



President's Meeting Coming Soon

It's time to register for the President's Summer Meeting, July 21-23, 2024 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Seattle. PLC President Roger Smith and Carmen Smith (let's be honest they are co-presidents) have put together a fun event with a great taste of Seattle.

The first evening will kick off with a reception at the Sheraton, the next day with a tour, after the executive board meeting, of Pike Place Market, where you will see a little history of the iconic spot, and taste foods from the local merchants.

That evening, after you've had a chance to take in the city or just relax, experience some of Seattle's best cuisine at The Butcher's Table.

The next day, after business meetings are taken care of, there is plenty to do in Seattle — shopping, Space Needle, waterfront, restaurants and more. If you are wanting to do a little excursion, Snoqualmie Falls, Mt. Rainier, Bainbridge Island, among others, are an easy day trip.

To register and book room, please visit the PLC website, click on Events, and then go to Summer Meeting.

For those that do not want to rent a car, there is a Sound Transit train from the airport that will drop off about 2 blocks from the Sheraton.

Roger and Carmen are excited to see you there!

SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICANTS

Approximately 46 students from all over the greater northwest, British Columbia and New Zealand applied for the 2024-25 Pacific Forest Foundation scholarships.

Of these students, many are pursuing four-year degrees, but others are focused on pursuing careers through a more technical path, such as diesel mechanics

and heavy equipment operators. Scholarship awards will be announced this summer.

Not all students will receive PFF scholarships, but we wish them all luck in their future endeavors. It's exciting to see so many young individuals looking at our industry as a part of their future.



SPONSORSHIPS AND AUCTIONS

Every year, the Pacific Logging Congress works hard to raise money to fund and administer the Pacific Forest Foundation educational programs and scholarships. The PLC does this through its annual auction and sponsorships.

Your generous past donations have allowed the PLC to:

- Provide tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships.
- Create and administer programs like the Adopt a High School Program, the Talking Timber podcast, and interactive teaching tools.
- Support fellow organizations and associations by sharing our educational materials, like the popular This Is My Office video and online teaching tools.
- Present a dynamic annual congress with a variety of networking opportunities and top industry speakers.
- And much more.

We invite you to support the PLC and its many efforts this year. If you would like to donate an auction item, be a sponsor, or both, please contact any of these individuals.

Sponsorships

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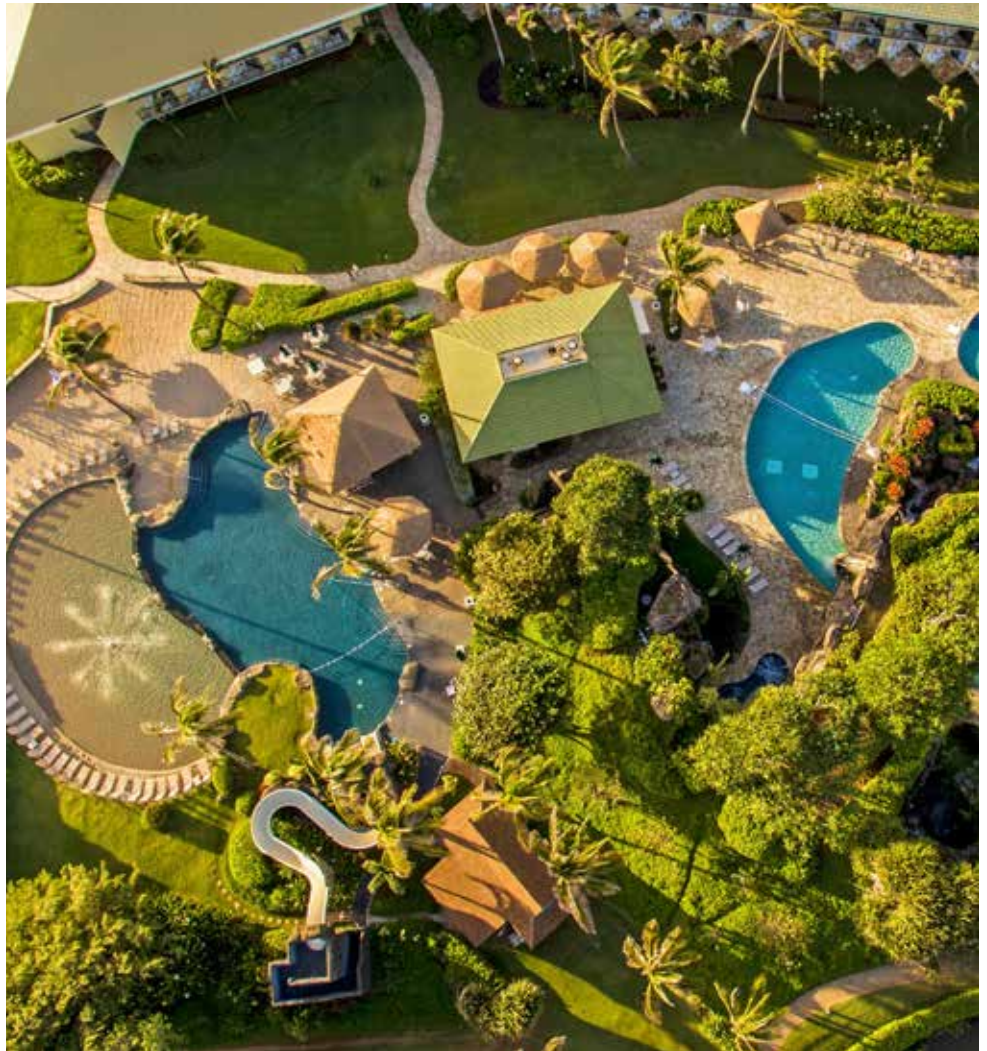
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Thank you in advance for your support. It's because of your generosity that the PLC has been making a positive impact in the industry since 1909.



GET READY FOR HAWAII

As you probably already know, this year's congress will be held at the Kauai Beach Resort on the island of Kauai, Hawaii November 4-6. The theme is Together We Need to Inspire, Innovate and Sustain, and speakers will be covering a wide variety of topics. As soon as the details come together, we will be posting them on the Pacific Logging Congress website.

For those that have never been to Kauai (<https://www.gohawaii.com/islands/kauai>), it is aptly named the garden island. (They shot Jurassic Park there!) It is filled with loads of great beaches, hikes, site seeing and more. The resort is also within minutes of the airport if you're anticipating doing some day trips to other islands.

In the meantime, you can make your resort reservations today. To get the PLC rate, click [HERE](#) or book through the PLC website. From this link, you can easily upgrade the type of room if you'd like. This PLC rate is good 7 days prior and after the conference is you'd like to stay a little longer.

If you plan to fly Alaska Airlines, we have a PLC group rate. Use the code is ECMK526 to receive a 6 percent discount.

Roger and Carmen Smith look forward to seeing you in Kauai!

2024 AWFC Championships

By Hunter Harrill

This year, the PLC helped sponsor the Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) University Logging Sports Team. The campus club recently hosted the Association of Western Forestry Clubs (AWFC) Conclave championship in Eureka, California from March 13-15, 2024.

The annual championships rotate between different host schools each year and the last time Humboldt hosted was in 2014. This year the team went above and beyond to put on an event that will be memorable for years to come, that not only included three days of competition, but also had an educational focus with tours and excursions for the visiting teams to learn about forestry in the redwood region.

The week kicked-off with 10 teams arriving with approximately 180 competitors including the two other California forestry schools of UC Berkeley and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo along with other universities traveling from as far as Idaho, Montana, Colorado and Arizona. On Monday there were full-day field trips to learn



more about the local forest industry where visiting teams were shown different timber harvesting operations and toured a local sawmill.

Nick Barrett, a student at the University of Idaho said, “The mill and logging operation tours were awesome! Having the opportunity to have an in-depth experience with how these industries operate in Northern California was something that made my conclave experience great all around!” On Tuesday, teams were led on a half day excursion to Redwood National and State Parks to hike amongst the old-growth redwoods.

The competitive events kicked off on Wednesday at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka, California. Uniquely, this year the AWFC was run in conjunction with the Redwood Region Logging Conference (RRLC), providing an opportunity for student competitors to attend the professional conference and also providing the public with opportunities to witness logging sports in action.

There were over 20 events that took place from Wednesday to Friday including: chopping, bucking, climbing, and timber cruise. On Friday evening an awards dinner wrapped up the AWFC, with the CPH Team placing first in the overall team competition, with Flathead Valley Community College (Montana) and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo taking second and third place, respectively.

To learn more about the Cal Poly Humboldt Logging Sports Team, forestry conclave and studying forestry at college, listen to the recent Talking Timber podcast at <https://www.pacificloggingcongress.org/podcast>.



PLC Attends Shasta College HELO Program Event



PLC President Roger Smith and his wife Carmen recently attended a Shasta College HELO Program event held April 30 and May 1, 2024. There were 14 attendees, along with college staff representing industry, other colleges and universities and government entities.

Becky Roe, Director of Forest Health at Shasta College, led everyone through two days of networking, planning and observations, with the thought of possibility expanding the program at Shasta College or even to replicate the program across the country.

Day One

Roger and Carmen talked to the CDL program participants and teachers and had a Q and A session on what the program takes — backgrounds, goals of the program and the students. They also visited the Simulator Lab and were able to drive the trucking simulators while having the instructor throw in hazards to see how we would respond. (Unfortunately, equipment simulators were out of service that day.)

“A meeting with college staff that handles intake and helps to guide students along their journey at the college, gave us a behind the scenes look at what it takes once someone decides they want to apply to the program and the work it takes to get them through to the end,” says Carmen.

The afternoon was spent getting to know what other organizations and universities were doing to bring new operators into the industry. Ideas ranged from high school involvement, career fairs, current programs at other colleges and universities and applying for grants to help with the funding.

“A brainstorming exercise on ways to fund these ideas, whether public or private, came next,” says Carmen. “It was an eye opener on places and grants to apply for funding.”

Roger and Carmen also looked at what other colleges or universities might be interested in the program, had forest land to manage, or the ability to work

with a landowner. Places and contacts across the United States were gathered and information exchanged.

Day Two

The second day was spent in the woods. The group was able to watch the students in the current program operate a feller buncher, skidder, processor and loading shovel. When not on the equipment, the students were able to talk to prospective employers. (Because the Spring Showcase was taking place, 15 companies were there to watch students perform.)

Carmen talked to one student who was at the top of the class. He already had a job with a local employer near his home on the California coast. The student had operated their skidder the prior summer and came to the HELO program to get experience on a processor and feller buncher.

Founders of the program Ted James of SPI, Delbert Gannon of Creekside Logging and PLC member Zane Peterson were on hand to talk about things they were working on, as well as future plans.

“Overall, it was a great trip taken with a lot learned,” says Carmen. “There are a lot of good things going on with the HELO program and there is the possibility of tweaking that program to meet the needs of other areas, so that the wheel doesn’t need to be reinvented.”

