



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

The WV Board of Registration of Foresters met on April 20, 2017 at the WV Division of Forestry headquarters in Charleston, WV. Those in attendance were President David Hill, Daniel Parker, Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Francis, and clerical support Hope Goff.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by President David Hill. The minutes from the October 2016 meeting were distributed. Dan Parker made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cinda Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Francis distributed the Financial report. There was some discussion on the delay in payment of the DOF invoice. Dan Parker made a motion to accept the Financial report as presented. Cinda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence –Cinda stated that there was no correspondence other than email during the Legislative Session.

Complaints – There were no new complaints received by the Board. In regards to a previous complaint, Cinda reported that our AG legal counsel, Mr. Mark Weiler, advised that rejecting a renewal form would be the suggested route to take rather than pursuing license revocation. President Dave Hill suggests we follow the recommendations and see what happens.

Safety Review – The Board reviewed and discussed “US Roadways Pavement Markings.”

Old Business

- **PERD Review/Legislation** – There was discussion that although HB2864 did not pass the Legislature this past session, similar legislation is likely to be introduced again next year.
- **RECEPROCITY** – There has been no official notice from North Carolina. The Board has received an email about reciprocity with South Carolina and Dave will contact John Brooks regarding reciprocity with more southern boards.
- **REPORT ON ANNUAL AUDITORS TRAINING** – Dan Parker attended the Annual Auditors training for the Board. He reported that there was discussion regarding the Supreme Court decision regarding the dental profession. Other items included anti-trust and liability issues.
- **BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Dave Hill cloned last letter to Governor and sent it to Governor Justice. No word yet on appointments.

New Business

- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Dan Parkers moved to keep officers – President David Hill and Secretary/Treasurer Cinda Francis. Cinda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **ASSOCIATION OF LICENSING BOARDS** – The Board discussed the importance of keeping dues paid to this organization. Dan made a motion to pay our current dues. Cinda seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **WEBSITE UPDATES** - Discussion on updates to the website included: ensuring the process of registering and taking the exam is clearly visible on the website; ensure the application on the website has current language. It was suggested that a registration form for taking the exam be made available on the website. It was also noted that pass/fail letters need to be sent out soon after the results are known
- **2017-2018 RENEWAL LETTERS** – The letter and form were reviewed for the 2017-2018 renewal year. No changes were made.

Other Business –

- **AD IN YELLOW PAGES** – Dave asked about getting information on placing an ad in the yellow pages with our contact information. Cinda said that we could look into the cost and report back in October.

Review of Applicants

- Emeritus Status – None.
- Upgrades – None

The Board review 3 new applicants and found the following:

- **Thomas Amesbury** – The Board found his application to be complete. He is a Certified Foresters with SAF and doesn't need to take our exam. Cinda Francis made a motion to accept his application as a Registered Forester. Dan Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Amesbury – RPF#791

- **Theron Michael Gibbs** – The Board found his application to be lacking the required references. He has already taken and passed the exam.
- **Corey Ryan Sisler** – The Board found his application to be lacking the required references. He has applied for registration as a Forest Technician so no exam is required. Dan made the motion to send Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Sisler both letters stating that if additional acceptable references are received within 30 days their applications will be approved. Cinda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corey Ryan Sisler – RFT-123

Schedule of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the board will be October 19, 2017, at the WVDOF Headquarters in Charleston, WV.

The next exam will be held September 23, 2017 on the WVU Campus.

Annual Audit

Dave Hill and Dan Parker conducted the annual audit and found everything in order.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinda B. Francis, Secretary/Treasurer