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Roseburg Business Owner Named National President-Elect of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.

Rick Barnes, ACF, Mason, Bruce & Girard, Named President-Elect of National Organization

Williamsburg, VA – Rick N. Barnes, ACF, former President, Barnes & Associates, Inc., Roseburg, Oregon, was named President-Elect of the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. \(ACF\)](#). Recently, Rick sold Barnes & Associates to Mason, Bruce & Girard, a natural resource consulting firm with several offices in Oregon, as well as in California and Virginia. ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“Because of Rick’s exemplary leadership on ACF’s Executive Committee as Treasurer, and his service on ACF’s Finance Committee, ACF remained stable during an uncertain economy,” said Wayne Pfluger, ACF, president of [Lone Star Forestry](#), Huntsville, Texas and ACF president. “Rick also chaired a task force to develop an anti-harassment policy and is helping to plan the ACF 2023 National Conference in Eugene, Oregon.”

As the former owner of Barnes & Associates, Rick is working part-time with MB&G. During his time as owner of Barnes & Associates, he served as the senior manager for all the company’s projects. He secured the resources for each project and monitored staff performance. Rick also is a qualified inspector of the Oregon Tree Farm System.

“ACF serves as a tremendous foundation for the forestry consulting profession with its focus on high ethical standards and integrity of its membership,” said Barnes. “These are the standards I based my forestry consulting business on, and I’m honored to serve as ACF’s President-Elect for the next two years.”

Barnes is the former Oregon Chapter Chair, a past council representative, state chair and chapter chair of the Society of American Foresters. He is the former state chairman of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association; past president and current board member of Douglas Forest Protective Association; and a past Chair and member of the Douglas County Planning Commission.

“Rick has dedicated so much of his professional and personal life to forestry, consulting foresters and ACF,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new role.”

Barnes captured ACF's prestigious president's award in 2021. Additionally, Rick and his wife Audrey were named the 2014 National Western Regional Tree Farmers of the Year, the 2013 Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year; and the 2012 Douglas County Tree Farmers of the Year.

Barnes holds a Master's in Business Administration from Southern Oregon State College, and a Bachelors in Forest Management from Oregon State University. He is a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters.

Barnes joins the other members of ACF's 2022 Executive Committee:

- President: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- Past-President: Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Forestry, Inc., Pelkie, MI
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL
- Southern Regional Director: Jamie Alfriend, James I Alfriend Consulting Foresters, Thomson, GA
- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Western Regional Director: Michael F. Wolcott, ACF, Inland Forest Management, Inc., Sandpoint, ID
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, Mason, Bruce, Girard, Inc., Portland, OR
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI

ACF members help landowners enhance property values, increase the value of timber, produce a more sustainable timber harvest, enhance wildlife habitat, and establish and protect a family's forest legacy.

As a condition of membership, every consulting forester must have minimum education and experience levels, complete the Practice of Consulting Forester course, and most importantly, agree to adhere to the organization's stringent Code of Ethics.

For more information about ACF, log onto www.acf-foresters.org.

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About ACF

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