



The TLA board is made up of 19 directors, most of who run small to mid-sized companies based in BC's rural, coastal communities. TLA Board for 2017: (left to right, back row) Bill Nelson, Dorian Uzzell, Mark Ponting, Dave McNaught, Howie McKamey, Aaron Service, Adam Wunderlich, Carl Sweet, Matt Wealick, Tim Lloyd, Brian Mulvihill (front row) Doug Sladey, Barry Simpson, Mike Richardson (Vice President), Jacqui Beban (President), Don Banasky (Past President), David Elstone (Executive Director), Lawrence Van De Leur. Not pictured: George Lambert, Clint Parcher.

MEET THE TLA'S NEW BOARD DIRECTORS



Dorian Uzzell

Dorian Uzzell is an owner of Wakhash Contracting in partnership with Rob Moretto. The company does road building and logging and they have 75-90 employees depending on the season. While their head office is in Campbell River, they have remote camps in Johnstone Strait, Broughton Archipelago and Bonanza Lake.

Dorian is a third generation logger. His grandpa, Chick Uzzell, owned logging companies from 1950 until he retired in 1990. Dorian started out at a dryland sort and as he moved around in the early years, he took every opportunity to run equipment. He's happy with his career choice. "Forestry will be here for the next generation," said Dorian. "It's a renewable resource but it wasn't always seen that way. In 1993, miserable old guys were convinced there was no future in it but they were wrong."



Aaron Service

Aaron Service owns Peninsula Logging in partnership with George Fallis and Dan Scott on the Sunshine Coast. The company does stump-to-dump harvesting mostly on the Sunshine Coast and up coastal mainland inlets. They employ around 15 people including sub-contractors. Aaron splits his time equally between managing the crews and working on a machine himself.

Aaron grew up on the Sunshine Coast and became interested in forestry when he joined the Junior Forest Wardens in grade six. In high school, he worked for a family friend who was a logger. Later on, he completed a Bachelor of Science in Forestry at UBC and became a registered forest professional. "After school, I went back to logging and about ten years ago decided to do something on my own," explained Aaron. "So I bought a processor and got started."



Bill Nelson

Bill Nelson is a partner in Holbrook Dyson Logging based in Campbell River. Holbrook Dyson offers full phase harvesting and road construction services. Bill works as a project manager, running the two camp operations with his partners. Holbrook Dyson employs 55 people and operates on mid and northern Vancouver Island.

Bill is a third generation logger. In fact, he completed elementary grades one and two in logging camps before moving to Campbell River. He worked in Norie Bros. Logging's shop every summer in high school and started setting chokers at 17. He did one year of university at SFU before the forest industry called him back. "I liked the challenge of working hard and I loved being outside," said Bill. "I grew up in logging. So it was like coming home."▲