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### **Old Town Businessman Honored with President's Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.**

Williamsburg, VA –Old Town, Maine businessman, Bret Vicary, PhD, MBA ACF, Vice President, Forest and Natural Resource Consulting, James W. Sewall Company, was honored with the President's Award from the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](http://www.acf-foresters.org) (ACF) during the national association's Annual Business Meeting. ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

"For his demonstrated professional excellence in helping to bring professional tree appraisal practices up to the standards of acceptable practices, and publishing the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Guide for Plant Appraisal*, I am pleased to honor Bret with ACF's 2020 President's Award," said Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Principal, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC. "Bret has demonstrated exceptional perseverance revising and publishing the *Guide for Plant Appraisal*, and representing ACF on the Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers."

Dr. Vicary manages Sewall's Forestry & Natural Resource Consulting group, serving private, public, and institutional clients throughout North America, Central and South America, Australasia, Europe, and Africa. He has 40 years' experience, specializing in forest appraisal, investment analysis, management, economics, and litigation. He has authored articles and seminars on forest valuation, acquisition due diligence, risk analysis, forest inventory, and investment analysis.

"Volunteering with ACF has been a great way to give back to a profession that has given me so much," said Dr. Vicary. "I'm honored and I humbly accept ACF's 2020 President's Award."

In addition to his work with Sewall, Dr. Vicary is principal author of the NCREIF *Best Appraisal Practices*, and a Faculty Associate at the University of Maine, where he received his PhD in Forest Economics and MBA. He is a frequent speaker at timber investment conferences around the world.

"Bret has dedicated so much of his professional life to forestry, consulting foresters and ACF," said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. "This is a well-deserved award."

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. Because of their vital role in the supply chain, ACF members have been deemed essential workers during COVID-19.

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](http://www.acf-foresters.org).

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