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Prince George Resident New ABCFP President

(Vancouver, BC) The 69th council of the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) officially took office at **Branching Out** —the ABCFP's annual forestry conference and AGM in Vancouver, BC. This year's president is Christopher Stagg, Registered Professional Forester, of Prince George, BC.

The 69th council includes forest professionals from around the province who have a variety of backgrounds that will enhance the work of the ABCFP. This year's council includes representatives from government, large forest companies and independent consultants.

The ABCFP council governs the affairs of the association and works to fulfill the ABCFP's mandate as defined in the *Foresters Act*. The ABCFP council is made up of 10 elected councillors and two lay councillors who are appointed by the provincial government.

President

Chris Stagg, RPF

Chris has been working in forestry for over 20 years, having started his career in consulting with Nisus Resource Management and eventually transitioning to industry roles, first as a forest planner and zone forester for Crestbrook Forest Industries and eventually as area forester, fibre procurement superintendent and western Canadian chief forester for Tembec. Chris has also worked in several locations around the province, from Cranbrook to Sparwood and Chetwynd. He is currently the chief forester at Canadian Forest Products Ltd., based in Prince George.

Vice-President

Mauro Calabrese, RPF, RPBio

Mauro is a professional forester and biologist with 20 years of experience. Mauro's first experience in forestry came as a heli-attack firefighter. He started with West Fraser Mills Ltd. in 1996 as a harvesting supervisor after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry degree from UBC. He progressed to roles in planning and biology. He has been the planning superintendent in Williams Lake for West Fraser for the past two years where he supervises a team of eight forest professionals and GIS technicians. Mauro has been on the ABCFP council since 2013, and is the incoming vice-president for 2016. Mauro is married and has four boys aged 8 to 14 and they enjoy camping, fishing, hunting, soccer, and skiing.

The ABCFP Council

President: **Christopher Stagg, RPF**
Resident of: Prince George
Employer: Canadian Forest Products

Vice-President: **Mauro Calabrese, RPF, RPBio**
Resident of: Williams Lake
Employer: West Fraser Timber

Past President: **Jonathan Lok, RFT**
Resident of: Port McNeill
Employer: Strategic Natural Resource Consultants

Morgan Kennah, RPF
Resident of: Nanaimo

Jill Affleck, RFT
Resident of: Mackenzie
Employer: Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural
Resource Operations

Gail Brewer, RPF(ret)
Resident of: Victoria
Employer: Retired

Lisa Perrault, RFT
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: Western Forest Products

Employer: Island Timberlands

Trevor Swan, RPF
Resident of: Victoria
Employer: BC Oil and Gas Commission

Tom Hoffman, RPF
Resident of: Williams Lake
Employer: Tolko

Robin Modesto, RPF, PEng
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: Interfor Corporation

Lay Councillors

Rod Visser
Resident of: Campbell River
Employer: MiddlePoint Management

Tom Walker
Resident of: Duncan
Employer: Retired

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*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals'** forestry conference and AGM is held in different locations around BC each year. Attending are Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists who come to learn from the best, share ideas and best practices, and network with colleagues.*

*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals** is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's professional foresters and forest technologists. Today, it is the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include forest technologists. Here in BC, the practice of professional forestry has been regulated since 1947 when foresters first agreed to help protect the public's interest in the province's forests in return for the exclusive right to practise forestry.*

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