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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Teresa Stokes

Hello RMS Members,

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank our outgoing director, Jerry Sunderland for his dedication to the Rocky Mountain Section. To show our appreciation for his work on the RMS board, I presented Jerry with a walking stick on July 27, 2001.

The 2001-2002 RMS Board is up and running. Our new director, Stan Kavalinas, is attending the CIF National meeting in Whistler, B.C. this month. Welcome to Anne McInerney, Treasurer, Dave Zelt, our junior UofA student representative, and Dave Bartesko and Don Podlubny as new councillors. Alex Drummond is in the Vice-Chair position this year. He has been on the RMS board for the past 2 years as a councillor and the program committee chair. We will continue to receive well-written RMS news reports from Scott Milligan (RMS reporter). The planning for technical sessions is underway by our program committee: Dave Bartesko, Wally Rude and Tom Daniels. Mike Benedictson continues as AFTA Liaison and Ken Plourde as ARPFA Liaison. Both Mike and Ken will continue to assist the program committee. A big thanks to Sarah Gooding for taking on the secretary tasks, and to Todd Nash for his expertise in a number of areas. Shereen Taylor will continue as the student UofA representative. I believe that we have an enthusiastic crew on board and I look forward to working with them this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ken Mallet for his dedication to the Rocky Mountain Section Board and the CIF for the past four years. He came on board as Vice-Chair in 1996 moving on as Chair, then Director and back as the treasurer in 1999/2000. We really appreciate the knowledge and experience that Ken brought to our meetings and to the Section.

ALBERTA NEWS

The move to the new office is complete. Thanks to both AFTA and ARPFA staff and our own committee (Todd, Sarah and Ken) for their hard work in making this happen. The technical sessions are being organized and the planning for a joint CIF/SAF in 2004 meeting is underway. The bursaries at NAIT and University of Alberta are set up and will be available to students entering their second and third years respectively, starting this fall.

NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC) is proud to announce that it will be hosting, along with the Rocky Mountain Section of the CIF/IFC,



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a joint meeting with the Society of American Foresters (SAF) in Edmonton in September of 2004.

For over 60 years, in approximately 10-year intervals, the CIF/IFC and the SAF have held joint meetings—exchanging information on forestry practices in North America and around the world. The joint meeting in 2004 will bring together approximately 2500 forest practitioners. The focus of the meeting will be on Canada's boreal forest and forest management practices in North America.

Don Gelinias (1st Vice President CIF/IFC and RMS member) is headed to Colorado to participate in the SAF annual meeting this fall. He will be reporting back to us on what we can expect to see in 2004.

On the Alberta side, the RMS Executive is in the process of setting up a steering committee to begin planning for the 2004 meeting. If you are interested in volunteering your time with planning this major event please send me an email.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS 2001-2002

FALL 2001 - The first session is taking place in Grande Prairie on October 19, 2001. The topic: "Woodlot

Management in Alberta". This session is intended to increase awareness among our CIF members regarding private woodlot management in Alberta. There are some interesting challenges that the woodlot owner faces when it comes to managing the forest on a smaller scale. We are looking to bring a national, a provincial and a forest industry perspective to the session. Mark your calendar and watch for a registration brochure in the mail this fall.

WINTER 2002 - The winter technical session will be held in Calgary on February 1, 2002, in-conjunction with AFTA and ARPFA. The topic area will be recreation/historical sites.

SPRING 2002 - The spring session will be held on March 15, 2002 in Edmonton in conjunction with the University of Alberta Ring Ceremony and the FILS lecture series. More details to follow later.

The RMS Executive is here to listen to your comments, concerns and suggestions. Please feel free to email us or visit our website at <http://www.arpfa.org/cifrms/> for more information.

Until next time...



Don Gelinias, RPF 71 was recently appointed as the 64th President of the Canadian Institute of Forestry/ Institut forestier du Canada for the year 2001-2002. Don is currently Provincial Enforcement Coordinator for the Land & Forest Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

He has had an active career with the CIF/IFC starting as a student member in University. His involvement with the Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) includes Secretary/Treasurer, Councillor, Vice-Chair, Chair and Section representative on the CIF/IFC National Board of Directors. He has also served on the Board of Directors of both the Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association and the Alberta Forestry Association.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada has been the national voice for the forestry practitioner for over 90 years. Members of the CIF/IFC Executive for 2001-02 are: Don Gelinias, RPF, President; Gordon Stone, Past President; Len Moores, RPF, 1st Vice-President; and Richard Macnaughton, RPF, 2nd Vice President.

