

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

I hope you all enjoyed the TLA's 75th Annual Convention & Trade Show. As usual it was well attended and provided great presentations as well as networking opportunities. One of the hits of this year's convention was the TLA's 75th anniversary commemorative book, *Timber Forever!* By the time you're reading this, all TLA members should have received their complimentary copy. I hope you all enjoyed reading TLA's history as much as I did. Finally, I would like to thank all the sponsors of this year's event. Without their support, the TLA convention and anniversary celebrations wouldn't have been possible. You can read more about the convention on page 26.

Before I get further into my opening remarks, I would like to apologize on behalf of *Truck LoggerBC* magazine to Robert Schuetz, President of IFS in Prince George for an error made in the Winter 2018 issue of the magazine. We got his company name wrong. It should have been **Industrial Forestry Service Ltd.** Thank you Rob for your support and apologies again for the error. We also neglected to cite Ngaio Hotte as the co-author of the report "Tired Iron" in the 75-year history. Again, our apologies.

In this issue, we address a number of interesting topics. In the Legal Report, we have a great article answering: What can employers do, from a legal perspective, to ensure that employees they have invested training dollars in stay with the company after their training is complete? I hope this article sheds some light on the topic and keeps your company investing in the forestry workforce.

In Business Matters, Chris Duncan completes the final instalment of his four-part series on structuring your contracting business. Our Safety Report focuses on a traction-assist equipment checklist, providing you with a tool to help ensure your equipment is being operated

safely. In our Market Report, we discuss how log supply agreements work in the US which gives us a great opportunity to better understand how the US system works.

We have three great feature articles in this issue. "A View from Afar" gives a recap of a great session at the convention that really caught the imagination of the delegates and generated some great commentary from the audience. We want to pass on this 'outsider perspective' to the broader forest industry. "Old Growth Logging: A Plan For The Future" is an article about a sensitive subject—planning the harvesting of old growth, second growth and third growth to meet all our forest management goals. Our final feature is "Defending the Working Forest" and this article takes a different angle. Rather than just focusing on jobs, what other benefits are there in having a healthy working forest in BC? Broadening the reasons to keep the working forest will attract other people who might not be as jobs focused as the TLA.

As you can see, we have an interesting line-up of articles for you to read in this issue. As always, we hope you enjoy the magazine and that you find it informative. Brenda Martin, who has edited *Truck LoggerBC* for the past five years, has moved on and we wish her all the best. For this issue, if you have any feedback or comments, please contact David Elstone, Executive Director, at 604.684.4291.▲

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