

**Principles of Association
between the Alberta Forest Technologists Association
and the Canadian Institute of Forestry
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Background

The Forestry Profession Act (FPA) was given third reading on Wednesday, June 5 1985. It was presented as a government bill sponsored by Mr. Frank Appleby, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Caucus Committee on Forestry.

Since 1985 there has been considerable discussion and consultation resulting in a belief that there is a need and benefit to increasing the regulation of forestry to protect both the public interests and well-being of the forest resources of the province. Increased regulation occurred through the introduction of new legislation, and the establishment of an Alberta Forest Technologists Association (AFTA). The new legislation, the Regulated Forestry Profession Act passed third reading in the spring of 1999.

With the formation of the AFTA, the Executive of the Association and the Executive of the Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) of the Canadian Institute of Forestry felt it necessary to outline the roles and responsibilities of the two organizations and to describe how the two organizations could work together.

The RMS has been active and effective since its inception in 1949. It is a viable organization which has served to bring Alberta forest professionals together for educational purposes, for discussion of issues, submission of briefs, and for social activities. Section members are supportive of the FPA and subsequent amendment. The Canadian Institute of Forestry functions at a national level as the only national voice of forest practitioners, functioning in essence as a learned society for exchange of professional and technical information, and publishing the Forestry Chronicle.

Roles

National Canadian Institute of Forestry

The national office of the CIF is recognized as serving as a leader and spokesman for forest practitioners in national and international dealings. National serves as a unifying body, disseminating information through newsletters and the Forestry Chronicle, fostering information exchange through annual meetings, presenting silver rings to graduating foresters, and presenting awards for distinctive national and international contributions.

Rocky Mountain Section, Canadian Institute of Forestry

The RMS of the CIF will continue its active technical and social programs, discussion of issues, submission of briefs, disseminating Alberta news through newsletters and participating in the management and delivery of the national CIF direction through the Board of Directors.

Alberta Forest Technologists Association

The AFTA will function as the registration body, assessing, setting and maintaining standards of ethics and competence for practitioners as outlined in the Act.

AFTA agrees that:

- The organization will support the respective roles.

- The organization will plan meetings, whenever possible to coincide with CIF technical sessions.
- The organization will structure its dues to include remittance to CIF of a sum covering the costs of full CIF membership, and that sum will be credited to individual AFTA members at the CIF National headquarters to maintain individual CIF membership. All non-members would be encouraged to apply for CIF membership. When these non-members are accepted by CIF, the organization will remit dues on their behalf. CIF annual dues changes of less than 10% would be approved administratively. Changes greater than 10% need endorsement at the AFTA AGM or of the AFTA general membership.
- The organization will recognize member attendance at CIF technical session as part of the association's continuing education requirements.