



Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals

Summary Notes of the Joint Council February 2018

- Past President Dave West Chaired the Joint Council in President Ryan Hee's absence.
- The Chair provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Introduction of Public Member Councillors
 - Updated Council on Caribou Rally
 - Administration will obtain legal advice regarding promotion of the Rally.
- Executive Director, Wendy Graden, presented the Executive Director's Report that highlighted:
 - Uncertainty whether an AGM is required in 2018 based on transitional provisions in new Legislation but will confirm.
 - As an alternative, there may be an opportunity to have an abridged version of the AGM during the CIF National Conference in Grande Prairie.
 - Spring Regional Workshop dates and locations have been communicated to members and the Topics, as selected by the membership are:
 - Update on Alberta's Caribou Recovery Strategy
 - Update on the Aboriginal Consultation process
 - The Role of a Forester in the Oil and Gas sector
 - Understanding Woodland Water Course Crossing
 - New Practices/Technologies in fieldwork
 - Fate, Effect and Risk of Herbicides used in Canada (Edmonton location only)
 - In addition:
 - Association update
 - Aligning Competency Programs
 - Draft Policy Development Document is near completion and will enter the consultation phase soon.
 - Bylaws amendments and policies are also in development to align with Regulation and Legislation. Members will be asked to vote electronically prior to Proclamation.
 - Initial websites review has taken place. Next steps will include seeking proposals on combining the information from websites into a single AAFMP website with full functionality.
- Finance Chairs reviewed the YTD Consolidated Financial Statements and Balance Sheet which shows tracking to budget.
- Online Exam project is underway and has begun with the review of other PRO's online Jurisprudence exams. The Project Charter has been approved.
- A new Practice Seal design has been approved for AAFMP. The current CAPF and CAPFT Permit Seals will be grandfathered. The new Seal will come into effect post-Proclamation.
- Administration will be reviewing a Retiree Category and rate for AAFMP Retired members that would be effective post Proclamation.
- Standing Committees will be combined to better align with amalgamation, to act more efficiently and provide more transparency wherever possible.