

CONGRESS MOVES TO 2021



The coronavirus has had an effect on every aspect of our lives, and it turns out it's also had an effect on the Pacific Logging Congress.

The Executive Board decided that due, to restricted travel budgets, overall concern about travel and the potential of a COVID resurgence in the Fall, it was best to move the 2020 convention to 2021. This means that all subsequent annual events will be moved as well — Arizona 2022, Live In-woods Show, 2023, etc.

The convention will still be held at the Hyatt in Indian Wells, California, with Wayne Settle as PCL president. More details will be available on the PLC website as the event draws closer.

The PLC will be far from inactive this year. Expect to see the PLC facilitate:

- a virtual President's Meeting in July
- 2020 Pacific Forest Foundation (PFF) Scholarships
- the PFF Weekly Talking Timber Podcast
- educational videos and/or webinars
- an online PFF Auction in November (see more details in following article).

President Settle would like to thank everyone for their patience as we work through a challenging time. But despite it all he says, "I'm excited about 2020 and what the Pacific Logging Congress can accomplish. It's at times like this that we can offer a great deal to our industry."



2020 VIRTUAL AUCTION



Mark your calendars for 6 pm, November 7, 2020. That is the time that the Pacific Forest Foundation's first virtual auction will be held.

You may not be able to go to the PFF Auction this year, but the PLC will be bringing it to you. Not only will there be a live, online event that evening, there will be several silent auctions the days before, leading up to the event.

And as always, the money will go to the PFF educational programs and scholarships.

As details and items come together, they will be posted on the PLC website, but currently just a few of the exciting live virtual auction items include:

- Once-in-a-life-time elk hunt tag, provided by Shasta Cascades Timberlands, on 20,000 acres of their land.
- A Ritchie Brothers Stuart Island Fishing Trip — the winner is flown to the RB lodge at a private island to enjoy two days of fishing and more.

Again, as more items are donated, they will be posted on the website, www.pacificloggingcongress.com.

If you have items that you would like to donate, either to the live or silent auction, you're invited to contact Auction Chairman Pete Jackson at PJackson@greendiamond.com or Diane Mettler at 360-832-1745, 253-777-8077, or diane@pacificloggingcongress.com

See you this November on the 7th!



Stuart Island



Hunter Harrill Accepts PLC Communication Director Position

The Pacific Logging Congress is excited to welcome Director Hunter Harrill as PLC's newest Communication Director.

For those who don't know Hunter, he was born and raised in California where he went on to study forestry at Humboldt State University (HSU) and work professionally in the Redwood region on California's North coast. He then moved to Christchurch, New Zealand, where he worked as a researcher and lecturer at the University of Canterbury's School of Forestry. Returning to Northern California, Hunter is currently an Assistant Professor – Forest Operations at HSU.

"My research interests are diverse, but relate to the physical feasibility, economic viability, safety and environmental effects of timber harvesting operations; including integration of new methods and technology to improve them," says Hunter.

Hunter has strong skills in communication and the PLC is thrilled that he has agreed to take on the new role.

RRLC Conference canceled — but Pieces Remained



Story and photos by Mary Bullwinkel

The 82nd Annual Redwood Region Logging Conference (RRLC) in California, which had been scheduled to take place March 19 -21, 2020, is just one of the many large gatherings canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's event was planned to take place in Ukiah in Mendocino County.

RRLC Executive Director Katherine Ziemer said the Board of Directors held a conference call one week before the conference was slated to begin. "The Board discussed our options," she said, "and voted to suspend the conference due to the health risks. No one took this lightly when the Board voted to cancel the conference," she added, "and this was definitely the right choice."

No date has been selected for the RRLC next year, and it is possible that the event will take place in Ukiah, even though the conference normally rotates every other year between Ukiah and Eureka. That decision will be discussed and then announced by the RRLC Board of Directors later this year. "We are experiencing unprecedented times and we need to be resilient," Ziemer said. "We plan to rebound next year even stronger."



Two pieces of RRLC were able to continue, even though the conference gathering had been canceled.

"The scholarship students had already been judged prior to the cancellation and their awards were mailed to each student," Ziemer said. "The mural contest was able to continue," she added, "because teachers delivered the murals on Friday, March 13th, before the conference was canceled."

13 scholarships, totaling \$17,000 were awarded to students attending colleges in California and Oregon. Seven were awarded to students attending Humboldt State University. They were Marcos Saucedo, Cameron Miller, Wiyaka Previtte, Brita Goldstein, Kyle Mantzouranis, Hanna Upton, and Christopher Villaruel. Isaac Lang,

a student attending College of the Redwoods, also received a scholarship.

Other recipients were Dustin Morgan and Taylor Plasch, both students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; Emma Miller who is attending Chico State; Natalie Fulton, a student at U.C. Berkeley; and Natalie Schlosser who is attending Oregon State University.

Schools in both Humboldt and Mendocino Counties submitted murals to the RRLC. The submitted murals were judged in two age categories, Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 4th grade through 8th grade.

Humboldt County winners in the Kindergarten through 3rd grade levels were students from South Fortuna, Jacoby Creek, and Hoopa Valley Elementary Schools. Winners in the 4th grade through 8th grade levels were students from Whitethorn, Morris, and Hydesville Elementary Schools.

Mendocino County murals have not yet been judged, so there are no winners to announce at this time.





Talking Timber Podcast Gets Traction

This past January, the Pacific Forest Foundation launched the Pacific Forest Foundation podcast, Talking Timber, taking listeners behind the scenes of the Northwest Timber Industry.

Over 62 million people listen to podcasts weekly, and it was the PLC's thought that a podcast would allow the PLC to reach a larger and younger audience.

The podcast is getting heard. Over 1,800 people have already downloaded and listened to the episodes, which have included interviews with:

- Court Stanley – Port Blakely US
- Roger Smith – RL Smith Logging
- Diane Washburn / Jill Bell – Women in Timber
- Fran Cafferata Coe – OFRI/Wildlife Biologist (a two-part podcast)
- Preston Green – Miller Timber Services/ CTL Operation Specialist
- Ken Schirman – Triad Machinery
- Jim Peterson – Author “First, Put Out the Fire!”
- Beth Krisko – Forests Today & Forever
- Deb Hawkinson, FRA President
- Russ Vaagen – Vaagen Timbers

“We are excited about Talking Timber,” says President Wayne Settle. “The podcast allows us to get out a positive message about the industry to an audience with busy lives.”

“Whether you have been in the industry for years, are thinking about forestry as a career, or are just curious, I think there is something for everyone,” says PLC Executive Director, Diane Mettler.

If you wish to subscribe, Talking Timber is available on most podcast apps, like iTunes, Stitcher, and Spotify. Or you can visit www.pacificforestfoundation.org or www.pacificloggingcongress.org.

Are Your Dues Current?

In February, invoices for PLC dues went out to companies and their representatives. To-date there are a number of companies with membership dues still owing.

If you are wondering if your company's dues are outstanding, go to the PLC website, click Membership, and log in. If you have any issues logging in, or would like to be billed directly, please contact Diane Mettler at diane@pacificloggingcongress.com or call (360) 832-1745 or (253) 777-8077.

Thank you for taking the time! Your dues provide funds for the day-to-day expenses of the PLC and allow it to stay operational.

Pacific Logging Congress Opens Virtual Shop

The Pacific Logging Congress just opened a virtual shop, which you can reach on its website. Just go to www.pacificloggingcongress.com and click on “Shop”.

Once at the shop, you will find all types of PLC merchandise — hoodies, t-shirts, hats, mugs and more. All proceeds of the sales go to fund the PLC and its mission “to provide sound technical education about the forestry industry,” which is something the PLC has been doing since 1909.

New items will continue to be added. Come check it out!

