CHAIRMAN’S THOUGHTS
As we begin to turn the corner into spring, many of us find ourselves rejuvenated as trees break bud and the days become longer. Now may be the time to reach out to woodland owners to see what they have planned for the upcoming year. Many of us provide technical assistance and recommendations to landowners, only to observe no action taken. Marketing science tells us that individuals sometimes need to be reached out to multiple times before they act. This spring, consider reaching out to those owners who may just need one more "touch" prior to engaging in positive forest management. Your knowledge and interest in assisting them could be the key.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER
NCBRF welcomes new Board member Henry Randolph who was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in October 2017. Henry began providing contract and consulting services to Gelbert & Company and to other North Carolina consultants while developing the business of Randolph Forest Management Company of Lillington, NC in 1996. In 2000 he joined Daniel W. Edwards to form the professional association, Edwards & Randolph Forest Management Group, P. A. This full service forestry consulting firm served numerous landowners throughout central North Carolina and the upper coastal plain. In December 2004 Henry joined Kent Fullbright and Dan Edwards to acquire Gelbert & Company Forestry Consultants of Durham, North Carolina, to further expand their forestry operations and improve the level of service to all clients. In 2011 GFR Forestry continued its expansion by acquiring Tate & Associates in Lake Waccamaw, NC. This focused growth has positioned GFR to serve forest landowners along the east coast from Charleston, SC to the eastern shore of Maryland. As partner of the firm, Henry continues to provide quality forest management services to clients as well as provide management oversight to 27 foresters and support staff.

NCBRF also greatly appreciates the service of Harold Brady whose service to the Board ended in October 2017.

NEW REGISTRANTS
Since April 2017, 19 new NC Registered Foresters have been added to the roster:
Matthew Havens RF #1812
Michael Huculak RF #1813
Matt Gibson RF #1814
Elizabeth Snider RF #1815
Sean Gough RF #1816
Todd LaBarr RF #1817
Philip Ramsey RF #1818
Tim Dorrell RF #1819
Taylor Barnette RF #1820
James Durham RF #1821
Charles Morgan RF #1822
John Davis RF #1823
Kael Schlactus RF #1824
COMPLAINTS
Since the last newsletter, the Board has addressed 3 complaints against non-registered foresters representing themselves as foresters.

As a reminder, Chapter 89B-1(a) of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina states that

No person shall use the designation ‘forester’, ‘registered forester’, or any other descriptive terms that include the words ‘forester’ or ‘registered forester’ and that directly convey that the person is a forester without first having been registered under this Chapter.

Chapter 89B-15 further states that

A violation of this Chapter is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

ANNUAL RENEWAL REMINDER
Your current registration expires June 30, 2018. To remain current, the Board must receive your registration renewal NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2018. Failure to submit your renewal by the deadline will result in the suspension of your registration. This means you cannot represent yourself as a Forester in NC until your registration has been renewed. A late fee of $3.25/month (maximum of $40.00 per year) will also be assessed for a late renewal.

Renewal forms will be included in the next newsletter and will be available on the Board’s website http://www.ncbrf.org/renew.htm in April. Questions regarding renewal should be addressed to Jennifer Grantham by phone to (919) 847-5441 or email to info@ncbrf.org.

CFE APPROVAL
The State Board of Registration for Foresters requires and monitors continuing forestry education (CFE) for NC Registered Foresters. However, the Board is NOT a CFE provider, and the Board does NOT award CFEs. This function is handled in NC by the Appalachian SAF, (ApSAF) and all credits have to be approved prior to the course being offered. The NC Division contact for CFEs is currently Ed Pomeroy. You can reach him by email at ibforester@gmail.com or by phone at 919-756-1110.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Below are links to groups that offer classes that earn CFE hours.

SAF - http://www.safnet.org/education/

APSAF - http://www.apsaf.org/

NC State ProNR Training - https://research.cnr.ncsu.edu/sites/pronr/

Webinars - http://www.forestrywebinars.net/