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Pelkie Business Owner Named President of the Association of Consulting Foresters *Justin M. Miller, ACF, Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Takes the Helm, July 1, 2020*

Williamsburg, VA – Pelkie business owner, Justin M. Miller, ACF, [Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.](http://www.greentimberconsultingforesters.com), has been named the president of the [Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.](http://www.acf-foresters.org) (ACF). ACF members are independent professionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

“ACF is in capable hands with Justin at the helm,” said Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Principle, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, South Carolina; and Immediate Past President of ACF. “Justin has all the qualities of a great leader—he’s humble, smart and authentic.”

Miller founded Green Timber Consulting Foresters in 2001 to serve clients throughout the Upper Great Lakes Region. Currently, the firm employs nine foresters with more than 80 years of combined experience in forest management, timber harvest administration, and forest inventory.

He holds a B.S. in forestry from the Michigan Technological University (MTU). While at MTU, Miller was recognized as the 2017 School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences Outstanding Alumnus for his contributions to the forestry industry and students. He also studied forestry at the University of Montana through a National Student Exchange Program with MTU.

“I’m very excited to become ACF’s president,” said Miller. “I look forward to putting my lessons learned in owning and managing a small business into practice for the benefit of ACF.”

As an active ACF volunteer, Justin has served as president-elect for the past two years, and was previously honored with ACF’s past president’s award. He also served as ACF’s Michigan chapter president and vice president.

“I’m delighted to welcome Justin as the new president of ACF,” said Shannon McCabe, CAE, Executive Director, ACF. “I look forward to partnering with Justin to further the association’s mission.”

Miller joins ACF’s 2020-21 new Executive Committee members:

- President-Elect: Wayne S. Pfluger, ACF, Lone Star Forestry, LLC, Huntsville, TX
- Past President: Michael R. Wetzel, ACF, Ecce Silva, LLC, Aiken, SC
- Gulf Regional Director: Russell D. Autrey, ACF, Larson & McGowin, LLC, Mobile, AL

- Northern Regional Director: Rene D. Noel, Jr., ACF, Southern Maine Forestry Service, Inc., Windham, ME
- Treasurer: Roger G. Lord, ACF, Mason, Bruce, Girard, Inc., Portland, OR
- Secretary: Lee A. Steigerwaldt, ACF, Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, WI

Returning to ACF's 2020-21 Executive Committee are Thomas D. Amesbury, ACF, Forester's Co-Op, Grass Valley, CA, Western Regional Director; and Matthew B. Gillette, ACF, Rock Springs Forestry, Inc., Courtland, VA, Southern Regional Director.

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 Forestry 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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