



Summer 2021 Newsletter

Registered Foresters and the new Michigan Forest Industry Directory

All active registered foresters and their information is now showing in the new Michigan Forest Industry Directory. Anyone can download a full list of registered foresters in the “Listings” blue tab box or you can simply search for yourself by first or last name in the “Quick Search” blue box. If you need to update your listing, you can make that request there but be sure to notify Brenda at haskillb@michigan.gov so your master file is also updated. Visit the directory at: <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/mfid/>.

CE Audit and 2022 Renewal

The Registered Forester program participants were randomly audited in January of 2021 for review of their continuing education credit documentation. Per the CE Policy, five percent (7) of the total number of registered foresters were randomly selected, and all successfully demonstrated compliance with the CE requirement per PA116, Sec. 53509. This audit will take place during each renewal cycle and next time could be your turn so please maintain accurate records of the courses you take and meetings you attend.

All registrants in the program will renew on May 30 of even numbered years so this means that next year, 2022, will be a renewal year. Registrants wishing to renew will need to remit their program fees and provide documentation for continuing education credits. Registrants who are being transitioned to the standardized renewal cycle will need to provide a specific number of credits. Registrants who are renewing a full 2-year cycle will need to provide proof of 24 continuing education credits.

Complaint Process

The violations committee of the Michigan Board of Foresters addressed one complaint by a forest landowner against a registered forester in good standing in January of 2021. The complaint process was followed and the registered forester in question was able to rectify the problem with the disgruntled landowner amicably and swiftly. Any person may lodge a complaint against a registered forester and PA116 of 2018 that governs the program has a specific set of guidelines that the violations committee follows. This is the first official complaint the committee has handled since the program was revamped in 2018.

Conduct Corner

By Board Chair Gerald Grossman

PA 116 includes 14 requirements that each Michigan registered forester shall comply with. Every Michigan registered forester should review them periodically. This Conduct Corner is intended to stimulate discussion and review of “real world” situations.

Do you think the following situation is covered in PA 116?

You work as a procurement forester purchasing timber. Over time your firm has gotten behind and will not be able to complete all of the projects lined up. Your boss has prioritized the projects, but it is apparent that not all of them will get done in the prescribed time frames.

Consider for discussion purposes:
Sec. 53513 (o) A registered forester shall “Not take forestry project funds under false pretenses and not abandon a forestry project without notifying the client or employer.”

Summer School

The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University is offering an online summer course starting July 6th and running through August 19th called [Contemporary Issues in Forests and the Environment](#) and has been approved by SAF for 25.5 Cat. 1 CFEs. The course is \$200 and is an “introductory” level course.

MSU is also offering other fee-based courses this summer and fall and more information can be found through this [link](#). Anyone with questions on the courses should contact Lauren Noel, Manager of Communications & Alumni Relations, MSU Department of Forestry, (517) 355-8239, lnoel@msu.edu .

Fun Fall Events

Great Lakes Logging and Heavy Equipment Expo in Escanaba September 9-11 www.gltpa.org

Michigan Tree Climbing Championship on Belle Isle in Detroit September 17-19
[Michigan Tree Climbing Championship - Events - ISA Michigan \(asm-isa.org\)](http://asm-isa.org)

Michigan Board of Foresters

Meetings of the Michigan Board of Foresters follow all open meetings act guidelines and are posted to the Board’s web page. You can access that page easily from the Registered Forester program page at www.michigan.gov/registeredforester . Click the line “See the board of foresters, meeting dates and minutes”. The 2020 Annual Report was submitted to the State Forester this past April and is also posted to the site. The board is hoping to meet in-person during the Michigan Society of American Foresters fall meeting September 30-October 1 in Bark River/Harris.

Continuing Education Credits

Mark your calendars for the Michigan Society of American Foresters fall meeting September 30-October 1 in Bark River/Harris, MI at the Island Resort and Casino. Check www.michigansaf.org for updates. Non-members are welcome to attend and between 6-10 CE credits will be provided for participation.

Other training options can be found at these web page links.

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Michigan www.sfimi.org
- The Society of American Foresters (SAF) www.ForestEd.org
- The Arboriculture Society of Michigan
- www.asm-isa.org
- www.forestrywebinars.net (very good options)
- www.fistausa.org and search the Resources tab for online training. If you or the company you work for are a member of Great Lakes Timber Producers Association, courses are less than \$50.

Remember to follow the continuing education policy for the Registered Forester program to assure you obtain credits from the proper sources.

Contact Board Secretary Brenda Haskill with any questions or concerns: 989-370-9557; HaskillB@Michigan.gov.