



## Message from Brian Carbaugh

2020-2021 Conference Chair

Greetings,

I sincerely hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health; if not, know that our hearts and prayers are with you.

The annual Olympic Logging Conference is always highly anticipated for us all. Its value to each of us is as varied as the individuals who attend; however, the universal benefits are in the social gathering together and the building and maintaining of relationships across all aspects of the timber industry. There is no industry so completely built of people as independent, as innovative, and as capable of handling uncertainty and change as our industry. Risks and variable outside forces are our daily constants, as is our will and flexibility to respond and to move forward continually seeking new opportunities.

The Conference has run annually for 74 years without interruption in Canada and we were all looking forward to a great 75<sup>th</sup> celebration in April 2020. As we previously announced, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to postpone this year's conference to September 2020. Due to continued uncertainties in health risks and travel restrictions, the Board has decided to reschedule the 75<sup>th</sup> Olympic Logging Conference to the normally anticipated spring season: April 28-30, 2021.

Missing the conference this year in April was, for me, like missing an annual migration and I am sure many of you felt the same. With most folks working even more remotely than ever before, compiled with a firestorm of societal issues, there could never be a better time to reconnect with past acquaintances and to meet some new. After this yearlong delay, we will all be primed and ready for a very special 75<sup>th</sup> celebration in Victoria, BC, next spring.

Thank you to all of the members of the Board; to our conference manager, Diane, for navigating us through these times; to the program speakers for staying aboard; and to The Empress and staff for their cooperation, continued support, and brotherhood in maintaining our Olympic Logging Conference traditions.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, who have supported the Conference through thick and thin and without whom the Conference could not exist.

Looking forward to seeing you all next spring.

**75<sup>th</sup> Olympic Logging Conference April 28-30, 2021**

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## Conference cleanup

### Registrations & fees

All 2020 member registrations and fees will be returned. Paypal payments will be returned to the card used and invoiced registrations will be returned via checks.

### Room reservations

Empress Hotel room reservations have been transferred to 2021 dates. The hotel will be sending confirmation in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to contact the hotel should you have any questions 1-250-348-8111.

### Sponsors donations

Sponsor donations will be transferred to the 2021 conference.

### Scholarship awards

Scholarships will be mailed to the recipient's institution as directed on the application.

### Questions

Please contact Diane Oster-Courtney, Conference manager at 360-202-7014 or [info@olcnw.com](mailto:info@olcnw.com)