



## Association News

### **NAWLA Elects New Officers**

The North American Wholesale Lumber Association (NAWLA) recently elected their new officers for 2009-2010. The new officers include Chairman George (Buck) Hutchison, Hutchison Lumber & Building Products; First Vice Chairman Chris Beveridge, Skana Forest Products; Second Vice Chairman Gary Vitale, T.W. Hager Lumber Company; Treasurer Bill Barnett, Marathon Forest Products; Immediate Past Chairwoman Susan Fitzsimmons, Snavely Forest Products; and Executive Director & Interim CEO Mark Palmer, NAWLA.

### **WWPA Reports Low Lumber Output**

The Western Wood Products Association once again had sobering news to report regarding western lumber production. It totaled 1.547 billion board feet through February, down 30.7% from the first two months of 2008. Production in the Inland region fell 37.2% compared to January-February 2008, while production in the Coast region fell 27.1%. February production in the West was down 25.7% compared to February 2008.

### **FRA Offers Video for Log Truck Loader Operators**

FRA's Log Loader Safety video covers, among other things, personal protective equipment, site awareness, loader operation, maintenance, log deck location, proper stabilizer placement, safe boom operation, and lock-out/tag-out procedures. The 15-minute video is meant to be part of a more comprehensive training session covering all aspects of safety associated with log truck operation.

FRA says that, to the best of its knowledge, this is the first of its kind. The video (DVD Format) and Training Facilitation Guide are available to FRA members for \$50.00 (\$100.00 to non-members), domestic shipping and handling included. To order, contact the FRA National Office at (301) 838-9385 and refer to stock number 08-A-7.

AF&PA names Glowinski Group VP

### **The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) named Robert Glowinski Group Vice President for Forestry and Wood Products.**

Glowinski is a 31-year veteran of the forest products industry and, for the past 16 years, has led AF&PA's American Wood Council, the technical arm of the industry, which advances the use of wood products in construction.

### **Loggers Sound off in Washington**

Approximately 38 members of the American Loggers Council traveled to Washington, DC March 26-28 to discuss with members of Congress the issues impacting the timber harvesting industry. The delegates met with the offices of 50 House members and 21 Senate members to discuss a host of issues, including the Renewable Electricity Standards, biomass, transportation, and other pieces of legislation that could impact the industry and are working their way through Congress. The loggers went looking for support from members of Congress on items that would help to stimulate rural infrastructure and open new markets for the products they produce.

In general, members of both the House and the Senate were receptive to the issues that the members carried, and they received a better perspective of the plight of the industry and the need to get things moving again.