



Changing of the Guard



If someone would have told me back in 1975 that my decision to major in *Forestry* would have lead me to walking the halls of Congress in Washington, DC and attempting to educate our lawmakers on not only the forest products industry but in particular from a logging business perspective, I think I would have changed my major! All I wanted to do was to figure out how to make a living spending time in the woods and fishing and hunting on the weekends!

Life is full of interesting twists and turns, and if we are open to change, there is never a dull moment in the paths or directions that we may travel.

It has been an absolute pleasure to not only be a logger during the course of my career, but to also represent the hard-working, honest, professional timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses throughout the United States over these past 20 years. The relationships and friendships that have formed across the country mean more to me than any credentials that I might have received from any University. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank all of the volunteers who have, over the past 27 years helped the American Loggers Council (ALC) to put a face on the timber harvesting industry not only in DC but across the nation. Your voices are being heard, and while oftentimes change is slow to develop, change is happening.

I would like to thank the members of the ALC for spending the time to work with professionals to recruit a successor to my position. Over the past 18 months, they have vetted out applications and candidates from across the country and made the decision to retain the services of Scott Dane, from Gilbert, Minnesota, to take the reins.

Scott has spent considerable time working with loggers and log haulers in Minnesota as the Executive Director for the Associated Logging Contractors and Truckers of Minnesota and has been a passionate spokesperson for the industry, including much work in Washington, DC. I use the word “passion” because that is what is needed to successfully represent this profession that we call logging.

There will be highs and lows in Scott’s future with the ALC, but with the continued support of the many volunteers who offer guidance, there is no doubt in my mind that Scott is the right choice to take the American Loggers Council to the next level. I ask that you please welcome Scott as the new Executive Director for the American Loggers Council and support him, as you have me for the past twenty years.

It is time for me to go fishing, and with that I wish all of you a safe, productive and happy future in this profession we call logging.

Tight lines! – Danny Dructor

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