven by other interests.

Conference co-chair Jeff Muzzi closed the meeting with a well worded call to arms. "A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are for," Jeff noted. He said foresters need to get out and speak to the public; the

Boy Scouts, schools, Rotary Clubs; never turn down a chance to speak Jeff pleaded. Look what is happening to us on the policy front Jeff challenged. We have the best managed forests in the world yet we are critiqued from many sides. "Forest management from only one point of view – whether it is economics, biology, habitat protection, or any other single approach – does not work. Foresters are 'generalists' – that is, they work with the economic, environmental and social aspects of forest management. Foresters are uniquely equipped to see the whole picture. Foresters should have a far greater say in how this province's forests are managed than we currently have." Mr Muzzi said.

As the audience packed up to leave I heard the following from the vacating seats. The CIF has risen to the advocacy challenge; simply look at the latest issue of the *Forestry Chronicle*. The first article by Louis Belanger ends with "Quebecers are proud of their forests, now the challenge is to make them proud of their foresters." The second article by Anne LeBrum-Ruff states "The CIF has a mandate to embrace a communications strategy that clearly and proudly articulates what we do." On page 271 one finds **The CIF Speaks Out**; a regular ad-hoc feature of the CIF that is member driven advocacy on an issue. The CIF has been able to create an Institute voice without a lot of internal bureaucracy.

The OPFA needs to be more involved in advocating good forest management. If this comes at the cost of licensing and competency, so be it. Why, instead of only having a continuing education credit, doesn't the Association require all foresters to undertake, say 10 hours, of publically advocating for good forest management. Fill in your continuing education credits but also complete where you spoke or presented to the public, in one form or another, during the past year. Never turn down an opportunity to provide factual relevant information on an issue. Foresters have the skill; we have the competency; our collective brain matter is needed; let's get out and become the credible voice for forestry in Ontario.

Forestry - the Silent Profession

J. Mike O'Neill, R.P.F.
(BC, Ret.)



E: Closing Remarks by Jeff Muzzi at the OPFA 53rd AGM.

Jeff Muzzi's closing address is truly inspiring. It is obvious that he speaks with conviction and passion for the

profession. Perhaps Muzzi was too polite to come out and say what my zoology professor at the UofT - Dr. Douglas Pimlott - said in 1967. In response to the silence of foresters during the 1960s when forest management was being criticized in the press, Pimlott wrote a paper titled: "Forestry the Silent Profession". In it he argued that "foresters avoid facing important issues of the day" and "foresters fail to comprehend how political processes work and how public interest can work in their benefit".

Others have written about the theme of silence in the profession in the late 1990s. A number of articles appeared in the BC Forester magazine with titles like: "Silence of the Lambs" by Jack Walters; "Strong and Silent is not Enough" by Adam Zimmerman and "Your Silence has been Deafening" by Desmond Gelz. The basic message in all three works is simply that foresters, both individually and collectively, have been silent in the past, remain silent in the present and are destined to remain silent in the future.

Walters asks if our silence is because we do not care, or if we do not believe in our work, or if we are cowards. Zimmerman makes the observation that others have stolen the agenda away from foresters. He concludes that if foresters do not get involved and start

speaking up, they just might find themselves wondering what happened. Gelz points out that the public has to make the decisions about public forest land use. In order to participate and make informed decisions they need to know the facts. He concludes that foresters must play a role in getting the facts out to the public.

Let's all work at moving beyond our comfort zones and explore ways to leave the safety of the harbor and face the challenges of 21st century forestry with the confidence and knowledge that Canadian forest management practices are recognized as among the best in the world.

Five Things I Learned at the 2010 OPFA AGM and Conference

5. There are 800 kinds of plywood produced at the Commonwealth Plywood mill in Pembroke. I used to think plywood came in three thicknesses and you could choose "good one side" or "good both sides".
4. One size does not fit all.
3. It is possible to summarize 126 pages of by-law revisions in ten minutes.
2. Three of the 2010 award winners have connections to White Dog, Ontario. Considering the size of White Dog, that's quite incredible.
1. Local is better. (Apparently, this does not apply solely to food.)

Caroline Mach, R.P.F.

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Summary

Overall, BC residents think it is important to restrict the practice of forestry to Registered Professionals Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists and trust forest professionals as the preeminent source for information on BC's forest resource management.

Increased awareness of forest professionals correlates with increased job performance ratings. This connection highlights the importance of increasing public awareness of forest professionals in hopes of reversing declining satisfaction levels and increasing public knowledge and understanding of their contributions to BC's forests.

AGM 2010

Tony Jennings, R.P.F.
Registrar

(full draft minutes are available on the website at www.opfa.ca)

On Thursday, April 15th in Festival Hall, Pembroke, President Carl Corbett, R.P.F. called the 2010 AGM to order at 4:20 p.m., noting that as Notice of the Meeting was published in *The Professional Forester* and separately distributed to all Members at least 30 days before the meeting; and with 46 self-identified Members in attendance and 59 proxies, the meeting was properly constituted. As usual, guests were welcome, though only members were entitled to vote during the meeting.

After a few preliminary remarks about the agenda, the President read the names of the 13 members who 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 Garner
John Lambie
Glenn Whitelock

George Bailey
Bill Hall
Malcolm McLean

Ted Dupuis
S Conn Howe
Neeta Nathwani

Bill Fullerton
Fred Jackson
George Sinclair

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The financial report and Auditor's statement, and reports from the President, Registrar and Committee Chairs were received and the auditor approved for the next year. All reports are in the 2009 OPFA Annual Report, available on the website (www.opfa.ca). The usual motion to ratify the actions of the Council was also passed. A written report from OPFF President Paul McAlister was provided as an information item.

Two resolutions, passed at the 2009 AGM, were subsequently considered by Council. The President 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 the Practice Bulletin 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 clarifying some of the wording. The Bulletin was approved at the Council meeting immediately prior to the AGM and will be posted soon.

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

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“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 2007-5) were approved at the OPFA AGM in 2007 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 and posted on the website. Two of the five 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 the President 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 Association’s 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.

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 edition of *The Professional Forester*. While there were changes in administrative costs, including late payment charges, the Annual Fees for 2011 would remain unchanged since 2004, except to reduce Student Membership to zero.

The President noted that Frank Knaapen R.P.F. and Peter Nitschke R.P.F. had been asked to collect Resolutions: only one was received. Peter read the resolution and the Seconder, Trena Allen R.P.F., 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 the 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)”

At the President’s request, Past President David Milton, R.P.F. reviewed 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 committing 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. David also noted a planned review of the Associate Member category.

Among the matters noted:

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1. Matters dealt with in the Act and not specifically authorized by it as by-laws have been removed. Where needed for context, relevant quotations from the Act are included in footnotes.

2. New sections have been 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 have been made e.g. flexibility for the location of the office; correcting a process for dealing with R.P.F.s 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) have been included, along with phasing out the older subject-based academic standards. Changes reflecting requirements or expectations under the recent *Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act* and the new *Ontario Labour Mobility Act* have also been included.

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.

President Carl noted a draft guide for the first steps in the new Competency Program had been made available at the Conference registration table and that Bob Elliott, R.P.F., Committee Chair was present and prepared to answer questions. There were none. The draft was subsequently distributed to Members for comments, welcome till the end of May

President Carl announced that Timmins was under active consideration for the 2011 conference. He then acknowledged 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 2010 Annual Conference Committee and their on-site volunteer assistance:

Jeff Muzzi, Associate (Chair)

Danny Janke, Associate

Dean Johnson, R.P.F.

David Lemkay

Frank Knaapen, R.P.F. (Vice-Chair)

Bob Craftchick, R.P.F.

Jeff Leavey, Associate

Nancy Young

Steve D'eon, R.P.F.

Peter Nitschke, R.P.F.

Amy Baker

Algonquin College Forestry Student Volunteers: Cory Simpson, Mo Mullally and Leighton Winter



**Photos from the
2010 OPFA
AGM and
Conference**

Awards and Recognition 2010

Tony Jennings, R.P.F.
Registrar

At the Annual Conference Banquet on Thursday April 15 at the Germania Club, OPFA's Awards were presented to the recipients present by President Carl Corbett, R.P.F., assisted by Past President and Recognition and Awards Chair, David Milton, R.P.F., who handled the microphone, calling recipients forward.

The first award was the plaque for **Honoured Professional** presented to **Bob Burgar, R.P.F.** *This award, normally presented annually to one individual, recognizes professional foresters who have made exemplary and significant contribution to the Ontario Professional Foresters Association or to forestry in Ontario.*

Like many of our illustrious Members, this year's recipient started life in Toronto and then saw many parts of the province: the Sault, Thunder Bay, Maple and Aurora to name a few. Mc Fadden Lumber gave him some appreciation for the private sector. With Lands and Forests and then MNR, he held a variety of responsibilities: Timber Forester; Zone Forester; Nursery Superintendent, Land Use Co-ordinator, Conservation Authorities Branch Director, Regional Director and ADM to again name a few.

Bob just starts there. On the other side, he was seconded to the Resources Development secretariat to help with Grassy Narrows the last time its issue was in the news, undertook research projects (when only research staff were supposed to) and acted as a mentor to



Carl Corbett, R.P.F., President (right) presents the Honoured Professional award to Bob Burgar, R.P.F.

many who went on to serve this profession well and some notable members of other professions, too. Just talk to the Folks at UofT about his efforts on behalf of their Alumni organization or on the current Faculty Advisory Committee.

And then there is OPFA. He was one of those who received a 50 year membership gold pin last year as a member of the first "class" of Members and a Member ever since. A brief six years later, he served on our Council. He has chaired our Finance Committee, now the Finance and Audit Committee for about a decade and last year agreed to also chair the new Private Lands Forestry Committee.

The second award was the plaque for **Forester of the Year**. *This award, normally presented annually to one individual, recognizes more recently registered professional foresters who have made notable contribution to the Ontario Professional Foresters Association or to forestry in Ontario. A plaque is presented to the recipient.*

Kevin Ride, R.P.F. got both his BScF and his MScF from Lakehead University following his CEGEP diploma from Lennoxville Quebec. His experience includes research, quality control, in the private sector and lecturing at university. Checking INFO_GO, the Ontario Government On-line Directory shows Kevin with quite a unique situation: Forest Industry Liaison Officer with MNDMF - AND – Acting Regional Forest Resources Supervisor.

With OPFA, Kevin has been a regular and active participant in Fall Seminars, one of our examiners for new applicant challenge exams, a significant member of the 2008 Annual Conference Committee, briefly Co-Chair of the Competency Support Committee and currently a very active member of the Crown Lands Forestry Committee.

Kevin was not present to receive the plaque; he was in Saskatchewan, not on vacation, but making a presentation to the Annual Conference of the Saskatchewan Professional Foresters. Nevertheless, the audience joined Carl & Dave in a round of applause. The plaque was later presented to Kevin at a gathering of previous Award winners and other friends on May 25th, following a meeting of the Lakehead Faculty Advisory Committee.

Members are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2011 awards at any time up to the end of 2010.



Tony Jennings, R.P.F., Executive Director and Registrar (right) presents the Forester of the Year award to Kevin Ride, R.P.F.

The **John H. Sellers Award**, a clock, was presented to a clearly surprised **Caroline Mach, R.P.F.** *The recipient of this Award will be a member of the Association and, through activities carried out in a particular year or*



Carl Corbett, R.P.F., President (right) presents the John H. Sellers Award to Caroline Mach, R.P.F.

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over several years, will have made substantial and/or continuing contribution to the promotion and awareness of professional forestry in Ontario.

Caroline Mach, R.P.F. stepped down December 1, 2009, after four years on the OPFA Council, where she was an active and valued member working on behalf of the profession. She also serves on the Private Lands Forestry Committee. However, this Award relates to her communication activities on behalf of OPFA and forestry. In Dufferin County, her duties as County Forester include a significant amount of extension work with school groups, interest groups and landowners. She has also served CIF significantly at both National and local levels, most recently as Secretary of the Southern Section. Caroline appears quarterly in the lives of OPFA Members, carrying on as the editor of *The Professional Forester*, our newsletter. Her commitment to sharing information and raising awareness of forests and forestry are always evident.

Honourary Members are not appointed every year. A non-member who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of forestry in Ontario may be awarded Honourary Membership in the Association by **unanimous consent of Council**. No more than one Honourary Member may be elected in any given year. Honourary Members may comprise no more than one percent of the Association membership at any given time. Honourary Members are exempt from payment of dues and may attend meetings but do not have the right to vote.

Margaret Wanlin became OPFA's fourth Honourary Member, joining David Balsillie,



Carl Corbett, R.P.F., President (left) presents an Honourary Membership to Margaret Wanlin.

Jim Parker and R.D. Bob Carman.

Margaret has a background providing facilitation, co-ordination, multi-stakeholder mediation and leadership to a variety of organizations or social and economic development projects in Northern Ontario and Ontario more broadly. She has served on the Forestry Futures Committee, the Provincial Forest Policy Committee and the Provincial Parks Council.

Perhaps of most importance to our request to join us on an ongoing basis is the contribution Margaret made as a Public Councillor for the first seven years of our new role as a "licensing" body. Some of us had the privilege of watching her as a very active participant in most of our deliberations and a leader on others. In speaking of her David noted her tendency to force further thought and alternative perspectives: "but have we thought about ___", or "have we looked at this from the standpoint of ___".

Public appointees to OPFA Council may not be members of OPFA, but she is no longer serving. Margaret and her family were with us that evening as she was warmly welcomed now as one of us.

OPFA's second form of recognition is the **OPFA Certificates of Appreciation:**

A small profession like ours must depend on the efforts of volunteers. These certificates of appreciation are awarded to volunteer Committee Members who have stepped down from one of our Committees during or at the end of the previous fiscal year. Those who left at the end of 2008/2009 were recognized in alphabetical order. For those who were not present, certificates were subsequently mailed.

- Eric Doidge, R.P.F.**
Complaints Committee
- Bob Elliott, R.P.F.**
Website Committee
- Norma Griffin, R.P.F.**
Website Committee
- Jack Harrison, R.P.F.**
Awards & Recognition Committee
- Caroline Mach, R.P.F.**
Council and Awards & Recognition Committee
- Jim McCready, R.P.F.**
Council
- Jim Turner, R.P.F.**
Registration Committee
- Wayne Young, R.P.F.**
Finance & Audit Committee

As is always the case, one group steps down "en masse". For 2009, these folks arranged a record setting Annual Conference in Sudbury.

2009 Annual Conference Organizing Committee Members

- Co-Chair** Ed Tear, R.P.F.
- Co-Chair** Peter Street, R.P.F.
- Registration** Sarah Bros, R.P.F.
- Treasurer/Finance** Judy Sewell, R.P.F.
- Technical Program** Paul Fantin, R.P.F.
- Keynote Speaker** Gordon King, R.P.F.
- Social Events** Martin Litchfield, R.P.F.
- Trade Show** Matt Hollands, R.P.F.
- Media** Don Mark
- Sponsorships** Marc Nellis, R.P.F.
- Sponsorships** Marc Hebert, R.P.F.

Our third area of recognition is **longevity:** recognizing loyalty of those who have maintained their membership over many years.

25 Year Silver Pins
Starting in 1983, just over 25 years ago, we began to provide silver pins for 25 years of membership. This year we recognized current members who joined the OPFA in late 1984 and early 1985, and maintained their membership for 25 years.

Those present came forward to receive their pins and the others received theirs by mail.

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| Matthew Benson | Wendy LeClair |
| Cathy Bentley | John Long |
| Robert Booth | Ian McCormack |
| Steve Bowers | James McPherson |
| David Carson | Thomas Moore |
| Michael O'Neill | Catherine Cavalier |
| Michael H. Clarke | Daniel Pyke |
| Pierre Corbeil | Chris Schaefer |
| Brian Fox | Dwayne Schulz |
| Mary Gordon | Roy Sidders |
| Richard Greet | John Sills |
| Edward Haggith | Robert Spence |
| Faye Johnson | Norman Stephenson |
| Gordon King | Mark Stevens |
| Paul Krabbe | William Wiltshire |
| Paul Kutz | Chris Leale |
| Jack Winkler | |

50 Year Pins
Last year, the Recognition and Awards Committee received Council agreement to initiate recognition for half a century of Membership, inviting those who reached 50 years of Membership the previous year to attend the Conference and particularly the Recognition Dinner, as OPFA guests, so we could recognize their commitment and loyalty.

Names of nine Life Members were read; while none were present, presentations of the gold pins are arranged at gatherings of their peers, if practical, or mailed if they prefer:

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| A. George Blight | John Somerville |
| Murray Bowen | Ross Wilson |
| Brian Cross | Donald Wilson |
| David Fayle | Verdun Fisk |
| Peter Harvie | |

Administrative Matters of Note

Tony Jennings, R.P.F.
Registrar



By-laws

The OPFA by-laws were reviewed at the Annual Meeting. A few changes were made to clarify or expand upon matters raised after the earlier mailing. No objections were raised. As required, a vote is being held by mail, with the expectation that the new by-laws will be "live" for the start of the next fiscal year (December 1, 2010).

Competency Support

The Competency Support Program, as outlined by the working group and presented in two Fall Seminars and Annual Meetings, is laid out in the by-laws, but will be implemented in stages as approved by Council. The standing Competency Support Committee developed a draft guide for the next stage which was distributed at the Annual Conference and subsequently by email for comment.

- For reporting on 2010 Continuing Education (CE), hours will be used instead of credits. After the by-laws are ratified, we will convert each Member's on-line credit record to hours.
- **60** hours over three years is the new **minimum** requirement. That is an increase of 10 hours, which will be prorated for transition. For 2010, the three year rolling total will include two years at the old standard; for 2011, it will include one. Thus, for 2010 the minimum will be 53 hours, and for 2011

it will be 57. Practicing Members will also be expected to report on their Practice Focus and Learning plan. More on this in the September issue; meanwhile the guide reflects the coming requirements.

Fees

The new fee schedule, published in the March issue, was ratified at the AGM and will take effect December 1. Annual fees for Members (except Students, see below) remain unchanged again, but the fees for late payment or late filing of required information have changed.

- **Fees and information continue to be due December 1.**
- Roughly six weeks is allowed for compiling CE, etc.;
- As well as competency program requirements, mandatory information includes accurate contact and employment information;
- To avoid the extra charge, fees and information must be **received** in the office, (not just postmarked) by January 15;
- The current \$50 charge continues, but will be increased by \$10 per month starting Feb 1 to reflect the extra administration involved in "chasing" fees and information.

Experience Requirement for RPF Status

Provisional Membership is designed for those becoming qualified as R.P.F.s (writing exams,

gaining required experience). While there is not a change in our requirement for 18 months relevant experience after graduation, as of 2011, Provisional Membership will be the normal requirement while gaining this experience. It is expected that potential sponsors will be identified at the beginning of this period so they will be better prepared to provide professional judgment of competence and character.

Student Membership to be Free

To encourage early involvement with the profession, student membership will be free starting December 1 and eligibility has been clarified: "The requirements for Student Membership are that the person is enrolled as a student in any post-secondary, forestry-related program in Ontario or a program accredited by OPFA on the recommendation of the Canadian Forestry Assessment Board".

Associate Membership Review

In defining the Associate Membership category and related processes in the new by-laws, Council and the Registration Committee noted that current administration is still based on that developed when the category was expected to be a temporary transitional device to accommodate "grandfathering" of persons holding specific professional level jobs without meeting the R.P.F. requirements. A decision was made to review all aspects of Associate Membership; any concerns or suggestions would be welcome.



At this year's OPFA AGM, I offered to make sure Rick Greet, R.P.F. received his 25 year pin in person instead of through the mail. It took a while, but a group of fellow R.P.F.s eventually gathered to actually surprise Rick with his pin. As you can see from the picture, (from left) Stan Phippen, R.P.F., Steve Dominy, R.P.F., Richard Macnaughton, R.P.F., Al Cameron, R.P.F. and Brad Sutherland, R.P.F. joined in the celebration while I presented Rick with his pin. We all had a bit of fun with this while we shared some muffins from Tim's.

Rod Smith, R.P.F.

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What is the difference between a “claims made” and an “occurrence” policy?

“**Claims Made**” is the basis of coverage on all Professional Liability insurance policies. This means that in order for the insurance to respond, the policy must be in effect at the time an allegation is first made, regardless of when the alleged error or omission may have taken place. Furthermore, when the policy lapses or is cancelled, there ceases to be any Professional Liability coverage available, even if coverage was carried when the alleged error or omission occurred.

Example:

A policy is purchased May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009.

The policy is not renewed at expiry on May 1, 2009.

A claim is presented in September 2009 for work done in June 2008.

The policy will not respond, as coverage was not in effect at the time the claim was made.

“**Occurrence**” is the basis of coverage on a Commercial General Liability insurance policy. This means that in order for the insurance to respond, the policy must be in effect at the time of the incident that gives rise to a claim for third party bodily injury or property damage. As long as the policy was in effect when the “occurrence” happened, the policy will respond, even though the “occurrence” manifests itself in the form of injury or damage, months or even years later.

Example:

Coverage is purchased May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009.

The policy is not renewed at expiry on May 1, 2009.

An insured claim is presented in September 2009 for bodily injury caused in June 2008.

The policy that was in effect for the term May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009 will respond.

For more information about the Professional Liability insurance program (and companion Commercial General Liability coverage) that has been arranged by your Association, please obtain an information package from your Association website or contact:

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In Memoriam

Fred G. Jackson 1909-2010

submitted by the family of Fred G. Jackson



red Jackson was born in Toronto on November 5, 1909. His father was away in Cuba at the time, working on a sugar plantation. His mother, Edith, named him Frederick, after his father, and the doctor added the

middle name, Guy, because he was born on the celebrated English Guy Fawkes Day. He had a brother, four years older, named Will, who later moved to the U.S. to become a N.Y. artist and a younger brother, by eight years, Bobby, who died at the age of six of appendicitis, while Fred was in high school. Bobby never saw his father.

Fred graduated at the top of his year from Humber College in 1928 and was awarded the Daughters of the Empire Bursary. This scholarship enabled him to take Forestry at the University of Toronto. He graduated in 1932 when there were few jobs at all, and none in his field. He did a wide variety of jobs during the depression, wherever one could find work, including working for a chartered accountant and also for a stockbroker.

On September 19, 1936, Fred married Ruth Pook. Fred and Ruth had two children, Dave Jackson and Eunice Hill. They had four grandsons (Paul and Phil Jackson, and Kevin and Mark Hill, all of whom are now married). Fred had several great grandchildren: Paul & Lori's: Aaron and Nathan Phil & Jennifer's: Matthew, Ryan, and Jillian Kevin & Karen's: Gordie and Jackson Mark & Amy's: Johah and Josiah.

Just prior to Ruth's death in 1990, they celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Near the end of the depression, he obtained a job in charge of training young men in a forestry camp in Manitoba. Then he returned to Toronto and was employed as a chemistry teacher at Central Technical School during World War II. At the end of the war he worked for two years teaching tree identification at the University of Toronto. Fred then obtained a job with the Provincial Government, Department of Planning and Development, where he was instrumental in attending many survey camps, which ultimately led to the setting up of many Conservation Authority land preservations throughout Southern Ontario. Immediately

after his mandatory government retirement at age 65, in 1974, Fred's expertise was sought after, so he worked for a further ten years for the Conservation Authorities Branch.

In the ecclesia and beyond, Fred was very committed, performing a wide variety of duties. He loved to converse, and had a keen sense of humour and attended, with his own family, every possible Fraternal Gathering, where he obtained the nickname Travis, from the Chisholms' and the Ghents. He participated fully in the Ecclesial Personnel Schedule, the Speaker's Exchange program, weekly Bible Classes that were held at the Jackson home at 33 Thorncliffe Ave and continued to both preside and exhort, well into his 80s. He was also Ecclesial Secretary for twenty-five years, as well as Secretary for the Speaker's exchange, for about the same length of time. Fred was always particularly interested in Chronology and Bible History. He revised and printed, through exhaustive personal study, the late Bro. J.M. Weir's Historical Bible Reading Charts, and also republished Bro. J.M.'s Historical Chronology Chart.

Fred's main hobby was his tree farm. In 1958 he bought and reforested 150 acres of land in the Great Pine Ridge, just south-west of Millbrook, Ontario. Later, he bought another 50 acres of adjoining bush to complete a section of 200 acres. The property was a beautiful secluded retreat, with rolling hills and abundant wildlife, in all forms, shapes and sizes. He built a rustic cabin there, with help from many, including two of his brother-in-laws, Tom and Lewis Pook. He also constructed a pond nearby, which doubled as a swimming hole and later as a family rainbow trout fish pond. He was also prudent enough to till several fireguards around and about the entire property. It proved to be a wise decision, because one year, they helped save the cabin and most of the farm from a devastating bush fire. All the family and firefighters could re-fill their equipment at the pond, so it actually became the main focal and resource point. The Pook brothers also set up several beehives, in different areas, from which they extracted lots of flavorful wild honey over the years. Some ecclesial members and friends were delighted to purchase the varying types of wild honey inexpensively, while others could obtain a free basket of apples from the farm trees each fall. Ossington Ecclesia held several



Sunday School picnics there, and also the Peterborough ecclesia came there for a few joint corn roasts.

After he finally retired at age 75, Fred would drive to and spend much of his week at the farm, comfortably pruning most of the time, even in hot weather, in an old suit jacket, some of his 200,000 trees, but he would usually drive home Saturday evening so that he and Ruth could go out to church together on Sunday. On his 80th birthday, the family presented Fred with a new chainsaw. At this senior age, when one should probably be winding down or has already wound down, Fred had invented, it seemed, an anti-aging process, because he was still able to cross country ski the last mile into the farm, in the dead of winter, with an axe, thermos of tea and lunch in his backpack and pruned 100 trees in a day.

He lived at the home of his niece, Margaret Pook, from May 1991 until his death March 6, 2010. He had just had his 100th birthday on November 5, 2009.

In Memoriam

Tony Jennings, R.P.F. and
Jack Radecki

Willem Anton Gerard Morsink 1936-2010



MORSINK, Willem Anton Gerard - Born on January 19, 1936 and passed away on March 23, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends and admirers.

He was loving husband of Judith (nee Kashtan); father of Sharon (Erik) and Coreen (Kostas); grandfather of Katerina and Dimitra; brother of Jettie, Fritz, Noor, Eline, Paul and Ernestine; brother-in-law of Rhoda and Avrum; and uncle of many nieces and nephews. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as gardening, bird-watching, hiking and camping in tents, activities which he continued doing until last September. He was also a lover of jazz and classical music. He had a keen sense of humour, and loved to play with his grandchildren.

Willem Morsink (BSc, MSc Forestry) or Bill, as he was known to many of us, was a pioneer of, and continuing force in, Urban Forestry. A

protégé of Eric Jorgensen, R.P.F. and a colleague of Lloyd Burrige, R.P.F. in graduate school and then in Windsor, Bill pressed for the importance of this developing area of the profession. While he worked in this field for the Cities of Windsor, Toronto and North York, his impact was felt throughout Ontario and beyond. A passionate naturalist, he volunteered with the Ontario Urban Forestry Council and the Rhododendron Society. He was active with many projects involving advocacy for trees and the environment, was an avid grower of rhododendrons and trees, and published many articles on rhododendrons. For the OUFC, he authored their Ontario Urban Forest Scrapbooks I (3rd edition) & II.

While Bill chose to leave OPFA, he will be missed by many of us: OPFA was represented at the memorial gathering held in North York on March 27th.



Member News

New Members

Full

Tim Gauthier (transfer)
Jason E. Suprovich

Provisional

Jody Reid

Inactive

Robin Cunningham
Peter Gagnon
Jeffery Struth
Wayne Young

Honourary

Margaret Wanlin

Resignations

Eric Doidge
Brad Graham
Rick Watchorn

Deceased

Fred G. Jackson

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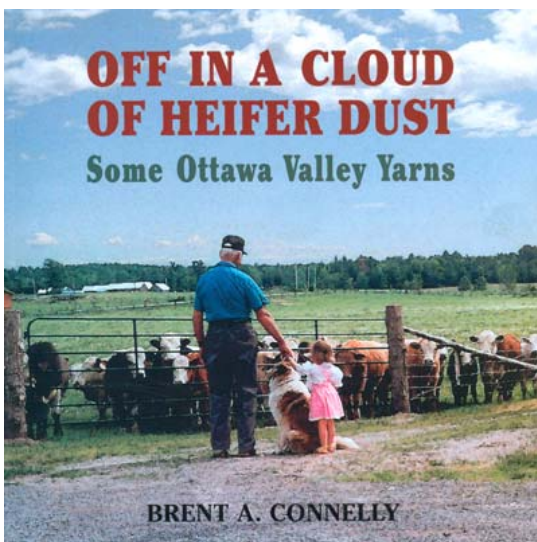
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Since *The Professional Forester* switched to a theme-based format several years ago, the Editorial Board has worked hard to bring you interesting, timely, and sometimes controversial themes. Now, we are asking for your help. Is there a current issue that you are dying to learn more about? A current issue that you would be willing to write about to get the ball rolling? Please send any and all ideas to the Editor at newsletter@opfa.ca.



Off In a Cloud Of Heifer Dust - Some Ottawa Valley Yarns

Prolific writer and OPFA member Brent Connelly, R.P.F. has published a new book: *Off in a Cloud of Heifer Dust - Some Ottawa Valley Yarns*.

The book features some of the colourful country folk of the Ottawa Valley, with a little fluff added in for good measure. There are also some forestry-related yarns as well as a trip back to UNB's Faculty of Forestry of the early 1960s for a humorous look at some of the shenanigans pulled off by students during Forestry Week, including the notorious bush party, the Hammerfest. Some UNB grads/OPFA members may get a kick out of it. At the same time, foresters who graduated from other universities can read it and then be able to say, "So that explains those crazy buggers".

The book is published by General Store Publishing House of Renfrew and can be ordered from www.gsph.com or www.chapters.indigo.ca.



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The Theory & Practice of Tree Appraisal	Aug. 18 - 19	Toronto, ON	www.ufis.ca
Glengarry Wood Fair & Auction	August 21	Dunvegan, ON	www.woodfair.ca
Canada's Outdoor Farm Show	Sept. 14 - 16	Woodstock, ON	www.outdoorfarmshow.com
Eastern Ontario Forest Fair & Log/Lumber Auction	Sept. 25	Kemptville, ON	www.eomf.on.ca
Canadian Institute of Forestry AGM and Conference	Sept. 27 - 29	Jasper, AB	www.cif-ifc.org
Renfrew County Outdoor Woodlot Conference	Oct. 2	Petawawa, ON	
Canadian Urban Forest Conference 9	Oct. 5 - 8	Truro, NS	www.treecanada.ca
Sugaring 2010: Progress and Potential (AGMs of three maple syrup-related groups)	Oct. 20 - 23	Stratford, ON	www.northamericanmaple.org
Canadian Institute of Forestry AGM and Conference	Sept. 18-21, 2011	Huntsville, ON	www.cif-ifc.org

If you know about an event that should be listed here, please send the information to the Editor at newsletter@opfa.ca.

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EVENT	DATE
Dates for Regional Info Sessions Coming Soon!	

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