

ADVOCACY EFFORTS

The TLA worked hard on a variety of fronts to ensure our membership's voice was heard at all levels of government, within the forest industry and in the media.

Contractor Sustainability Review

Three years of advocacy work came to a head this January when Premier Christy Clark announced the Contractor Sustainability Review at the TLA's 74th Annual Convention & Trade Show. At the end of March, the government announced George Abbott as the independent facilitator to oversee the process, review the data, conduct the interviews and then present an impartial report to government and the TLA. This is our opportunity to level the playing field between licensees and contractors.

Training Tax Credits

We know our members are concerned about attracting new employees and the cost of training in an industry with ever decreasing returns. We brought this issue to government and they are now working on a training tax credit program to support the on-the-ground training needed in logging. We hope it will be ready by the end of the year.

Protecting the Working Forest

The TLA was involved in three working forest protection issues this year. The reassessment of visual quality objectives for Cracroft Island and anti-logging campaigns against a Lantzville woodlot and a BCTS timber sale on Mount Elphinstone. On all three fronts, the TLA's work made a positive difference in protecting the working forest.

Building Relationships with First Nations

The TLA sponsored the Aboriginal Business Match which took place in Port Hardy in March. With the TLA's support, the forest industry was well represented at the event and several promising introductions were made.

Meetings with MLAs from all Political Parties

We held effective caucus meetings and met with all the political parties in February to deliver our advocacy messages to the provinces' elected officials. We also regularly invited MLAs to attend our TLA Networking Events and reached out to them on forestry issues as they arose throughout the year.



Premier Christy Clark made the most significant announcement for logging contractors in over 20 years when she announced the Contractor Sustainability Review.



The TLA took part in DEMO 2016, a live forestry equipment show held in Canada every four years. The TLA co-sponsored the pocket guide and had a booth at the show.



Minister Thomson attended the TLA's Mayoral Forestry Dinner held during the UBCM convention, spoke to our "Community Perspectives" report and held a Q&A.

TLA EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP



The TLA's 74th Annual Convention & Trade Show was a resounding success. The theme "In It For The Long Run" spoke to our members' passion for the forest industry. Our live and silent auctions raised \$111,710 for the TLA Forestry Education Fund showing our members desire to give back to forestry!

484 Members Strong and Growing!

Our numbers are growing and we're proud that 97% of members surveyed consider their membership a positive ROI.

TLA Networking Events

We host two TLA Networking Events each year and attendance is hitting 80-100 people on average. Events include three concise industry speakers, a good chance to network and a delicious meal. Join us in Nanaimo this fall!

The 21st Annual TLA Golf Tournament

The TLA's annual golf tournament is taking place at the Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community on Friday, June 16. This year is Caribbean themed—bring on the roasted pig!

Anatomy of a Rollover Seminars

The TLA is co-hosting two Anatomy of a Rollover seminars with the BC Forest Safety Council in May. One in Campbell River (May 13) and one in Chilliwack (May 27). To find out more, visit our website: www.tla.ca/seminars

Supporting Our Members, Their Employees & the Forest Industry

Level Three First Aid Training Funding is to support TLA members in building a safer forest industry on-the-ground by training more OFA Level Three workers. The TLA pays course fees and awards a \$1,000 bursary.

Trades Awards are for TLA member employees who are training in a trade that is in demand within the forest sector and who plan to join the BC coastal forest industry workforce (see photo right).

Scaling Awards are for people who have taken a coastal scaling course, successfully written the exam and have been issued their full coastal scaling license. Applicants with a TLA tie are given priority.

The TLA also supports forestry and equipment operator scholarships at BCIT, UBC and VIU. To find out more, visit our website: www.tla.ca



Zach Iwasyk works for Mount Sicker Lumber Company as a heavy duty mechanic apprentice and received a Trades Award of \$1,000.

BENEFITS PROGRAMS

JLT Equipment Insurance

JLT's experts worked with the TLA to design a heavy equipment insurance program specifically for TLA members. The result is a program of secure coverage backed by stable, long-term insurers who have served the BC forest industry for more than 30 years. Due to the TLA's sizeable membership, beneficial equipment and liability coverage and rates can be obtained. Call today to get your quote.

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Johnstone's Benefits

Johnstone's Benefits offers two comprehensive employee benefits packages designed for the TLA:

- Employers with as few as one to nine employees have access to a full benefit package.
- Employers with 10 or more employees can customize plans to suit their specific needs and still benefit from the buying power of the TLA.

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