You’re invited to become a member of the Maine Forest Products Council

Since 1961, the Maine Forest Products Council has been the voice of Maine's forest products industry, including landowners, paper mills, sawmills, wood pellet plants, biomass energy plants, loggers, truckers, primary and secondary wood processors, and related service industries. The primary purpose of the Council is to provide a supportive economic and public policy climate for the forest products community and promote a healthier, more vital forestry sector. Membership dues are based on acres or production, but there also are rates for individuals and associated businesses. Members have full access to staff and facilities at our headquarters in Augusta. As an MFPC member, you will:

Stay informed! You’ll receive up-to-date information on the industry’s most interesting facts and pressing issues from the MFPC Forest News, a news clipping service on forest products in Maine and beyond; summaries and alerts on what's happening at the Legislature, and MFPC’s monthly electronic newsletter with detailed articles about issues facing Maine’s forest products industry.

Make your voice heard in Augusta and Washington! MFPC’s staff stays on top of legislative and regulatory initiatives affecting Maine’s forest products industry at the Legislature, Land Use Planning Commission, Maine Forest Service, state and federal departments of Environmental Protection, U.S. Congress and more.

Network: Take advantage of the Council’s many opportunities to visit with the who’s who of Maine’s forest products industry at any of our special events, including:

- MFPC’s Membership Meeting in September takes place in a new location each year and offers an important review of the year’s events and issues, plus tours of member businesses and a golf tournament.
- Annual Golf Tournament: A great way to have fun and catch up with industry leaders during the summer months.
- Annual Legislative Reception in Augusta: A perfect opportunity to connect with legislators in a relaxed setting.

Great reasons to join!

Jim Robbins Sr., Robbins Lumber, Searsmont: “We belong to the Maine Forest Products Council because they do a fantastic job representing the Maine forest products industry in Maine legislative matters and also our interests at the federal level. They cover the broad diversity of interests within our industry and also give us a great opportunity to interact with others in our industry. They are very professional at what they do and represent us well.”

David Stearns, Chadbourne Tree Farms, Bethel: “We are a small family-owned company and do not have the time or the resources to stay on top of all of the legislative issues that impact our business. Having MFPC in Augusta has greatly improved the overall legislative climate.”

Eric Kingsley, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, Portland: “I value the opportunity to connect and build relationships with all sectors of the forest products industry – from loggers and foresters to landowners, truckers, and mills. By standing together and working toward a common goal, MFPC membership helps support and strengthen Maine’s forest economy.”

Jim Contino, Verso Paper, Jay: “I am an active member in MFPC because it gives me an excellent forum to work on common issues and strengthen relationships within my wood supply chain.”
MFPC staff

Executive Director Patrick Strauch, shown above testifying before the Legislature’s Taxation Committee in 2016, has a B.S. degree in forest management and M.S. in silviculture from the University of Maine. After serving as coordinator of the Maine Sustainable Forestry Initiative, he became MFPC’s executive director in 2004. pstrauch@maineforest.org.

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David Wilson, Katahdin Forest Management, Millinocket: “I feel there are two important reasons to be part of the MFPC membership and participate as a board member. One is to stay informed of the political process in Augusta and the second is to promote the importance of the forest industry in Maine.”

Mark Doty, public affairs manager, Weyerhaeuser, Fairfield:
- “Common voice of the industry
- “Opportunities to interact with industry members
- Feeds with news that is important to my company.”

Charles Tardif, vice president, Maibec, Fort Kent: “As a Canadian member of MFPC, our participation allows us to be better informed on the Maine Legislature and new bills that could affect our business and be represented and defended, if needed, during presentations of adverse bills. The Council is a hub where forest landowners, loggers, truckers and mills can debate and discuss topics and try to find common ground. MFPC helps maintain a balanced and well-informed view about international wood trade between Canada and USA and creates social opportunities to meet with log and service suppliers. We really appreciate the Council and feel well represented.”

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