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Growing Ontario's Forestry Community Through Social Media

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For 74 years, one of the main objectives of the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA), has been, and continues to be, to strengthen OFIA's public outreach initiatives. This includes raising public awareness of the sustainability of our sector and assisting other groups' efforts to improve public perception of the forest sector. These objectives are more effectively and immediately achieved with the opportunities provided by social media as it allows us to reach the public in a way that we have never been able to do before.

OFIA continuously strives to provide the public with factual and educational resources, encouraging audiences to become active learners. Today, new communication platforms allow our messaging to be more targeted and direct, resulting in a positive, widespread audience.

For one, OFIA's website is open to the public, easy to access and navigate, and is constantly updated with consistent messaging that directly relates to important files relating to the forest sector. The website also serves as a valuable platform to introduce the public to forestry community members and their families. By effectively using this type of platform, our Stand Up for Forestry initiative, for example, engages the public and showcases some of the amazing people within Ontario's forest sector as well as affected stakeholders that help form the forestry community.

Twitter and Facebook are two of our most successful tools in providing the opportunity to instantaneously publish original content and clarify misinformation. Due to ongoing, well-financed misinformation campaigns, people may be exposed to facts that are just not true and are used to shape their opinions. An underlying objective of our tweets is always to encourage the public to not fall victim to misinformation of the sector, but rather provide facts and government links to dispute the misinformation. Sending out a tweet that includes a hashtag as simple as #KnowTheFacts, can make people pause, think and want to follow links provided to learn more.

In one year, OFIA's twitter followers have more than doubled – this is extremely encouraging. We credit this growth to our followers that "share" and "retweet" helping to spread OFIA's values and messaging. Despite the continued misinformation, we are confident that our facts and messaging are becoming more prevalent, thanks to social media. More and more, OFIA and its members are hearing people saying things like "it's a renewable resource," "it's better for carbon and climate change" and "we all use wood."

Beyond social media, one of our greatest online tools is google maps. Google's Timelapse feature captures Ontario's growing forests. There is no better visual aid in defending the absolute fact that **trees grow**. Less than 0.5% of Ontario's forests are harvested each year. Not only is that true, but with Google's Timelapse, anyone can choose a Sustainable Forest Licensed (SFL) area and see that trees are harvested, replanted and 30 years later, forests are again, large, healthy, diverse and productive – as is the law under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*.

Social media is a powerful tool that provides an opportunity for us to have control of our original content and immediately reach the public. It allows our sector and our stakeholders that rely on forestry to effectively and constructively shut down misinformation. Without social media and Open Data, we would be missing out on a tremendous opportunity to stand up for forestry.

It Takes a Forest

Rob Keen, R.P.F.

Last year, Forests Ontario, in collaboration with like-minded organizations, launched *It Takes A Forest* (ITAF), a campaign designed to improve the public's awareness and understanding of the forest sector and forestry in Ontario. Using a variety of communication tools and strategies, ITAF looks to create an informed dialogue with Ontarians through the provision of fact-based information.

Ontario has a lot to be proud of when it comes to forestry. We are continuously ranked as a leader in sustainable forest management, we build strong communities and, perhaps most importantly, through forestry and the production of renewable forest products we fight climate change. We have a great story to tell and we shouldn't be shy in spreading the word.

This sentiment - the need to share the successes of forestry with a broader audience - has been at the core of the ITAF campaign since its inception last spring. The challenge from the outset has been to do it in a way that not only reaches, but resonates with, the broader public.

ITAF's approach has involved three basic pillars: the development of good messaging, the use of effective mediums and communication channels, and the establishment of a strong and diverse group of partners and supporters.

From a communications standpoint, a central element of the campaign has been the use of various social media platforms. In addition to a fact-based website (ittakesaforest.ca), ITAF is also on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ittakesaforest/) and Twitter (@ItTakesAForest) – two mediums that allow the campaign to have an extended reach in a timely and effective manner. The use of social media also allows ITAF partners and supporters to constantly create and convey new messaging.

In the first two weeks of the campaign alone there was tremendous uptake on Twitter, with comments of support coming from all corners of the province, from across the country (British Columbia) and even from overseas (Great Britain).

The use of social media provides a perfect complement to ITAF's other communication efforts which include the strategic use of billboards (we are currently at nine), presentations to interested parties and potential supporters, and earned media.

Through research, ITAF has been able to identify key themes and messages that grab the hearts and minds of Ontarians. By focusing on topics that matter, ITAF is able to initiate an informed discussion with those we want to reach. The role that sustainable forestry and forest products play in fighting climate change – a top of mind issue for the public – is a cornerstone of this approach.

On the issue of momentum, ITAF is currently supported by 40 organizations with representation from all three levels of government (municipal, provincial and federal), not-for-profits/ENGOs, professional organizations and the private sector. The importance of collaboration cannot be over-emphasized. By working together we are exponentially stronger.

Over the coming year we look forward to ramping up our efforts and expanding our support base. We suspect you will hear more from us soon!

***Rob Keen**, R.P.F., is the Chief Executive Officer of Forests Ontario, leading the organization in sustaining and generating new partnerships to benefit the organization's forest education, awareness and forest restoration goals.*

Ontario's Environmental Registry

The Environmental Bill of Rights is an Act that primarily establishes the right for the people of Ontario to participate in government decision making affecting the environment. The Environmental Registry (ER) was developed as a tool to help ministries prescribed by the Act achieve meaningful public engagement.

The ER was originally launched in 1994 as a Bulletin Board System and was upgraded in 1999 and 2007. Steps are being taken to modernize the Environmental Registry to make it easier for the public to exercise its rights under the EBR and to make the site fully accessible, interactive and user-friendly.

Approximately 1000 individuals, environmental organizations and industries access the Environmental Registry daily, viewing more than 60,000 pages. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is 1 of 15 ministries required to post proposals on the registry. In 2016, the MNRF posted 405 notices to the ER on which there were over 57,500 comments made by the general public.

Notices may contain information about proposed new laws, regulations, polices and instruments or about proposals to change or eliminate existing ones. Proposals invite comments from the public for a minimum of 30 days. Once a decision is made, ministries are required to post a decision notice, which indicates how many comments were received and the impact (if any) the comments had on the decision.

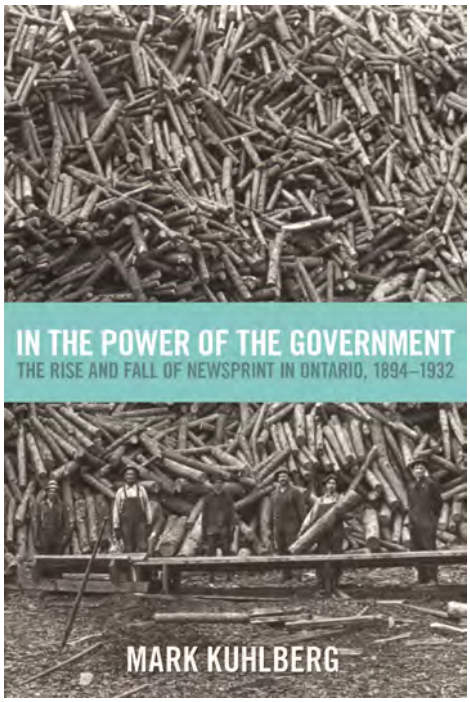
From a forestry perspective, MNRF posts the policies and guidelines that apply to forest management planning on Crown land, as well as the forest management plans themselves. Individual forest management plans are posted at each stage of public consultation. Below are some examples of notices posted on the ER related to forest management.

ER Number 012-8269
Forest Management Plan for the French/ Severn Forest for the 10-year period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2029 - Invitation to Participate

ER Number 012-3069
Revision to the Forest Management Planning Manual, Forest Information Manual and Forest Operations and Silviculture Manual

ER Number 010-9183
Technical Guidance for Forestry Activities in Wood Turtle Regulated Habitat under the Endangered Species Act, 2007

To view the ER or search the notices, please visit http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/.



In the Power of the Government: The Rise and Fall of Newsprint in Ontario, 1894-1932 chronicles the rise and fall of Ontario's pulp and paper industry between 1894 and 1932. In doing so, it demonstrates that our previous understanding of how relations developed between the mill owners and the provincial government was incorrect. It has long been argued that the politicians at Queen's Park – and all provincial capitals – fell all over themselves in trying to help the paper makers establish and grow their operations. I make it clear, however, that this was hardly the case. The provincial government had many reasons to offer the pulp and paper industry a cool reception and relatively little support as it established itself in Ontario. These included the drive to colonize the province's northern reaches, the politicians' existing loyalty to the lumbermen and the pulpwood exporters, and the dangers inherent in being associated with "big business" during an era when "titans of industry" were hardly beloved by the general public. Most importantly, the politicians saw the province's pulpwood and water powers first and foremost as commodities to be used for political gain; doling them out according to patronage considerations was the goal, and a remarkable tale of corrupt dealings was the result! For these reasons, this book offers a remarkably new perspective on the dynamics that shaped relations between industry and government in Ontario's forests.

Call 1-800-565-9523 and ask for this book for $21.39 from the University of Toronto Press. This is a 40% discount from the retail price of $35.95.

The OPFA and Social Media

OPFA Social Media Team
Lacey Rose, R.P.F. & Christine Leduc

Social media platforms, such as Twitter, Facebook, Linkedin, and Youtube, have introduced significant changes to the way individuals, businesses, groups, and governments communicate today. These tools are different from traditional media in their reach, frequency, immediacy and permanence. What's more, anyone can share their voice through social media for FREE. Within this digital world, the OPFA has rightfully identified Facebook and Twitter as new tools to use to allow the Association and its Professional Foresters to more broadly share their stories.

Why should we do this? Two very important reasons: 1) everyone is on social media today, and 2) forestry is being discussed right now on social media, the bad and the good. The OPFA's Social Media Strategy is to promote the Association, promote the work of its members, and promote forestry by sharing profiles of Professional Foresters and examples of the good work they are responsible for in the forest, urban or managed. We share photos and profiles of R.P.F.s to highlight the different contributions each make to our society and the opportunities available to interested prospective foresters.

The OPFA's social media efforts join those of other forestry groups, such as the Canadian Institute of Forestry or Forests Ontario with its #ItTakesAForest Campaign, as we tell the story of Ontario's forestry sector. The new generation of foresters is certainly connected to social media, and this may prove to have some recruitment benefits as well. Our analytics tells us that roughly 50% of people who follow the OPFA's Facebook page are below the age of 35, which suggests that this is an effective tool for reaching the younger forestry population, an important consideration as we work to grow the Association and increase positive knowledge about forest management in Ontario.

To date, OPFA's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/OntarioProfessionalForestersAssociation/) boasts 655 followers, with posts reaching thousands of people, and OPFA's Twitter page (https://twitter.com/_OPFA) boasts 464 followers. If you're on Facebook and/or Twitter, make sure to follow us and encourage your family and friends to do so as well. Don't ever hesitate to send a photo or story for us to share, as the OPFA is proud to promote its members through its social media platforms. Someday soon, there could be an OPFA Linkedin page or even an OPFA YouTube channel.

If any OPFA members are interested in joining the social media ranks, don't hesitate to reach out as there are many opportunities to get involved and ramp up efforts. Essentially, this entails generating content and packaging news to post.

We'd like to thank all OPFA members who have contributed to these efforts.

My Journey to Become an R.P.F.

Svetlana Zeran R.P.F.

I was at a party of young professionals in the city recently. They were all curious about what I did for a living and I thought it would be interesting to ask them "what do you think a forester does?" instead. Their answers were all over the map and far from a day in the life of an R.P.F. It occurred to me that if you'd asked me the same question a few years back, I also would not have been able to answer.

The journey to becoming an R.P.F. has so far taken me places I never thought I'd go, doing things I didn't know foresters do, meeting the most wonderful forest professionals along the way. From planting trees on degraded farmlands in Alberta, to negotiating area of concern prescriptions with representatives from Pukwaskwa National Park and assessing mine closure plans... just to name a few. These past few years have been so rewarding and full of adventure, prompting me to wake up every morning full of joy for the profession I have chosen. I also look forward to heading to my office, which varies from a pick up truck, to a helicopter...a cutblock, to a government building, depending on the day.

Now that I have had a taste of all the

important work a forester does, I have

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Forests in Cyberspace

Neil Dunning
Woodlot Owner and Member of the Brant Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA)
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Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) chapter events are great for meeting people who know their trees and wood. Nothing can beat walking through a woodlot on a Saturday morning with like-minded people and comparing notes on the trees and the land. When you get together with even a small group of people on a forest tour, you are rubbing shoulders with a combined knowledge and experience of working with trees that might easily add up to hundreds of years: real people, real trees.

Many of us are extending our face-to-face time with our community through social media. We find out about community or family events and information through email or Facebook, and can google all kinds of information. So many of us have taken to social media that Facebook reports that in 2016 it had 1.65 billion active monthly users. The Ontario Woodlot Association Facebook page is doing a great job posting all kinds of interesting photos of amazing trees from around the world. Please visit this page if you have not already had a chance and like it.

Social media is becoming more and more the way we connect with people and information. This is true for business and government, just as much as for personal relationships. Communities of people who are interested in trees and work with trees are developing right along with this trend. A social media form that is really turning out great for the trees is Twitter. This article will introduce you to Twitter, and how it can be a great place to connect with even more people who care about trees and wood.

Many ways of connecting with others electronically have been and are being developed. Email and Facebook and the Internet are familiar to all generations. Many of us from older generations can even use these great tools without having a teenager in the house to rescue us from technical difficulties. Newer formats are Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and Tumblr (yes you read correctly, no "e" in Tumblr). Twitter is a wonderful format for tree and wood enthusiasts for several reasons. It has easy access to audiences that can be local, regional, provincial, national, or even, if the user wishes, international. It is great for publishing your interesting photos. It is easy to search for people and organizations following your same interests. Any Twitter account in the world can be followed so there is no need to submit a friend request as with Facebook. Users can follow as many or as few accounts as they wish—perhaps as few as 10 or as many as thousands (depending on how much mental stimulation you are craving). Best of all, a tweet, or Twitter post, can only be 140 characters long, or about two short sentences —tweets can be written and read quickly.

The Ontario Woodlot Association has a Twitter account. At the time of writing, we are following 176 other Twitter accounts. Among these 176 accounts are arborists and sawmill operators in Ontario and the United States, forest research organizations from Canada, the United States, and around the world, and forest and wood product promoters from Ontario and Great Britain. Most importantly, there are many individuals who just plain enjoy trees and forests. Our account is followed by over 120 individuals and organizations in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. The OWA account is easily viewed by searching "Twitter Ontario Woodlot Association." Here are a few of the Twitter accounts that are followed by the OWA account.

This Tweet is pinned to the OWA Twitter homepage, and earned 2,646 impressions or potential views in one month.

One of the advantages of being a Twitter user is learning about the wonderful variety of what is happening in the world. One

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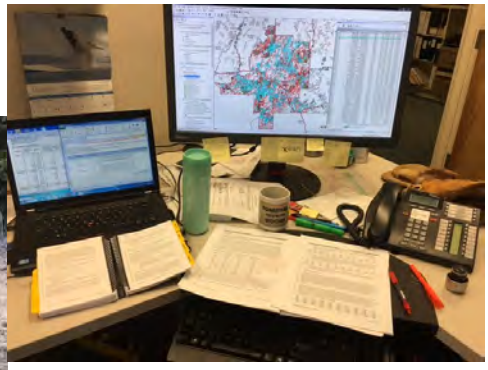
realized that a healthy forest is no accident and we need foresters badly to ensure the sustainable management of our forests into the future. I am proud to be part of that effort and to help spread the knowledge of how healthy forests benefit everyone and the behind the scenes work that is done to make it happen. I am looking forward to a rewarding career as an R.P.F.!



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Twitter discovery is the account of Sawmill Sid (@SawmillSid). Sawmill Sid is a business of Sidney Gendron, an Ontario entrepreneur, whose mission is to repurpose urban wood resources throughout Ontario. While the business has a website, SawmillSid.ca, its @SawmillSid Twitter account spreads the reputation of its work far and wide to people who would not otherwise be aware of it. @SawmillSid posts daily tweets on milling activities in urban areas. These posts frequently include photographs of beautiful lumber from that day's work—all made from trees that would normally become firewood or chips. These posts celebrate the beauty of the wood, and of course also promote the business. Gendron also demonstrates a strong community ethic and frequently posts participation in education events in and around the Toronto area.

Notice Sawmill Sid's use of # or the hashtag. This allows the Tweet to be easily searched using any one of those keywords.

An organization that is known to many of our OWA members for their 50 Million Trees program is Forests Ontario, and many of our members will have worked with them to establish a new planting. Forests Ontario is also involved in education and advocacy for well-managed forestry. Daily news on education events in Ontario is posted on their @Forests_Ontario Twitter account. An example is the Ontario Envirothon run each year by Forests Ontario for high school students wishing to pursue their passion for good environmental stewardship. With over 10,000 program alumni, the Ontario Envirothon has been a great incubator for environmental leadership in Ontario. At the time of writing, the 2016 Envirothon is being held at Trent University in Peterborough. Several daily tweets keep followers posted on workshops ranging from soil analysis, to space exploration, to how to age a red pine stand. Tweets from this account also include fun facts on trees, and retweets from other organizations on tree-related information.

Forests Ontario CEO Rob Keen places a high value on Twitter as a communication tool. He says that, "Twitter is one of the many tools that we employ to frequently and quickly connect with our audience, to share content and engage in conversation about our forests. Forests Ontario is the voice of our forests, and Twitter allows us to stay connected, ensuring our collective voice will be heard."

Forests Ontario are using this Tweet to celebrate the efforts of the students participating in their 2016 summer Envirothon. The Tweet is also directed at Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna through her Twitter address @ec_minister.

Paul Johnson of Austin, Texas, is a professional forester and avid social media user. His Twitter account is a testimonial to his love of all things tree. On any given day his tweets cover topics as diverse as the best woods to barbecue with in the American south, to the identification of tree ailments from online photos, to holding discussions on forestry via Twitter. While Paul works for the state forest service, his tweets are personal and are reflective of his deep interest in and love of his chosen field of work. Paul can be found in the Twittersphere at the account @Treevangelist and at #Treesarekey. In keeping with the name of his Twitter account, Johnson says of Twitter that it "is important to me because it gives another avenue to connect with people and educate them about how #TreesAreKey to healthier, happier communities."

This Retweet by Paul Johnson illustrates a Twitter conversation between Johnson and April on the topic of the cooling power of the urban forest.

The world of Twitter has many, many more accounts worth looking at by people interested in trees and wood. Just a few of these include:
@ontmaplesyrup—tweeting for Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association
@AncientTreesATF—many great photos of really old trees
@timstgermain—a highly enthusiastic arborist in Guelph, Ontario
@katalijn—one of our OWA Facebook account administrators and a professional forester
@FAOForestry—the forestry department of the United Nations with tweets about research
@USFS_nrs—account of the US Forest Service's Northern Research Station

Twitter is a fairly straightforward social media format to learn and use. The @OntarioWoodlot account would welcome and enjoy company online with our members. It is a fun place to be, as well as informative. A Twitter post can be as simple as posting an interesting photo. If you want to take the plunge, please consider sending an email to neil@northpine.ca so the OWA account can follow you and enjoy your forest experiences along with you in the online world.

So you want to take the plunge? Here are a very few things you need to know.

Go to the Twitter homepage at Twitter.com and locate the sign up box, which will lead you directly to the sign up page. Enter your name, email address and preferred password, then click "Sign Up."

Choose a username. It may be your real name or a pseudonym. You may also provide a photo for your profile—it could be a photo of you, or maybe of your favourite tree

The two symbols you will learn to use are @ (begins all Twitter account names) and # (which creates topics that can be easily searched, like #OWAEvent or #Treesarekey)

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

OPFA Annual Awards and Recognitions

Submission Deadline – Friday, March 31st, 2017

The OPFA Awards and Recognition Committee is asking for nominations from the membership for the various awards that recognize outstanding service to the association and to the practice of professional forestry by both members and non-members. Presentations of the awards are made annually at the Annual General Meeting or in person during the award year. Details regarding each of the awards, who has received the award in the past and the nomination requirements can be found at: http://www.opfa.ca/about-us/what-professional-foresters-do/awards-recognition. Please note that not all awards have nominations each year. The OPFA awards are as follows:

- The Honoured Professional – to recognize an exemplary career
- The Fernow Award (formerly Forester of the Year Award) – to recognize notable contributions to forest practice by a member registered less than ten years
- The John H. Sellers Award - for the promotion and awareness of professional forestry
- The Herridge Award – intended to recognize those in "mid" career
- The Zavitz Award - to recognize contributions to forest conservation
- The Jorgensen Morsink Award – for accomplishments in urban forestry
- The Bayly Award – to recognize contributions to forestry by a non-member

It is important that we recognize our peers, colleagues and mentors. Please take a few moments to consider these individuals as candidates for recognition. There are many great foresters in our midst and many supportive non-members who have taken up our cause. Take the time to nominate someone who has inspired you.

For further information or questions about any of the awards, please contact Fred Pinto, (e-mail (executive.director@opfa.ca) or myself. Nominations should be mailed to:

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OPFA Strategic Plan
Dec 1st 2016 – Nov 30th 2019

VISION - OPFA members are valued professionals, proudly serving and protecting the public interest while delivering professional forestry services on private and public lands throughout Ontario.

MISSION – CORE BUSINESS – To regulate the practice of professional forestry and govern members of the association (Professional Foresters Act 2000, Section 5(1)) by implementing effective regulatory, professional development and communications programs that serve and protect public interests.

VALUES

Professional – We will embody the qualities, skills, competence and behaviours expected of individuals belonging to the profession of forestry and as a professional organization be accountable for achieving results.

Ethical– We will be open and transparent and act with integrity in dealings with the public, staff and members while protecting information while abiding by current right to information and privacy laws.

Inclusive and Equitable – We will welcome new ideas and new members in an honest and fair manner, and ensure our association is accessible to all persons needing accommodation.

Respectful – We will have high regard for individual opinions and encourage active participation in dialogue. We will respond to issues and inquiries in a timely manner and communicate effectively with members of the association and the public.

GOALS and OBJECTIVES

1. Meet the legislative requirement to govern the practice of forestry and regulate members to ensure that the public interest is served and protected by:
    a. Effective registration;
    b. Professional Competency Support Program;
    c. Review and establish standards and practice guidance;
    d. Complaints, discipline, unauthorized practice procedures;

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60th OPFA AGM and Conference

The following four pages include detailed information about the 60th OPFA AGM and Conference - draft conference program, description of field trips, AGM agenda, and proxy form.

All of this information, as well as hotel information and registration forms, can be found at www.opfa.ca.

Registration Rates:
Full Conference, OPFA Member, Early Bird Rate (prior to April 18): $225
Full Conference, OPFA Member (after April 18): $275
Full Conference, Non-OPFA Member: $325
Full Conference, Student: $100
Field Trip: $50
Urban Forest Workshop: $50
Awards Banquet: $85
CIF Breakfast: $25

Register online at www.opfa.ca today and take advantage of the early bird rate!

If you do not have internet access, or have trouble registering, contact Priscilla Doyle at the OPFA office at 905-877-3679.

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   e. Achieve an efficient and effective Association using modern methods, technologies and tools.
2. Promote forestry's professional profile:
   a. Advocate excellence in professional practice with members, the general public and key stakeholders;
   b. Promote excellence through member services and recognition;
   c. Develop a strong relationship with national forestry regulators and associations;
   d. Build a communications framework to support OPFA's ability to respond to opportunities and challenges
3. Align OPFA governance structures to support the OPFA Mission.
4. Provide guidance to individuals interested in becoming professional foresters
   a. Promote career awareness with Ontario schools, universities, colleges and provincial forestry associations;
   b. Provide entry level guidance and registration support to provisional members pursuing full membership

Approved by OPFA Council on: September 13, 2016

Ontario Professional Foresters Association
60th Annual Meeting
Delta Hotel, Guelph
May 15 – 18, 2017
The OPFA at 60: Foresters in Changing Climates

DRAFT CONFERENCE AND AGM PROGRAM

Monday, May 15

All Day	Golf Guelph – Numerous nearby courses (own arrangements)
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration Opens

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Field trips (see descriptions on next page)
4:00 pm	All exhibitors set up + Carolinian Tree Challenge
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Icebreaker (cash bar)
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Buffet Dinner; OPFA Business Update

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 am – 7:30 am	Canadian Institute of Forestry Breakfast
7:00 am	Registration
8:15 am – 9:00 am	Welcome – Terry Schwan, R.P.F., Andy Gordon, R.P.F., Conference Co-chairs Opening Prayer – Six Nations of the Grand Greetings – City of Guelph Greetings – Greg Pawson, R.P.F., OPFA President
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Plenary Session Steve Newmaster, University of Guelph - *Molecular diagnostic DNA-based tools for the forest industry* Paul General, Six Nations of the Grand - *Current forest aboriginal issues* Bill Thornton, R.P.F., Deputy Minister, OMNRF - *Update on the Canada/US softwood lumber trade dispute*
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Network Break and Visit Exhibitors
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session I

Room 1 Foresters and the Changing Biophysical Environment -1

Michael Ter-Mikaelian (OFRI) - *Can forest management help mitigate climate change?*
Dan McKenney (CFS) - *Tools and resources to support forest adaptation to climate change*
John Fryxell (UG) - *Current issues with woodland caribou (tentative)*

Room 2 Foresters and the Changing Biophysical Environment -2

Dave Kreutzweiser (CFS) - *Harvesting in riparian forests of river systems in the north*
Jack Imhof (Trout Unlimited) - *Linking the river to its corridor: A perspective from southern Ontario*
Rob Mackereth (CNFER) - *Mercury in Ontario's boreal forest: implications for forest management*

Room 3 Foresters and the Changing Socioeconomic Environment -1

Bill Crins (ret, OMNRF) - *The forester's role in natural heritage protection*
Rob Keen, R.P.F. (Forests Ontario) - *Enhancing the image of forestry*
John McCarthy (Jesuits) - *What in heaven's name could Pope Francis have to say to foresters? An integral ecology vision.*

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario - *Ontario's Forests: State of the Art*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	ESA: Endangered Species Act (FORMAT UNDER DISCUSSION) Matt Mertins, R.P.F. (Mazinaw-Lanark) 'Industry Perspective' Spooner Collins (OMNRF) 'Government Perspective' TBD (Ontario Nature) 'NGO perspective' OR Visit exhibitors or tour UG Arboretum on your own
3:00 am – 3:30 am	Network Break and Visit Exhibitors
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	OPFA Annual General Meeting
6:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Banquet and Awards – Sarah Bros, R.P.F. and Greg Pawson, R.P.F.

8:00 pm – 8:20 pm John Cary, R.P.F. (OMNR, ret) and Ken Armson, R.P.F. (OMNR, ret) - *60 and on*

Thursday May 18

6:45 am – 8:15 am OPFA Breakfast

7:30 am Registration

8:30 am – 10:00 am Concurrent Session II

Room 1 Foresters and the Changing Biophysical Environment – 3

Naresh Thevathasan (UG) - *Enhancing system level carbon sequestration in Ontario agricultural landscapes using agroforestry land-use systems*

Malcolm Cockwell, R.P.F. (Haliburton Forest) - *What's the big deal with biochar? The perspective from Haliburton Forest*

Dave Morris (CNFER) - *The ecological sustainability of biomass harvesting in northern forests: Lessons learned from nearly 30 years of collaborative research*

Room 2 Foresters and the Changing Biophysical Environment – 4

Amanda Roe (CFS) - *The forest genome explained*

Barb Boysen, R.P.F. (FGCA) - *Forest gene conservation in southern Ontario - a new chapter for the FGCA*

Melissa Spearing (FGCA) - *The need for seed and assisted gene flow in a changing climate*

Room 3 Foresters and the Changing Socioeconomic Environment – 2

Megan Smith (CIF) -*The giving tree – Growing Ontario's forest bioeconomy*.

Thom Hagerty (OMAFRA) - *Strategy for the northern Ontario agriculture, aquaculture and food processing sector*

Kirsten Corrigal, R.P.F. (OMNRF) - *Developing forest carbon policy for Ontario*

10:00 am – 10:30 am Network Break and Visit Exhibitors

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Session III (25 min talks + 5 min for questions)

Room 1 Foresters and the Changing Socioeconomic Environment – 1

Paul Richardson (Private) - *Mitigating hardwood woodlot decimation*

Danijela Puric-Mlandinovic (OMNRF) - *Monitoring and measuring forests in southern Ontario: Why does it matter?*

Margot Ursic (Beacon Environmental) - *Planning for the urban forest in a context of climate change*

Bridget Stutchbury Professor, (York U) - *Fragmented forests and the silence of the songbirds*

Room 2 Foresters and the Changing Human Security Environment - 3

Dave Martell (UT, retired) - *Learning to live with more fire on our forest landscapes*

John Marriott, R.P.F. (Hydro One) - *Hydro One: Right-of-way management in a changing environment?*

Fred Pinto, R.P.F. (OPFA) - *Enhancing human security: Foresters without Borders*

Peter Karageorgos (Insurance Bureau of Canada) - *Insurance issues in the forest and beyond*

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Brief Closing Remarks/Adjournment and LUNCH

1:10 FINALE Doug Larson (UG, retired) *The Guelph guitar project*

1:30 pm – Post conference workshop. Requires separate registration.

Stephanie Miller/Alan Siewert (Ohio DNR) Urban Site Index Demonstration/Hands On

A site index for urban trees and forests: use and value

Data Gathering in the Field and Data Analysis

Field Trip Descriptions for Tuesday May 16, all day

Guelph Area

U of G Agroforestry Research Station agroforestry and bioenergy systems and management; U of G Arboretum - elm recovery program and plant/tree collections; City of Guelph's ash/emerald ash borer management program and urban forest health monitoring program; Guelph's Arkell Springs - property plantation/water supply management; afforestation of agricultural land; Royal City Brewery, a craft brewery in Guelph.

Halton/Milton Area

Dufferin Aggregates, Campbellville - quarry operations and site restoration activities and Halton Region forest; Conservation Halton Rattlesnake Point CA a managed hardwood forest at the top of Niagara Escarpment cliffs that is intensively used for recreation, including rock climbing; Kelso CA, ash-dominant site with a troublesome understory; ash/EAB forest management strategies and post-EAB forest restoration; Guelph's Arkell Springs property - plantation/water supply management, afforestation of agricultural land; visit to a craft brewery in Guelph.

Waterloo/St Jacobs Area

Belwood Lake - recently thinned plantation and discuss plantation and EAB management; farm windbreak installation and a riparian buffer project; Bauman Sawmill manufacturing facility which makes many products from wood they harvest and mill; Camp Heidelberg which features a spectacular managed sugar maple forest and an outdoor education centre; Block Three Brewing Company, a craft brewery in St Jacobs.

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OPFA MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of
Members of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association

to be held at the Delta Hotel & Conference Centre, Guelph, Ontario,
at approximately 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017
for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Association, including:

Agenda Items (to be finalized prior to meeting):

1. Receiving and considering reports of the President, Registrar, Executive Director, Auditor and Committee Chairs for the year December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016.
2. Receiving the Financial Statement November 30, 2016.
3. Reporting appointment of the Auditor.
4. Confirming and approving the acts and procedures of Officers and Councillors.
5. Confirming Proposed By-law Revisions.
6. Reporting on the OPFA Strategic Plan.
7. Reporting on actions to revise the Professional Foresters Act, 2000 and Regulation.
8. Considering and, if desirable, approving resolutions.
9. Transacting such further business as may properly come before the meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please complete the Instrument of Proxy (below) and return it to the OPFA office:

- by mail - 5 Wesleyan St. #201, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 2E2
- by scanning and Email – opfa@opfa.ca or
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All Resolutions must be submitted, prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting, in the approved Resolution Form format (see form), with a Mover and Seconder.

Please take note, only those Resolutions submitted to the OPFA office by 2:00 pm on Friday, May 12, 2017 will be presented and discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

Susan Jarvis, R.P.F.
Registrar

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INSTRUMENT OF PROXY

I, _____ _____
(name of Member) (Member number)

of _____
(address of Member)

Being a Member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association hereby appoint

Greg Pawson, R.P.F., of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

WHOM FAILING

Peter Street, R.P.F., of Callander, Ontario

OR

_____, (_____) of _____
designation

as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the

Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association

to be held at approximately 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017

at the Delta Hotel & Conference Centre, Guelph, Ontario,

in connection with the 2017 Annual Conference of the Association.

Dated this _____day of _____, 2017 at _____.

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(signature of member)

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THANK YOU

Forestry on TVO

Fred Pinto, R.P.F.
Executive Director

An interview about Ontario's forests was broadcast on TVO, Ontario's education television network. You can view the interview here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHal0SwTAuA

Much of the information described during the interview is incorrect and misrepresents the work of professional foresters and everyone else involved in forestry. For example, the map of forest fragmentation displayed and discussed uses a made-up definition of forest fragmentation. The scientifically and internationally accepted definition of forest fragmentation is: Forest fragmentation refers to any process that results in the conversion of formerly continuous forest into patches of forest separated by non-forested lands (source: https://www.cbd.int/forest/definitions.shtml). Using the internationally accepted definition, Ontario's boreal forest shows very little forest fragmentation from forest operations. Forest operations in Ontario result in patches of different forest ages not conversion to non-forest conditions.

I contacted TVO to voice my concern and disappointment. The mandate of TVO "as the technological extension of Ontario's public education system, TVO's vision is to create a better world through the power of learning" (http://tvo.org/about) is not served by disseminating information that is incorrect. This is a real problem for everyone in Ontario as the television network doing so is an extension of our public education system.

The following e-mail was sent to TVO after they responded to my initial e-mail expressing my concern:

"Dear Tony,
Thank you for the response below. If the producers at TVO are interested in finding out how forestry is conducted in Ontario please have them contact me.

I and my family are avid supporters of TVO and we have not seen a show to the best of our memories that describes how forestry is done in Ontario. I have searched through the (non-children show) archives of TVO and have not found any shows that would inform Ontarians of the processes that engage the public and the methods used to plan and implement forestry practices on public lands.

I do not want to go through the show I commented on and describe the incorrect information presented. However, do you or anyone in TVO know:

1) Ontario was the first jurisdiction in the world to have a law that requires forestry to be conducted so that forests are sustainable. In 2014 Quebec followed with a similar law. These are the only two jurisdictions in the world with laws that go on to define forest sustainability.

2) Having a law is not sufficient. Ontario has required professional foresters to be regulated. This ensures every citizen of Ontario can hold professional foresters to account. This year the Ontario Professional Foresters Association celebrates its 60 anniversary, professional foresters have had right to practice legislation for the past 17 years. As a regulatory body the Ontario Professional Foresters Association sets the standards for admission and maintenance of membership. It also investigates all complaints and holds members to account when warranted.

3) The public are involved in several ways in the development of forest plans and the implementation of forest operations. There is a separate consultation process for First Nations developed to meet the needs of each aboriginal community.

4) Forest regulations in Ontario all receive scientific and public review.

5) There is a process to educate and integrate new information in forest plans and operations.

6) Forest activities are projected for a minimum of 100 years over large forest landscapes (50k to 1 million ha) into the future to evaluate long term impacts.

7) Forest operations are controlled to minimize impacts at the site (small scale) to protect or create conditions that protect ecological processes.

8) Ontario has the largest area in the world of continuous cover forestry (partial harvest systems).

9) Yes, there is a shortage of professional foresters in Canada in every speciality from urban forestry, private land forestry and forestry on Crown lands. This is not a short term scarcity. Professional foresters work for aboriginal communities, environmental organizations, all levels of government (including municipalities), public utilities, forest products companies, forest service industries and as self-employed and small business owners. We need to inform Ontario's youth that there are jobs for professional foresters.

Fred Pinto, R.P.F.
Executive Director, OPFA"

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation and Contract Limitations

Fred Pinto, R.P.F.
Executive Director

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO) uses regulated professionals to undertake much of its work. This provides the MTO an assurance of the competencies of the contractors and ability to quickly and efficiently deal with issues through the regulatory body's complaints and discipline processes. Provincially regulated professionals must meet the minimum education and experiential standards set by their association plus be of good character. Provincially regulated professionals can also be held to account rapidly and at low cost to the MTO if there are errors or problems with the work conducted.

The MTO specifies the regulated professionals that can bid on their tenders. It usually limits bids to only two regulated professions. A couple of professional foresters have asked if they could bid on MTO contracts that require work that falls within their scope of practice and where they have the necessary competencies.

MTO staff were contacted by phone and e-mail to request that contracts let by MTO should be more inclusive in defining who could bid on them. In these messages MTO was clearly informed that they and the citizens of Ontario would benefit by opening their contracts to all provincially licenced professionals that have the necessary competencies to undertake the planned work. MTO would not increase its risk as all provincially licenced professionals can only undertake work within their scope of practice and competencies, further all provincially licenced professionals have similar complaints and discipline processes that ensure members are held to account.

The response from MTO civil servants so far has been disappointing. They are unwilling to change the way their tenders are worded. OPFA's Executive Director now plans to follow this up through the Ministers of Transportation and Natural Resources and Forestry.

Executive Director's Report

Fred Pinto, R.P.F.
Executive Director

This winter has been busy with both the internal and external businesses of the OPFA. If the members of the OPFA are to be successful as professional foresters we need to ensure the right amount of flexibility and structure exists to deal with modern conditions. We all cherish the safety of the past but want to enjoy the benefits of the present. The reality is that this dilemma cannot be resolved, we live in the present and need to deal with the uncertainty modern conditions create. To do so we must be bold and ask uncomfortable questions of ourselves, which is easier said than done!

Council has reviewed the various committees that serve the OPFA and has made recommendations to ensure that they operate in a manner that serves all members. Details will be described in the next few months. Council has also started to try and reverse the long term continuing loss of practising members. Several members of Council are each working on different strategies to deal with this important issue. Note that 70% of our membership is over fifty years of age. There will be loss of members from this age cohort and the OPFA must plan for it. We also have around 90 Provisional Members. This has its own challenges as they have to find mentors and supervisors, obtain missing competencies and understand what a regulated profession is.

One of the biggest limits we have is that members are not clear on what a regulated profession is. Read my last update to understand what it means to be a regulatory body. Compounding this problem is that professional foresters are the only regulated professionals in natural resources in Ontario, hence the culture of natural resource management is one of self-promotion and service to the employer. In regulated professions the culture is one of duty to the public and focus on advice to the client, documentation, and adherence to the use of evidence from objective studies. Our role is further complicated by the politics of different occupations and how they want to retain or promote their own interests. Remember, a regulated profession does not assign a higher status to a member. It provides citizens the ability to hold members to account at no cost to the individual citizen or taxpayers collectively. The cost of issue resolution is borne by members. The benefits of a well-regulated profession result in constant improvements in the health and security of society.

Externally, employers today are faced with seeking new skill sets for new disciplines. The OPFA is working with other professional forestry associations to modernize the competencies for future professional foresters so that they can obtain entry into the OPFA with competencies from a variety of skill sets such as urban forestry, natural resource management, ecosystem restoration, etc. Another change taking place outside of the OPFA, but having an impact on members, is that other occupations, such as the Ontario Landscape Architects and Professional Planners, are seeking right to practice legislation or revisions to their right to title legislation. There is an opportunity to work with the other associations who seek changes to our legislation and also to inform employers about the benefit of regulated professions.

A reminder that the Ontario Professional Foresters Association is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The organizing committee for the 2017 OPFA Annual Conference has already developed a comprehensive program that will be informative and fun. The conference program and registration pages can be found on the OPFA website (as well as in this newsletter). The theme of the conference is: *The OPFA at 60: Foresters in Changing Climates*. The conference will be held at the Delta Guelph near the University of Guelph from May 16-18, 2017. I hope to see many of you at the conference.

Looking for Mentors

The Ontario Professional Foresters Association has an all-time record number of Provisional members. If you have practised professional forestry for 2 or more years during your career you can help mentor a Provisional member. To find out who needs a mentor visit the OPFA website and click on the member's directory tab (https://secure.opfa.ca/membership-directory). Provisional members are now able to self-identify via their membership record if they are looking for mentors or professional forestry experience.

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Conference and Awareness Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017 • 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

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A panel of female industry representatives will speak about their experiences and pathways to fulfilling careers with trees.

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The day will be filled with networking opportunities, story-telling, and will culminate with the "Women in Trees" group climb. How long has it been since you climbed a tree? This will be an amazing opportunity to "climb like a girl!" But you'll be climbing with a harness and ropes, with expert instruction and supervision. Our goal is to get 100 women in trees!

AGENDA

9:00 – 10:00	Doors open, registration, coffee and refreshments.
10:00 – 11:30	Room 250, panel of speakers sharing their stories about careers in trees.
11:30 – 12:45	Lunch and networking. Lunch provided, sponsored by Hydro One.
1:00 – 3:30	Tree climb in the Access to Nature Trail.

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Registrar's Update

Susan Jarvis, R.P.F.
Registrar

Annual Membership Renewal is complete for another year. The majority of members completed their fee payments and competency reporting on time. A small number of members received notices to meet outstanding obligations within 60 days to avoid licence suspensions.

In February, the OPFA filed an annual registration report with the **Office of the Fairness Commissioner** (OFC), a requirement of the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act*. Planning continued for the 2017 OFC Assessment of OPFA Registration Practices due to begin in March. The OFC assesses registration practices of regulated professions to ensure transparency, objectivity, impartiality and fairness for anyone applying to practise his or her profession in Ontario.

All OPFA Provisional members that have completed **Bridge Training modules** through the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) are being surveyed about their registration and training experiences. The Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board, under contract to the OPFA, is surveying the participants, and responses to date have been overwhelmingly favourable. The OPFA and CIF will continue to get feedback from Bridge Training participants in order to maintain quality training and successful learning experiences. Bridge Training modules developed by Lakehead University are in the final stages of development and review of content. Members will be notified in March and April when registration for this training is available.

The review and proposed revision to **Certification Standards** (required competencies) for professional foresters in Canada is almost complete. The Canadian Federation of Professional Foresters Associations (CFPFA) initiated this project in 2014 in consultation with representatives of accredited university forestry programs in Canada. The Competency Review Working Group, chaired by OPFA, undertook the review of current Standards, and drafted revised Standards following extensive consultation with forest practitioners, academics, employers and other stakeholders across Canada. Draft Certification Standards are currently being reviewed by CFPFA and are expected to be considered for approval by provincial forestry regulators across Canada this spring. If approved for implementation, there will be a multi-year phase-in of revised 2017 Certification Standards and a multi-year phase-out of the current 2008 standards. This transition process could take up to five years to implement. Rest assured that current Provisional members and applicants (that need a Credential Assessment) will be well informed before this transition occurs and will have ample time to complete the current assessment process.

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BRIDGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FORESTERS

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Standards and Demonstrable Competency numbering is consistent with the 2008 Certification Standards for the Profession of Forestry in Canada (link)

Supplier	Competency	Modules Required to meet 2008 Certification Standards	More Information or Enrolment
Canadian Institute of Forestry / Institut forestier du Canada	**Standard 1: Tree and Stand Dynamics**		
	Competency 1.1	Module 1.1 and 1.4	Online modules except as noted courses.cif-ifc.org
	Competency 1.2	Module 1.2 and 1.4	
	Competency 1.3	Module 1.3	
	Competency 1.4	Module 1.4 (field course)	
Canadian Institute of Forestry / Institut forestier du Canada	**Standard 2: Forest to Landscape, Structure and Function**		
	Competency 2.1	Module 2.1	Online modules except as noted courses.cif-ifc.org
	Competency 2.2	Modules 2.2 and 2.5	
	Competency 2.3	Module 2.3	
	Competency 2.4	Module 2.4	
	Competency 2.5	Module 2.5 (field course)	
Canadian Institute of Forestry / Institut forestier du Canada	**Standard 5: Leadership Skills**		
	Competency 5.1	Module 5.1	Online modules courses.cif-ifc.org
	Competency 5.2	Module 5.2	
	Competency 5.3	Module 5.3	
Canadian Institute of Forestry / Institut forestier du Canada	**Standard 7: Professionalism and Ethics**		
	Competencies 7.1 to 7.4	Module 7.1	Online module courses.cif-ifc.org

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Professional Practice: Enforcement staff continue to address identified issues related to the practice of professional forestry, primarily through discussion and education. Most issues are resolved prior to official complaints being submitted. There were, however, three complaints made against members in the period from November to December 2016. The Complaints Committee struck panels to consider these cases, with decisions finalized in January and February 2017.

The *Professional Foresters Act, 2000* states that the Complaints Committee shall use its best efforts to dispose of a complaint within 120 days of it being filed with the Registrar, although failing to do so does not affect the validity of the decision or direction of the Committee. The three recent complaints were dealt with by the OPFA within 50-65 days. There are eight (8) on-going enforcement issues, most of which will be addressed through advocacy efforts with other forest practitioners (i.e. certified tree markers, managed forest plan approvers, certified arborists, landscape architects, auditors, municipalities). There are no current discipline cases.

In closing, I look forward to seeing many members at the Annual Conference in Guelph, May 16-18, 2017. It is a great opportunity for newer members to meet long-time members, to network and discuss professional forestry practice in Ontario. Conference sessions and field trips will count towards your 2017 continuing education hours. I particularly enjoy meeting members in person and being able to connect a face to a familiar name and voice. See you there!

Upcoming Registration Dates

May 16-18, 2017	Meet new members (and long-time friends) at the OPFA Conference in Guelph
May 25, 2017	Deadline for application materials for Registration Committee Meeting June 8, 2017.
June 2, 2017	Credential Assessment Process portfolio materials to Registrar, for national CAP assessment deadline July 1, 2017.
July 27, 2017	Deadline for application materials for Registration Committee Meeting August 10, 2017.

MALCOLM F. SQUIRES

DYNAMIC FOREST

MAN VERSUS NATURE IN THE BOREAL FOREST

Foreword by John Kennedy Naysmith

Malcolm F. Squires graduated in 1963 from the University of New Brunswick with a forestry degree. He worked first in Newfoundland and then in Ontario for thirty-four years as an industrial forester. He then moved to forestry consulting, while advocating for the boreal forest through visual art, writing, and speaking. He lives in Thunder Bay.

DYNAMIC FOREST

Man Versus Nature in the Boreal Forest

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Ontario Woodlot Association Annual Meeting and Conference	April 28-29	Newmarket, ON	www.ontariowoodlot.com
OPFA Annual Meeting and Conference	**May 16-18**	**Guelph, ON**	**www.opfa.ca**
11th North American Forest Ecology Workshop	June 19-22	Edmonton, AB	http://nafew.org

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