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ALC Holds Annual Meeting

Close to 200 attend Annual Membership Meeting in Marksville, Louisiana



Hemphill, Texas (October 3, 2013) –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its 19th Annual Meeting in Marksville, Louisiana., on Sept. 26 – 28 and had close to 200 attendees including loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council over the past twelve months.

“I am proud of the supportive efforts that all of our members, committees and sponsors have put forth over the past twelve months,” said ALC President Travis Taylor. “We’re excited about the progress that has been made and look forward to extending those efforts as we head into 2014. We are confident that we are headed in the right direction with our goal of being the national hub for logger information exchange, linking local, state and regional organizations around the country.”



Kevin Thieneman(l), Bobby Goodson (r)
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The three day conference included swamp tours, technical sessions, business meetings and awards presentations where North Carolina logger Bobby Goodson and Caterpillar Forest Products President Kevin Thieneman received the President’s award for their efforts and accomplishments over the past

twelve months and New Hampshire businessman Jeff Eames with Fort Mountain Companies received the prestigious Timber Harvesting “Logging Business of the Year Award.”

The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on September 28th and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees.



ALC Board of Directors Meeting
Photo by Mike Crouse – Loggers World

The legislative committee gave updates on efforts by the Council to support legislation favorable to the timber harvesting community while the transportation and biomass committee reported on those issues that were impacting those two sectors of the industry. The biomass committee recommended that the ALC create a position statement on the benefits of utilizing woody biomass to be delivered to the EPA, as well as a position on the economic impacts of over-regulation to the timber harvesting industry.

During the closing President's dinner on Saturday night, newly elected logger and businessman Brian Nelson from Cornell, Michigan was introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council, with California logger Myles Anderson, Florida logger Richard Schwab, and Mississippi logger Ken Martin filling the Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer positions on the Executive Committee. Mr. Nelson stated in his remarks that "I plan on keeping the momentum that we have built up during Travis' administration moving forward," and "that there are still many issues that we should focus on as we start to experience economic recovery within the industry."

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor wrapped it up in a brief statement by thanking Travis Taylor for his past twelve months of leadership under adverse conditions and looks forward to his continuing input into the Council as well as working with Brian Nelson to ensure that the American Loggers Council will continue to be "the national voice for professional timber harvesters."

About American Loggers Council

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 30 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at

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