I must say that my first month in the office has been busy—but my experience in non-profits is that this is usually the nature of the beast. I have pretty much dove head first into the deep end of the pool as that is my nature and so far, I feel that I am keeping my head above water! Enough of the clichés—you are more likely interested in what is going on at the office.

I had the pleasure of attending the AWES annual general meeting in Keephills in May. It was a nice to catch up with some former work colleges as well as participate in the field tour looking at Genesee’s regen plots. They are going some interesting work on the site.

As everyone has completed their annual renewal and updated continuing competencies requirements, I am sure that you have met a few challenges with data entry or logging into the online system. As you have heard previously, both Colleges have dated information management systems that are experiencing increasing glitches. Council is currently in the process of reviewing an audit of the existing systems and developing a request for quotes to tender. A few vendors will be reviewed to ensure that AAFMP is getting a robust system that is also user friendly, secure and cost effective. Unfortunately, this is not a small project and it will take some time to implement so we will ask your patience as we make the transition over the next six to eight months.

As some of you may be aware, Shonelle Wilkinson, Registrar for CAPFT, is leaving on maternity leave in mid-July. We will attempt to fill her shoes while she is gone, but it isn’t likely to be easily achieved. The College has a very valuable resource in Shonelle. She is a dedicated individual that is extremely competent in her roll and thoughtful in the execution of her duties. Hopefully we can keep our questions of Shonelle to a minimum while she is gone, and we will anxiously await her return.

In the last month we have had two meetings with Government of Alberta staff to review drafts of the Regulations that will supplement the Regulated Forestry Profession Act (2017). Again, I can appreciate this has been a long process for all parties involved in drafting the Act and the Regulations. I feel that we are making progress and that we are getting close to the final version. Once the Regulations are finalized, there are still a number of levels of government and external stakeholders that must review
The professional exam is a requirement of all regulated members on the CAPF and CAPFT Conditional Registers, and FIT Register. Specific timelines for challenging and successfully passing the exam also apply to these Registers. Members subject to the professional exam requirement will have been notified of their deadline to write. Failure to write will result in suspension or a change in Register, depending on the College you reside in. In some cases, not challenging the exam could lead to unprofessional conduct charges, and potential disciplinary action. On May 28, 2018, ten RFT’s were issued suspension notices for failure to meet the deadline to write.

Know your deadline to write. If you are unsure of your deadline, please contact the AAFMP Office for assistance.

The next professional exam will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at the AAFMP Training Centre. Reading lists, preparation resources, and additional information on future exam writing dates and online webinars are available via the Online Study Page. Exam challengers are encouraged to join the Facebook study group. Online webinars are scheduled in the months leading up to each exam writing, and available to exam writers at no cost. Check the web page and watch for the Friday Member Notices for information about future webinars.

Registration for the exam and upcoming webinars can be completed HERE. The joint Professional Exam Committee has set the 2019 exam dates at: Saturday April 13th and Saturday November 2nd.

Carla Rhyant
Executive Director
Spring has sprung and moved along into summer with another three months that has gone by. With this, we have seen recent change in the Executive Director role for AAFMP. I would like to personally welcome Carla Rhyant into her new role. Carla has been instrumental in creating further efficiency gains in our process to proclamation in the short time she has been with us. Carla comes with a background of previous experience with not-for-profit organizations and has extensive knowledge in policy and governance training. She also will lead us with her strategic planning capabilities into a new chapter. Congratulations Carla on being the successful candidate for our organization.

An update regarding proclamation, is that we will see a small delay but have been assured that proclamation will proceed with a timeline set back to December. There has been a lot of work done with our bylaws, terms of reference, regulations and policies to anchor us into this future date. The government has recognized us as a priority to complete this merge, however, this delay will give us further time to make sure we get our work complete with 100% certainty it is done the right way. Your patience on this matter is greatly appreciated where we will see a finish line on this task soon.

As we wait for proclamation, we will not be having an Annual General Meeting this coming fall in preparation for the transition into our new organization. Instead, we will be giving an update through collaboration with the Canadian Institute of Forestry. CIF’s Annual General Meeting event which will be held in Grande Prairie in mid-September. CIF has graciously given us a time slot to update membership accordingly. We also wish to further our synergies with this group into the future building on the strong history that has been built with CAPF and CAPFT. Please stay tuned with date and time on our update.

There will be much discussion at our upcoming strategic planning session in August where Council will be reviewing and updating our plan in full context of the merger to come. We will set forth with updated budgeted initiatives and strive towards gaining membership value through further engagement once our efforts can be directed away from proclamation. I anticipate good things to come with our own combined bylaws and policies to direct us into the future of the Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals.

Ryan Hee, RPF, RPFT
President, AAFMP

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

CAPFT Membership renewals are now past due. Without receipt of your renewal submissions your membership may be subject to suspension and late penalty. Those who have outstanding requirements have been notified directly. Renewals are complete with submission of all of the following:

2. 2018-2019 Declaration - this is marked as 2019 on your member’s page. Due May 31st, 2018.
3. Continuing Competence hours - Practice Permit Renewals will look to the most recent CC submission deadline. Please ensure your CC requirements are up to date for the period ending September 30, 2017. Those who have not met their requirement have been contacted by email, and provided temporary access to report any outstanding hours.

Renewal requirements can be submitted via your online member’s page. We thank all members who have provided their submissions within the deadline.

**CHECK OUT UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS HERE:**
[HTTPS://WWW.CAPFT.CA/EVENTS/VIEWNORMALCALENDAR/]
CAREER PROFILE: ANDREW CARPENTER
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT | CONSULTANT, RECLAIMIT

For Andrew Carpenter, working in the forestry industry means making a positive contribution to the sustainable use and protection of forest resources within Western Canada. As a natural resources management consultant, Carpenter spends each day working to remediate and reclaim forested areas impacted by industrial development.

“I work with the top three inches of soil in forest lands, and try to take into account what walks, grows, or flows over it,” he says.

“There are a lot of aspects that need to be considered, so my job is to look at the bigger picture. Every day, I work to put something back that can encourage ecosystem recovery after an industrial disturbance.”

Extraction processes can have a significant impact on forests - wellsites, access roads, pits, and pipelines can leave a lasting mark on ecosystems. By working with independent contractors like Carpenter who specialize in contaminated sites management, oil and gas companies are able to ensure reliable results.

Since 1988, Carpenter has been carving out his niche in the forestry sector. As a graduate of the Forest Technologist program at the Maritime Forest Ranger School in New Brunswick, he was determined to find a career where he could enjoy fresh air and natural landscapes.

“I entered forest management because I love the outdoors and adventure. It’s enabled me to enjoy the outdoors in areas across Alberta and British Columbia,” he reflects.

Since completing the Forest Technologist program, Carpenter has continually sought out opportunities to learn and grow in his role. After completing a Bachelor of Science in natural resources management at the University of Northern British Columbia, he worked for several years as a silviculture forester in Slave Lake and on Vancouver Island before moving to Red Deer to begin working as a natural resources management consultant.

“The need for this kind of work was growing, so I took a leap and started this new venture in natural resources consulting,” he says.

Now, as a registered professional forester in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan, Carpenter travels across Western Canada, working to rehabilitate disturbed forestland sites.

From identifying and removing contaminated soil for treatment or storage, to integrating natural vegetation to reclaim disrupted land, Carpenter and his team guide the development of solutions to remediate and reclaim natural areas. It’s a role that requires constant learning, change and an openness to communicating; over the past three decades, Carpenter has come to recognize and appreciate the value of working in a team setting.

“Collaboration is necessary to get the right solutions identified and properly implemented,” he says. “Throughout my career, I’ve learned that there’s a huge value in acknowledging that we are working in a larger, more complex system that requires the skills of many other specialists.”

From the initial site assessment to the implementation of recovery measures, Carpenter collaborates with industry professionals, including biologists, agrologists, and geoscientists, to identify problems, propose solutions, and ensure that the right actions are taken to reclaim and reforest land. Once a solution has been scoped out, he works from the field, guiding the management of both people and resources to implement proper measures. This often means working in remote areas, without access to cell reception, Wi-Fi, or other modern amenities for weeks at a time.

Working in forestland reclamation and management requires a broad understanding of both the short- and long-term impact of industrial operations at the site level, as well as the implications these activities can have for the greater ecosystem.

For Carpenter, critical thinking, planning, and logistics are key. Using these skills, he carefully manages the areas entrusted to him, rehabilitating developed forestlands for future generations to enjoy.
Canada is fortunate to have expansive forests. Together, we can be proud of our sustainably managed forests and the community building benefits they provide here and abroad. How do we ensure this legacy is carried forward in the future? It starts with having a common Vision to point the way.

A Vision for Canada’s Forests: 2018 and Beyond is championed by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) and builds on the accomplishments and challenges of previous national strategies. Over time, the approaches, issues, and emphases have changed to reflect the evolving values and institutions that characterize Canada’s broad forest sector of the future.

To renew the Vision successfully, we need some answers to critical questions. We are interested in hearing from the AAFMP and its members: we invite you to visit www.CCFM.org to provide your feedback through the online survey. Click HERE for a presentation built by the CCFM to generate discussion regarding the renewed Vision; although some draft themes have been proposed, we are relying on feedback from individuals and organizations like you to help shape the draft and final Vision for Canada’s Forests.

The CCFM commits to reviewing all feedback and incorporating it, as feasible, into A Vision for Canada’s Forests: 2018 and Beyond; a “what we heard” document will be publicly available, prior to Ministerial release of the updated Vision. Alberta is seeking to have feedback provided through the online survey by July 13, 2018.

What is the CCFM? A forum where all federal, provincial and territorial ministries responsible for forests collaborate, exchange information, and work cooperatively to address areas of common interest. Alberta is an active member of the CCFM, as such we are supporting the development of A Vision for Canada’s Forests: 2018 and Beyond; all survey questions and content development of the renewed Vision will be done through the CCFM system, not by any individual province or territory.

Thank you in advance for your perspectives, we value your input.

Sincerely,
Shereen Trenchard,
RPF Director (acting).
Strategic Forestry Initiatives Section

The Association extends their congratulations to recent NAIT Forest Technology graduates Annette Bugnet and Ben Mitten on their success as recipients of the 2019 CAPFT Scholarships. Each April, CAPFT presents two scholarship awards to Forest Technology graduates who demonstrate exemplary professional practice within the Forest Technology Program.

The Harvest Plan is the NAIT second year capstone project for submission. The Harvest Plan Award is presented to the team having submitted the most complete and professional Harvest Plan. Recipients are awarded with a $500 scholarship, and compensation for their first year’s membership dues. The Association is please to recognize 2018 recipients, Ben Mitten and Annette Bugnet.

The Forest Technology Professional Student Award is presented to a graduating student demonstrating ongoing and exemplary professionalism and dedication to the practice of forestry during their second year. Recipients are awarded with a $500 scholarship, and compensation for their first year’s membership dues. The Association is pleased to recognize 2018 recipient, Annette Bugnet.

We wish you all the best in your future in the forestry profession.
Edmonton, Alberta, June 19, 2018

Today the Alberta Forest Products Association announced the launch of its #Foresters social media campaign. The campaign will focus on telling the stories of the women and men who work to manage Alberta’s 38 million hectares of forested lands.

“Foresters are unique professionals,” said AFPA President and CEO Paul Whittaker. “They have a solid academic background combined with an intimate connection with the land they work to manage. Foresters also bring an incredible passion for our landbase and environment to their job. It is a real pleasure to tell their stories.”

Six video profiles of Alberta forestry professionals will be at the core of the campaign. A new video will be released at 9:30 am on Tuesdays for the campaign’s duration. Videos and other content can be found on the AFPA’s Twitter and Facebook pages, as well as the Association’s website.

Alberta has more than 1,500 forestry professionals, including Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Professional Forest Technologists. These professions are governed by the College of Alberta Professional Foresters and the College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists. Forestry professionals are required to pass licensing examinations, abide by a code of conduct, and engage in regular professional development.

Forestry education in Alberta is available through the University of Alberta’s forestry program and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology’s forest technology diploma program.

Alberta’s forest products industry directly employs 20,000 people and creates employment for an additional 38,000 through its economic activity. The industry employs many forestry professionals, who help to ensure that forest management is carried out in a sustainable manner.

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**OPERATIONS/PLANNING FORESTER**

- Weyerhaeuser
  Princeton, BC
  Weyerhaeuser Princeton Timberlands is currently seeking applications from candidates who are interested and qualified in a Planning or Operations Forester capacity. As the successful candidate, you will be part of an empowered and professional team that manages forestry operations in the Similkameen and Okanagan Regions of Southern British Columbia. The team is responsible for providing the Weyerhaeuser sawmill in Princeton and other wood using facilities in the region with 1.2 million m³/year of wood from TFL 59, forest licenses, management agreements and wood purchases.

**LAND USE SPECIALIST (2 POSITIONS)**

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  Edmonton, AB
  For over 25 years, Forcorp Solutions Inc. has provided high quality and innovative services and solutions to industry, government and academic organizations in the areas of natural resource management, land use administration, information technology and data management. Our success is reliant on developing an in-depth understanding of our clients’ needs and delivering solutions and services that improve their business. We employ professionals who embrace this attitude and are committed to providing value to our clients.

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  Al-Pac is a world leader in the production of high-quality kraft pulp. These positions are located at the millsites, which is a comfortable 2-hour drive North of Edmonton, Alberta.

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