

Michigan Registered Forester Program

Fall-Early Winter 2019 Newsletter



Continuing Education Credits

Every Registered Forester is required to complete 24 continuing education credits every 2 years. Everyone will track their own credits and include a report to the Board of Foresters at your renewal time. An optional tracking sheet for your use is printed on the back of this newsletter.

For credit options, visit the Michigan SFI website and search in the education tab for a long list of options statewide for continuing education credits that are applicable to the registered forester program.

www.sfimi.org

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) has updated their website to access a variety of CE options including online access to Journal of Forestry quizzes. Get your CE's by going to: www.ForestEd.org

The Arboriculture Society of Michigan's calendar of events can be found at www.asm-isa.org and credits are noted for all trainings.

Renewal Time in 2020

In April 2020 many of you will receive notice via email and/or land mail that your Registered Forester renewal deadline is May 31, 2020! Renewal includes the \$200 fee and the list of your 24 continuing education credits and where you completed them (see tracking form on other side).

Any foresters who joined the program in August 2018 and beyond will NOT be renewing in May 2020. Those foresters will renew on the 2-year anniversary of their initial Board of Foresters acceptance date.

Contact Board Secretary Brenda Haskill with any questions or concerns: 989-370-9557;

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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 for or are hired by a mill to look at a public timber sale that the agency put out for bids. You put some cruise points in 1/3 of the sale area and based on this sample you believe that the sale will overrun. You are not sure if the mill will put in a bid. In the past the mill has shared cruise data with contractors. If the mill does not put in a bid, you are considering partnering with a contractor to bid on and purchase the sale as a business venture. Does PA 116 apply?

Consider for discussion purposes:
Sec. 53515

(a) A registered forester shall fully disclose personal or financial interests in any forestry project undertaken by the registered forester if there is a potential conflict of interest.

(b) A registered forester shall not accept compensation or expenses from more than 1 client or employer for the same service, unless the parties involved are informed and consent.

(c) A registered forester shall not interfere with competitive bidding for forestry projects, including making false representations or misleading statements about bidders, prospective bidders, or competitors.

