

The President's Meeting Fun and Productive



In July, PLC President Don Banasky and his wife Krista welcomed the PLC Directors to the Tigh-Na-Mara Resort in Parksville, British Columbia, July 20-22, 2019.

The event started off with a bang — a pig roast at Director Jacqui Beban's home. We got a chance to talk, eat and drink, meet new people, enjoy a live band . . . and then eat and drink some more. A big thanks goes out to Jacqui and her family for being wonderful hosts.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a visit to Otter Pole Timber. Pete Steeves and his father Gary took time to tell us about their family pole business — and some of the unique challenges their

company faces. Standing amongst the poles — some 135 feet — it was both inspiring and educational.

From the tour, the group went on to the B.C. Forest Discovery Centre in Duncan. We were treated to a steam train ride and BBQ lunch, and a tour of a turn-of-the-century logging camp. The museum began as a private collection by Gerry Wellburn, and has now grown to over 5,000 artifacts ranging from operational steam locomotives to chainsaws, as well as a dozen heritage buildings.

That evening, after a little time to relax, everyone headed to the dinner outside and under lights at the Tigh-Na-Mara.

President Don Banasky opened the dinner with a thank you and hoped the PLC was enjoying a taste of Canada. That they were!

The event wrapped up the next morning, with both the Executive Board meeting and the General Board meeting. Top on the agenda was making sure that everyone was on the same page for the Hawaii Conference coming up in November. Everything looks to be on track for a great conference.

Don and Kistra Banasky wish to thank everyone for making the 2019 President's Meeting a fun and productive one.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND



Attracting high school students to the Northern California Timber Industry

Article and images by Mary Bullwinkel

For high school graduates who do not plan to go on to college, but do want to go to work, there are well-paying jobs available now in the timber industry.

That was the message given to 11 northern California students who recently visited active logging sites and toured a working sawmill as participants in the Boots on the Ground program.

The program was hosted by the Redwood Region Logging Conference (RRLC) and was the idea of 2019 RRLC President and logger Jake Morris.

Morris said for those who are interested in working in the woods, the keys to success are simple. “Do what you’re told to do and show up every day,” he said. “Show ambition, pay attention, listen, and learn,” he added. “That’s how you move up the ladder, and it pays huge dividends down the road.”

The students from three high schools in Humboldt County, California, were

able to get a first-hand look at yarder and shovel logging operations on Green Diamond Resource Company property and tour the North Fork Lumber Company sawmill, located in the small community of Korbek, California.

Each student also received a \$250 pair of custom-fitted work boots, thanks to two generous sponsors. “We hope this will be a pair of work boots for their future career in the timber industry,” said RRLC Executive Director Katherine Ziemer.

To cover the cost of the work boots and the field trip, Gloria Chambers of Chambers Logging donated funding in memory of her late husband Bob Chambers, and Christine Barkdull donated in memory of her late husband Richard Jackson.

Ziemer said, “This field trip was a one-on-one educational opportunity for students to ask questions and interact with resource professionals, get the answers to those questions, and also get

leads on learning about careers in this industry.”

At one of the active logging sites, local logger Tony Leonardo told the students, “I went to work in the timber industry right out of high school.” He urged interested students to “show up and work hard, and that’s how you make a name for yourself. If you work hard,” he added, “there will always be a job out there.”

He described the logging and lumber industry as a tight-knit family and said if someone came to him looking for employment and he did not have any jobs available, he would refer the potential new employee to another company in the industry. “That’s just the way it works,” he said.

The hope is to continue the Boots on the Ground program in Humboldt County, with at least one field trip annually for high school students to go to the woods and tour a sawmill.

Register Now for PLC Hawaii 2019



Now is the time to register for the PLC 2019 Conference to be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Big Island of Hawaii, November 4-6, 2019.

You can either register and pay online or download a form and pay by check. Online you can also find a full itinerary and list of the guest speakers at this year's event.

This year's (optional) tour is to the Kahua Ranch Sunset dinner. We will be picked up at the resort and whisked off to a working ranch. There we will enjoy food, drink, and live music as well as a little roping, star gazing, and more. It's a not-to-miss event.

For those that haven't yet booked a room or flight, make your resort reservations today! Rooms are filling up. Call the Hilton at 1-800-445-8667 and use code PLC for the group rate. If you plan on using Alaska Airlines to fly to the island, and book online, use the code ECMC260 to receive an additional 6% discount.

We look forward to seeing you in Hawaii. Aloha!



Casey Black PLC President for 2022

One of the important things announced at the July President's meeting was Director Casey Black's acceptance of the position of PLC President for 2022.

Earlier this year, Casey was promoted to Olympia Export Manager of Weyerhaeuser Company where he oversees the operations of the Olympia Export Yard.

Casey began his career in the forest products industry as a Forestry Technician in 1998 with Port Blakely

Tree Farms, L.P. in McCleary Washington. From there, he has held numerous forestry and operational roles as a Field Engineer, Area Forester, Contract Logging Superintendent, Log Buyer, Director of Safety, Company Harvest Manager, and Area Manager. This experience included work at Port Blakely Tree Farms, Green Diamond Resource Company, Rainier Veneer Inc. and finally Weyerhaeuser.

Besides the PLC, Casey is a member of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Logging Conference; he served as Chairman of the Board in 2017, and served as a director of the Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference.

For those doing the math, 2022 is the PLC Live In-Woods Show year. At this point Craig Olson, Doug Mayes and Casey are working to determine a site to hold the event.

In the meantime, we welcome Casey as Vice President and future President of the Pacific Logging Congress.

Toby Murray Steps Down as Treasurer



Toby Murray is stepping down as Treasurer of the Pacific Logging Congress, but only after a lengthy stint. Toby has held the position for a decade — since he was PLC President in 2008. The PLC is truly thankful for his long dedication to the position.

During Toby's tenure he not only kept the numbers straight but was responsible for helping the PFF invest its funds and help create a strong base for the foundation — and the ability to take on substantial projects in the future.

Jeff Wimer, PLC President 2018, volunteered to take over for Toby during the Executive Board meeting in July, and was unanimously elected. Jeff and Toby are making the transition now, and the PLC will officially have a new Treasurer at the end of this August.



Amazing Elk Hunt Auction Item

It's the auction item of all auction items. Jim Henson, Operations Manager, LandVest, has donated a Bull Elk Hunt in northern California. What makes this hunt different than others?

- Hunt runs from September 1 to October 30, 2020.
- It's just you (and your friends) on 20,000 acres of Shasta Cascade Timberlands located 20 miles north of Burney, California.
- The winner receives a bull tag, which is issued each year under a Private Land Game Management Plan from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Value — priceless!

This auction item has raised between \$20,000 and \$40,000 for other organizations, and we are hoping it will do the same for the Pacific Forest Foundation. The PFF will begin taking bids soon and announce the winner at the Congress in Hawaii, on November 6.

Information on how to bid will be on the PLC and PFF websites soon — along with photos of past elk hunts.

Yes, place your bid and let your “elk hunting” friends know about this amazing hunting trip. This is a chance of a lifetime!

Why I'm Part of the Pacific Logging Congress

Each issue we will be looking why you are part of the Pacific Logging Congress, to see what value the organization is providing.

CASEY BLACK

“The Pacific Logging Congress is a great organization delivering high value content, but the reason I joined is the people. Some of the best and brightest people in the industry are part of the Pacific Logging Congress, being able to network and share ideas with this group has been very valuable to me.”

2019 Scholarship Winners

The 2019-20 Pacific Forest Foundation scholarship recipients have been announced. This year \$22,500 was awarded to 15 scholars and future industry professionals, who will be studying from New Zealand to Nevada.

We would like to congratulate the following students:

\$2,500 — Trevor Sartnurak, Oregon State University, Forest Engineering and Civil engineering

\$2,500 — Daniel Virtue, OSU, Forest Engineering

\$2,500 — Dylan Miller, OSU, Forest Operations

\$2,000 — Max Saathof, University of Canterbury, Forestry Science

\$2,000 — Dane Maben, OSU, Forest Engineering and Civil Engineering

\$2,000 — Ashley Bracken, OSU, Forest Management

\$1,500 — Tyler Karnes, University of Idaho, Forestry, Minor in Forest Operations

\$1,500 — Cole Smith, OSU, Forestry Management

\$1,500 — Travis Barden, University of Idaho, Forestry

\$1,000 — Eric James, University of Nevada, Mechanical Engineering

\$1,000 — Kimberly Ortiz, Umpqua Community College, Forest Management

\$1,000 — Amy Kronsberg, OSU, Forest Management

\$500 — Aiden Edsinga, OSU, Forest Engineering

\$500 — Maya Greydanus, OSU, Forest Wildlife Biology

\$500 — Matthew Scheuber, OSU, Forest Engineering

The Pacific Forest Foundation wishes these young people a successful and happy future in the industry!

Thank you

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of you who have made these scholarships possible — from providing auction items to donating your time, to placing those winning bids. Your efforts are making a big impact on the future.

PLC Directors: Pick Your Committee

At the President's Meeting in July, the PLC Board of Directors reviewed the report submitted by the Strategic Planning Committee and one of the items in the report focused on formalizing and populating committees.

Formal committees it was determined would help the PLC, among other things, to:

- better focus its efforts,
- get more people involved and active,
- become more efficient,
- grow the organization,
- better execute PLC's mission, and stay relevant,
- provide more networking opportunities.
- let directors work toward their skill set and/or learn new skills,
- provide future PLC Presidents a better working knowledge of all aspects of the PLC, and
- allow all PLC members to see what we're accomplishing by reporting committee progress quarterly.

All directors should have received via email a copy of the PLC Committees & Duties Overview and asked to specify in which committee they would like to participate.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 360-832-1745 or diane@pacificloggingcongress.com