



Noteworthy News from CIF-NL *December 2014*

Season's Greetings Everyone:

Well, we are back, from a significant absence the last few years. It was brought to my attention that newsletters would be good to keep our members engaged in CIF happenings. So here is my attempt! Well believe it or not it is winter, but I am confident that it will eventually start snowing and we will get to snowmobile, snowshoe, and partake in other outdoor winter activities before long. Although it's only been a little over a month since our fall AGM, it is time to bring everyone up to speed on what has been happening with CIF.

AWARDS Congratulations everyone, we won Section of the Year! At the National AGM in Utah, I accepted the award on behalf of the section and was very proud to hear so many people talk about what a great time they had in NL when we hosted the National AGM last fall (no doubt the kicker that helped us lock this award up). Great success and good team effort! Well it was certainly nice to be recognized at the big awards dinner in Salt Lake City, it was even better when we were recognized again for our work with Forest without Borders. Got to give a shout out to Bill Clark and his team, who certainly deserve this recognition. - well done! We are considering a decision to fund local section awards from one pot (may or may not be given out each year). This would include a new award The Dave Sharpe Award as well as Frank Gogos, Finn Frost (rarely awarded). More to come on this consideration.

CIF Executive Changes We say good bye officially to Jim Taylor and certainly wish him well in NB. Jim left last summer but will be remembered for his CIF contributions and FwB. All the best! We welcome new Vice Chair Kirby Tulk who works with Terra Nova National Park. We also welcome Tanya Schlossek from Goose Bay, and Eric Young, who returns to the executive after a bit of time off. We are in process of changing our by-laws to go to a four year term for executive as per membership direction at AGM. Will be soliciting for a second vice chair after xmas with an election to follow (if necessary).

CIF- NL AGM I thought the joint AGM with CIF and RPF went very well in St. John's in November. It was great to see everyone and hats off to the planning committee Bill Clark, Rod Hillyard, Jason Glode, and others who did a fabulous job organizing the event. We are already talking about our next AGM which we will work on having in Goose Bay probably in early September. Stay tuned for details on that as they arise.

Website and Social Media Thanks Jeff Motty who is working closely with the CIF National, RPFNL and Sean Greene on our social media and website establishment. Since the AGM this fall Jeff has been working with Maddie (Madelaine Kennedy mkennedy@cif-ifc.org) at CIF National to populate the Newfoundland Labrador Sections page on CIF National website with information from a variety of sources including: Files that were submitted to Matt Meade at CIF National last year; webpage data that existed on our old website using archival data; information submitted by various members who were approached as they were close to the subject matter (thanks are extended to Glen Knee, Glenn Payne, and Sean Greene); and some information that was compiled through Colin Carroll, Tammy Higgins, Sean Greene and Jeff. With any luck Jeff hopes to work closely with Maddie at National in the New Year and have a polished product by mid-February. Please pass along feedback, pictures, and content.

Check out the new webpage at http://www.cif-ifc.org/gp_sections/newfoundland-labrador/

Since the AGM we had the first meeting of the Joint CIF NL Section - RPF Communication Committee. The members of this committee include (Tammy Higgins – RPF Member, Jamie Kennedy – RPF Member, Jeff Motty – CIF member and Tanya Schlossek –CIF Member). During the first meeting Jason Pond also sat in to provide some direction. From this meeting we created Facebook Page for CIF NL and a twitter account. In addition to these two new accounts a LinkedIn account is coming soon. In addition to creating these accounts, we have developed some ground rules for members who will post information representing these two organizations. The development of a Social and Digital Media Strategy is underway and once it is written we will be bringing it back to the Executives of the two organizations.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/CIFNL>

https://twitter.com/cif_nl

Forests Without Borders The NL caucus of Forests without Borders led the country in fundraising again in 2014 and added a few firsts as well. NEWCRETE (the aggregate branch of Pennecon) became the first corporate sponsor of FwB-Fsf, nationally, and Juniper Clothing became the first company to offer a commission to FwB-Fsf for use of the logo and Juniper's support in product promotion. Rod Hillyard was invited to join the Trustees for FwB-FsF, which, also, makes us the only province or section to have continuous representation on the Board of Trustees for FwB-FsF since its inception.

Sponsored plantings continued to be major fundraisers in 2014, fetching \$1 a seedling on substantial jobs, with MANAL (the Muslim Association of Newfoundland and Labrador) and NEWCRETE leading the way. Smaller opportunistic plantings, awareness activities and other promotion continued throughout the year. RPFNL donated a jacket to go on tickets at the AGM along with a painting donated by Ryan M. Antle of Corner Brook. Wayne Kelly bagged (and meticulously butchered and/or ground) this year's charitable moose which provided fantastic moose burgers on the field trip at the AGM. A good supply of quality moose is available for fundraisers throughout the province.

Jim Taylor, who was an original NL Caucus member, moved to Moncton in 2014 after significant contributions to the caucus and the section over a number of years. Reg Parsons is between Corner Brook and St. John's and Rebecca Parsons is on maternity leave; so are restricted in involvement. New caucus members were added in Corner Brook (André Arsenault, Basil English and Corey Wight) and Central (Dave Cheeks and Jason Pond), and Tanya Schlossek and Bill Clarke are co-chairing the caucus in 2015. Additional members are welcomed at any time. Just contact any caucus members or section executive to let us know how you can get involved.

The NL FwB-FsF caucus is well known nationally. We have been instrumental in launching missions or projects in Haiti, Nepal and Cameroon and have provided substantial financial support for work in at least four other countries. We are an opportunistic bunch and engage in any type of fundraising or activities that can advance the mission of FwB-Fsf. Common denominator are having a good bit of fun and the sense of satisfaction from doing something worthwhile at home and abroad. We appreciate the enthusiastic support of the section and many others in the success of FwB-FsF NL efforts to date, and look forward to activities in 2015.

Membership Just a quick update to let everyone know that we are still fairly strong on the membership front. Also, a reminder that our membership dues have increased (40\$ active members; 20\$ students and retirees). This increase is from decision by National (see below). Sean Greene sent an email out on this reminder as well, as we will be renewing starting in January 2015. Membership drive, we are challenging our members to ask a colleague to consider joining.

Whereas the Institute provides significant value for its current membership, through its array of products, services and events, to correctly value these benefits and eliminate structural deficits;

Be it resolved that member dues be raised and established at the following amounts beginning January 1, 2015:

Category	*Base Membership Fee		Paper Copy of Forestry Chronicle	
	2013/14	2014/15	2013/14	2014/15
Active	\$99 + tax	\$140 + tax	\$60	\$60
Retired	\$39 + tax	\$60 + tax	\$60	\$60
Student	\$39 + tax	\$60 + tax	\$60	\$60

*Base membership fee includes access to the full suite of products, services and events including: electronic version of the *Forestry Chronicle*; The Forest on Your Desktop - National Electronic Lecture Series; *Think Forests!* National Recruitment Program; Continuing Education and Professional Development Credits; Branching Out – Mentorship Program; Forestry Education Kits; bi-monthly e-newsletter; Lateral Routes – Social Networking; and participation in the annual AGM and Conference, section events and working groups.

RPFNL RPFNL is doing well with membership and awareness through meetings, events, and social media. The group recently launched some fine looking clothing and other items which can be purchased through their website. December 19 was the deadline for this round of RPFNL merchandise orders. Laurie Holloway (laurieweb@hotmail.com) was coordinating the orders, so if you want to know more about future orders, check the website or email her. RPFNL can accept all credit cards or email money transfers. Recently an agreement was reached to provide 75% of the revenues for this year's AGM in St. John's to RPFNL. In addition the agreement identifies that the groups will cost share 50/50 on revenues from future AGM's, and both groups will equally participate in organizing and hosting the annual event. Lastly the CIFNL thanks the RPFNL for being quite helpful in assisting the setup of social media contacts for our organization. We look forward to continued collaboration in the future. RPF's use your stamp!!

Mini-Forums We are pleased to announce that our Executive will work to re-activate our Mini-Forums in 2015, which have been absent lately. What we have planned include:

- Forest Protection including an update on our insect and fire programs in the Province
- NL Provincial National Parks – an update on current programs

Winter Field Trips Well we do hope we get snow so we can have our Winter Field Trip. Early in the new year our Executive will be starting to plan the event which we hope to pull off in March. We will explore several places depending on who we can get to assist in the planning. let us know if you are interested in planning such an event this winter!

Curling Funspiel We will be planning to have our Curling Funspiel (the Nickerson Cup) in Corner Brook in February 2015. The event was rekindled last year and was a great success. We will look to move this event around the province going forward. Keep close eye on your emails and social media as we plan this event and look for teams. Who is going to win the coveted trophy this time?

That's it for now.... Take care and have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.