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Williams Lake forest professional takes helm of forestry association

(Vancouver)—Mauro Calabrese, a Registered Professional Forester and Registered Professional Biologist with more than 20-years' experience, was acclaimed as president of the 70th council of the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) at their annual general meeting and conference in Prince George.

Robin Modesto, a Registered Professional Forester and Professional Engineer from Campbell River, takes over as the association's vice president.

The 70th council includes forest professionals from around the province who have a variety of backgrounds that will help lead 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 to ensure BC's forests are in good hands. Council is made up of 10 elected councillors and two non-member lay councillors who are appointed by the provincial government.

The 70th ABCFP Council

President

Mauro Calabrese, RPF, RPBio

Mauro is a professional forester and biologist with 20 years of experience. His 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 the University of British Columbia. 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 2014.

Vice-President

Robin Modesto, RPF, PEng

Robin is manager, supply chain and land use at Interfor Coastal Woodlands division where he manages the transportation and sorting of their coastal log production while balancing inventory levels and mill requirements. He has held previous roles in planning and operations at Interfor.

Robin started his career in 1995 with Interfor in Campbell River. He is a Registered Professional Forester as well as a Professional Engineer. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University and a Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering from the University of New Brunswick. He has served on ABCFP council since 2014.

Past President: Christopher Stagg, RPF, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations, Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Prince George

Councillor: Trevor Joyce, RPF, Strategic Planning Forester, Sinclar Group Forest Products, Prince George

Councillor: Morgan Kennah, RPF, Director, Regional Initiatives, Ministry of Forest Lands and Resource Operations, Victoria

Councillor: Mason McIntyre, RFT, Human Resources Manager, Acciona, Victoria

Councillor: Lisa Perrault, RFT, Coordinator, Strategic Projects, Western Forest Products, Campbell River

Councillor: Cliff Roberts, RFT, Partner, Chartwell Consultants, North Vancouver

Councillor: Kerri Simmons, RPF, FMS and Tenures Coordinator, Canadian Forest Products, Prince George

Councillor: Trevor Swan, RPF, General Counsel, BC Oil and Gas Commission, Victoria

Lay Councillor: Rod Visser, Principle, MiddlePoint Management, Campbell River

Lay Councillor: Tom Walker, Retired, Duncan

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*The **Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP)** is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's professional foresters and forest technologists. It is the largest professional forestry association in Canada.*

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