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**Vermeer Hosts American Loggers Council Summer Board Meeting**

*Board members gather in Pella, Iowa*



**Hemphill, Texas (July 30, 2014)** –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its Summer Board of Directors Meeting in Pella, Iowa, on July 25 – 26. Vermeer Corporation volunteered to host the event at their corporate headquarters, and those that were attendance were treated to a first-class experience.

ALC members arrived on Thursday afternoon and attended a welcome reception held at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel. Jay Sarver, Brad Van Rheenen and Jeff Bradley from Vermeer were on hand to welcome the group.

Friday morning ALC members were transported to the Vermeer headquarters in Pella, Iowa and met with key personnel and learned not only about the history of Vermeer and its founder Gary Vermeer, but were also allowed to tour Plant 4 and 5 of their manufacturing plants as well as the Vermeer Parts Center. Members were able to see the production lines of many of the vast line-up of Vermeer products, including the WC2300XL Whole Tree Chipper.

Plant tours were followed up by lunch at a demo site that included demonstrations of the WC300XL Whole Tree Chipper, HG Series Horizontal Grinder and the FT100 Forestry Tractor with mulching head attachment.



On Saturday, The ALC Board members met at the Vermeer Global Pavilion to discuss business and issues of the Council as well as recent activities in Washington, DC that included the introduction of the Future Careers in Logging Act, H.R. 4590 and the Right to Haul Act, H.R. 5201. Members of the ALC have been instrumental in getting both of these bills introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives.

Other items on the agenda included reports from the Legislative Committee, Transportation Committee, Biomass Committee, Master Logger Certification Committee, Membership Committee and the Communications Committee.

ALC President Brain Nelson thanked the members of Vermeer for not only hosting the meeting, but also for their participation and comments in the Board meeting that followed the tours. “Having our sponsors on-board and participating in our meetings allows us to hear a different perspective on some of the issues that we are facing. Having their views and outlook for the industry from a global perspective are a valuable asset to the organization. Vermeer was a great host and provided an excellent venue for our meeting.”

#### **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 [www.americanloggers.org](http://www.americanloggers.org).

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