Public Notice Forester Licensing Board Meeting May 18th, 2022 4:00 PM Location: Online Meeting

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Agenda

4:00 PM Start:

- Public Inquiry
- Minutes of the March 8th, 2022 meeting.
- Review of new license applications

Seth Elwood Noah Hellmund

• Review of renewal license applications (anticipated):

Audrey Barker-Plotkin Jacob Macko Alex Barrett Kate Marquis **David Beers** Gary Moulton Andrew Bosse Jonathan Parrott Adam Brown Johan Randall Fletcher Clark James Rassman Brian Hawthorne Daniel Reed Timothy Hill **Keith Ross** Thomas Jenkins Thomas Ryan Michael Labossiere **Kevin Scherer**

This is an anticipated renewal list; it will be updated prior to the meeting to correctly reflect all submitted applications.

- Identify expired licenses and send notification letter(s)
 None
- Foresters who have Retired/Non-Renew:

None

• Complaints - review of complaints referred for investigation by the Director that includes: assignment of lead investigator, presentation of investigative report and final recommendation letter to Director. (0 New; 0 Under Investigation, 0 pending decision of Director):

NONE

• Other Business

 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.
- Set date and time of next meeting.

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