



Forester License Board Meeting – May 18th, 2022

Meeting Opened: 4:00 P.M.

Attendance

Board Members: P. Catanzaro, K. Massini, M. Mueller, K. Ross, and S. Wells

Public: Pete Church

Public Inquiry

NONE

Minutes of previous meeting

The Secretary referred members to the minutes of the December March 8th, 2022 meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. *A motion was made (MM) and seconded (KR) to accept the March 8th, 2022 minutes with a correction of spelling. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of the potential voting members present.*

New Applications

To Review and recommend by the board to the director the new application package(s) submitted by:

Johathan Baehr – Application denied, FLB will retain submitted materials and return the application fee.

Noah Hellmund – Application denied, FLB will retain submitted materials and return the application fee.

Seth Elwood – Application denied, FLB will retain submitted materials and return the application fee.

Renewal Applications

The following applications were reviewed and recommended to the director for license renewal.

MFL	Last Name	First Name	Expire Date	2022 Cat I	2022 Total	2022 Cat I average	2022 Total average
385	Barker-Plotkin	Audrey	04/10/23	15	15.5	22.00	27.17
460	Barrett	Alex	05/12/23	28	28	28.00	28.00
343	Beers	David	05/13/23	19.5	22.25	18.33	25.92
378	Bosse	Andrew	03/15/23	16.5	20.5	20.75	26.08
328	Bower	Brian	07/01/23	12	26	20.50	31.17
461	Brown	Adam	05/12/23	26.5	30.5	26.50	30.50
433	Clark	Fletcher	04/08/23	20	20	20.67	26.17

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425	+Dinardo	Keith	05/28/23	7.5	11.5	12.33	21.00
368	+Gearwar	Christian	05/25/23	0	4	14.67	22.67
366	Hawthorne	Brian	04/26/23	8.5	25.75	12.25	22.00
95	Hill	Timothy	04/27/23	17.5	21.5	15.00	21.67
354	Jenkins	Thomas	04/14/23	9	20	9.25	26.58
134	*Labossiere	Michael	04/10/23	0	6	6.42	22.75
441	Macko	Jacob	05/11/23	16	16	18.42	22.75
422	Marquis	Kate	05/01/23	12	16	12.58	21.58
327	Moulton	Gary	04/10/23	17.5	21.5	22.25	30.92
392	Parrott Ph.D.	Jonathan	04/10/23	17.5	31.5	12.83	31.00
414	Randall	John	03/28/23	17	22	13.33	25.33
200	Rassman	James	05/46/23	19.5	26.5	19.50	26.50
280	Reed	Daniel	03/28/23	16	22	21.50	29.17
365	Ryan	Thomas	03/24/23	10.5	32.5	11.58	37.75
362	Scherer	Kevin	04/28/23	16	20	19.67	27.00

(+) Approved credit value will be adjusted upon receipt of SAF documentation.

(*) License will issued and approved credit value will be adjusted upon receipt of SAF documentation.

A motion was made (KR) and seconded (PC) to recommend the New/Renewal license applications to the director. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.

Note: MM was the second initial for all applicant due to lack of in person meeting.

Recusals: None

Expired/Non-Renewed Licenses

None

Foresters who have Retired/Non-Renew:

None

Complaints

None

Other Business

- Short discussion about Foresters having difficulty getting confirmation of credits/certificates from SAF events. KM will include a message in the license renewal email with information.
- Discussion of Category IV credits (letter from P. Grima) – Continue discussion from previous meeting.

Category IV

TEN HOURS MAXIMUM: Preparation, writing and publication of forestry or forestry-related subject matter that requires effort beyond the general scope of the individual's normal duties or job description. Credit is 15 hours for each article that is technically reviewed and 5 hours for popular articles or series.

The board was in agreement to raise the maximum number of credits allowed under Category IV to 15 to match the amount given for one article that is technically reviewed. K. Massini will review the regulations to confirm that this can be changed as policy

Regulation pertaining to the license renewal below:

(6) License Renewal.

(a) Not less than 30 days before the expiration of his or her license, a Licensed Forester shall submit a renewal application accompanied by the required fee to the Director of State Parks and Recreation.

*(b) If within 60 days subsequent of the date of license expiration any Licensed Forester fails to renew his or her license, he or she shall not engage in the practice of forestry until a new license is issued. **Each Licensed Forester seeking the renewal of his or her license shall comply with the Director's policy on continuing education for Licensed Foresters.***

(c) Any Licensed Forester who fails to renew his or her license or fails to meet the continuing education requirements of the Director of State Parks and Recreation's policy shall be ineligible for application for a new license for a period of 12 months from the date of license expiration as depicted on the license. For any Licensed Forester who is called to, or serves on active duty with any branch of the armed forces for a period greater than 90 consecutive days during a license year, the CFE requirement for that year will be waived upon written request. Upon written request by any Licensed Forester, for good cause shown and documented, other service such as Peace Corps, extended jury duty, incapacitation due to illness or injury, the Director may waive the CFE requirement for that year.

It is the opinion of K. Massini that after reviewing the regulations that the continuing education requirement of the Massachusetts Forester License falls under policy made by the Director and therefor can be changed without changes to the regulations.

Peter Church is in agreement to change the credits awarded and will verify with DCR legal staff.

Next Meeting will be held Virtually (login instruction will be posted on the agenda)

July 06, 2022 4:00PM – Online

August 17, 2022 4:00PM - Online

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 P.M. *(A motion was made (PC) and seconded (MM) unanimous approval.*

Cc: Peter Church