

**MINUTES OF THE 85th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MARITIME LUMBER BUREAU
Rodd Charlottetown, Charlottetown, PEI
June 6th, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

Jacques Gagnon
Julien Bastarache
Neill Gibson
Don Crabbe
Leandre Cormier
Jacques Cormier
Mark Baillie
Renaud Durelle
Brian Trenholm
Glen Warman
Warren Beeler
Joel MacLaggan
Mark McGrath
Justin Mutford
Rany Ibrahim
Billy Freeman
Eric Williams
Georg Ernst
Harvey Gray
Mike Jennings
Steve Rhone
Doug Ledwidge
Anne LeBrun Ruff
Rick Jeffrey
Jocelyn Taylor
Jerome Pelletier
Keith Barrett
Xavier Martel
Bethany Dugas
Clark Udle
Blair Saulnier
Tim Blom
Aaron Wallace
Kate Freeman
Charlie Freeman
Brett MacLean
Marc LeBlanc
Guy Parent
Etienne St-Hilaire
Mark Veilleux
Blair Clark
Heather Boyd
Andrew Rankin
Marc Goguen
Shawn Morehouse
Peter McCue
Mark Wilber
Evan Meisner
Craig Isenor
Derek Duinker
Ryan Gatiss
Owen Thompson
Damien Meyer
Peter Fullarton
Laurie Saulnier
Pierre Michaud
Brad Meisner
Paul McKinley

GUESTS:

Minister Tory Rushton
Mark Milner
Nicole Mothes
Michael Cannon
Brenda Ladouceur
Nelly Elayoubi

COMPANY

Hub International
Hub International
USNR
HJ Crabbe & Sons
West Wood Industries Ltd.
Delco Forest Products Ltd.
Scotsburn Lumber Ltd.
Delco Forest Products Ltd.
Devon Lumber Co. Ltd.
Marwood Ltd.
Eacan Timber Ltd.
Eacan Timber Ltd.
Ledwidge Lumber Co. Ltd.
Department of Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture
NS Dept of Lands & Forestry
Harry Freeman & Son Ltd.
Williams Brothers (2013) Ltd.
HC Freeman & Son Ltd.
FETF
Brunswick Valley Lumber Ltd.
Weston Forest Products
Ledwidge Lumber Co. Ltd.
FP Innovations
Canadian Wood Council
Taylor Lumber Co. Ltd.
J.D. Irving, Ltd.
Barrett Lumber Co. Ltd.
North American Forest Products Ltd.
NSCC
Eacan Timber Ltd.
SC Delong Sales Inc.
Ridgetimber Trading Inc.
Ridgetimber Trading Inc.
Harry Freeman & Son Ltd.
Harry Freeman & Son Ltd.
Marwood Ltd.
Marwood Ltd.
North American Forest Products Ltd.
Burton Mill Solutions
Burton Mill Solutions
Province of NS – DNRR
Forestry Sector Council (NS)
AWL Forest Products
Delco Forest Products
Province of NB – DNRE
Province of NB – DNRE
Elmsdale Lumber Co. Ltd.
Eacan Timber Ltd.
Elmsdale Lumber Co. Ltd.
Doman Building Materials
Weston Forest
Weston Forest
LINCK GmbH
NRCAN – CFS
NRCAN – CFS
Waska (Clair Industrial)
Eacan Timber Ltd.
Retired Past Chairman

Province of NS - DNRR
Jorgensen & Bickerton Inc.
Embassy of Canada to Austria
Global Affairs Canada
Global Affairs Canada
Global Affairs Canada

STAFF:

Kevin Merriam	Maritime Lumber Bureau
Jennie Embree	Maritime Lumber Bureau
Jeff White	Maritime Lumber Bureau
David Porter	Atlantic WoodWORKS!

Vice-Chairman of the Board, Jerome Pelletier, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by appropriately welcoming those present at the 85th Annual Meeting including special invited guests.

APPROVE THE AGENDA/or MAKE ANY ADDITIONS

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion from Brian Trenholm, seconded by Rany Ibrahim. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting on June 8th, 2023 had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved on a motion from Doug Ledwidge, seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Vice-Chairman of the Board, Jerome Pelletier, reported that all items of business arising from last year's annual meeting will be covered under the committee reports during this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/REGRETS

Richard Freeman	Harry Freeman & Son Ltd.
Robin Wilber	Elmsdale Lumber Co. Ltd.
Chris Ward	Province of NB - DNRE
Terry Noble	Plaster Rock Lumber Corp.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director, Kevin Merriam, presented the following report on behalf of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors are responsible to review the management and operation of the bureau. In addition, the Board of Directors act on behalf of the members.

The Board met 5 times during the past 12 months. (That includes our meeting yesterday, Wednesday, June 5th, 2024).

Each time the Board met they reviewed the financial statements, the aged listing of accounts receivable, and the use of our line of credit (where applicable).

The Board of Directors made recommendations and authorized methods of handling overdue accounts.

The Board also approved the Management's out of region travel at each meeting.

The Board of Directors received regular reports on the various management activities at the MLB, including activities on national organizations and representing the members positions relative to any of the issues brought before the MLB.

In addition, the Board reviewed projects undertaken by the MLB including the Atlantic WoodWORKS! Project. A new 3-year program began in April 2022 with deliverables being met with seminars, presentations, tours and meetings.

During the past year the Board of the MLB consisted of the Chairman of the Board, the Chairpersons of: the Audit & Finance Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Quality Control Committee, & the Market Access Committee, representatives from the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador and seven members at large for a total of 16 Board Members.

Each of the standing committees reported on their activities to the Board as reflected in their committee meetings.

Details & discussions of the Board of Directors are contained in the minutes of the meetings. A report from the Board of Directors is presented at each membership meeting.

During the past Year, other items of business dealt with by the Board, include (but are not limited to):

In April 2023 all producing and remanufacturer members membership dues increased to \$0.75 per thousand board feet for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

As well, during the April 2023 Regular meeting, the MLB Board of Directors recommended and was approved by the members to have an increase with minimum annual membership.

In December 2023, the Moisture Content Study commissioned by the MLB and conducted by the UNB Wood Science & Technology Centre showed that further testing on samples was required with the focus on the Balsam Fir species.

During the December meeting, the Board approved the renewal of the GIC's to increase the terms for each, to one-year and two-year terms.

During the April 17th, 2024 Regular meeting, the MLB Board of Directors recommended and was approved by the members for the membership dues rate of \$0.75 per thousand board feet to remain at status quo for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

The work of the MLB has been to assist members in mitigating any negative impact of any new challenges and to define new opportunities, and at the same time maintain existing market access through their well-recognized and credible quality control and certification programs.

The Board was fully engaged in the MLB, demonstrating the effectiveness of maintaining an active Board who represents the interests of our members.

With no questions, Vice-Chairman, Jerome Pelletier, moved for the adoption of this report, seconded by Jacques Cormier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Jerome Pelletier called upon Mark Milner of Jorgensen & Bickerton Inc. to present the Audited Financial Report for the period ending March 31st, 2024. (Copy attached.)

Mr. Milner reviewed and explained several items in the Auditors Report to those present.

Mr. Milner reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and stated that revenue for the year was \$1,481,351; the expenses for the year were \$1,464,921, which resulted in a net of revenue over expense of \$16,430.

Mr. Milner detailed some of the fees revenue and expenses that were over and under budget as well as reviewed and explained portions of the Balance Sheet for the Bureau. The Balance Sheet showed a healthy financial position.

Mr. Milner thanked the members for the opportunity and thanked the MLB staff for their continued cooperation and support during this audit.

With no questions, Jerome Pelletier, made the motion for the adoption to approve the auditor's report as presented, seconded by Brian Trenholm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jerome then reported that during the April 17th, 2024, MLB regular meeting presentation of the 2024 - 2025 budget, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the following rates would apply:

- ▶ Producer and Remanufacturer membership dues will remain status quo at \$0.75/mfbm for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- ▶ A "Special Assessment" fee will be levied to only New Brunswick Producers at a rate based on a percentage of the overall membership fee.
- ▶ Minimum membership fees have remained status quo as per the dues rate sheet. As well as all other fees and rates have remained the same for the fiscal year.

Jerome Pelletier then made a motion to ratify the dues, and service fees, for 2024-2025, which was approved at the April 17th, 2024, regular meeting. It was seconded by Doug Ledwidge. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jerome Pelletier made the motion to ratify the budget for 2024-2025, which was approved at the April 17th, 2023, regular meeting. Seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At this time Jerome Pelletier made a motion to re-appoint the firm of Jorgensen & Bickerton Inc. for the 2024-2025 year. It was seconded by Jacques Cormier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jerome Pelletier then made a motion for the approval of the Finance Committee report, seconded by Brian Trenholm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jacques Cormier presented the Nominating Committee Report.

The Nominating Committee consists of the last 3 “active” Past Chairmen of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. During this AGM, these individuals are: Jocelyn Archibald, Doug Ledwidge and myself.

This committee will bring forward nominations consistent with the current MLB By-laws and in compliance with the Canada Not-For-Profit Act and the MLB’s Certificate of Continuance, issued under the act.

The Board of Directors of the company shall be composed of no fewer than thirteen (13) and no more than sixteen (16) voting Directors. It shall be the responsibility of the **Members** to elect the required minimum number of Directors.

In addition, Members shall elect from the slate of Directors on the Board, the Chairs of the Standing Committees at the annual meeting.

The Maritime Lumber Bureau By-Laws state that: The composition of the Board shall be representative of the members of the company and should include members from the Governments of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and either PEI or Newfoundland and Labrador.

DIRECTORS

The nominating committee recommends to the members, the following slate, whose terms expire as of the 2024 MLB AGM.

Re - nomination of Directors for the term ending at the 2027 MLB AGM are:

Jerome Pelletier	J.D. Irving Limited
Joel MacLaggan	Eacan Timber
Robin Wilber	Elmsdale Lumber Co. Ltd.
Brian Trenholm	Devon Lumber

New nominations to the Board of Directors for the term ending at the 2027 AGM are:

Marc Leblanc	Marwood Ltd.
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New Nominations to the Board of Directors for the term ending at the 2026 AGM are:

Billy Freeman	Harry Freeman & Son Ltd.
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The recommended Directors from member Provinces for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year are:

Chris Ward	NB Dept of Natural Resources and Energy Development
Rany Ibrahim	NS Dept. of Natural Resources and Renewables
Justin Mutford	NL&L Fisheries, Forestry & Agriculture

Jacques Cormier called three times for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, Jacques moved these nominees as Directors of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. Seconded by Doug Ledwidge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Members elect the Chairmen of the Standing Committees at the Annual Meeting. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees sit on the Board of Directors. We, therefore, nominate the following from those individuals already named to the Board:

Jacques Cormier, Delco Forest Products
Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Mark Baillie, Scotsburn Lumber Ltd
Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee

Robin Wilber, Elmsdale Lumber Co. Ltd.
Chairman of the Quality Control Committee

Joel MacLaggan, Eacan Timber
Chairman of the Market Access Committee

Jacques Cormier called three times for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, Jacques moved these nominees as Committee Chairmen of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. Seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OFFICERS:-

Our By-Laws specify that the members elect the officers of the corporation.

The nominating committee Nominates as Officers for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year the following:-

- Chairman of the Board - Jerome Pelletier, J.D. Irving Limited
- Vice Chairs - Mark Baillie, Scotsburn Lumber Ltd.
Xavier Martel, North American Forest Products
- Secretary / Treasurer - Jennie Embree, Maritime Lumber Bureau
- Executive Director - Kevin Merriam, Maritime Lumber Bureau

Jacques Cormier called three times for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, Jacques moved these nominees as Officers of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. Seconded by Brian Trenholm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jacques Cormier congratulated those elected and nominated for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year and moved for the adoption of the Nominating Committee report, seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

QUALITY CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the Quality Control Committee, Mark Baillie, presented the report.

The Quality Control Dept of the Maritime Lumber Bureau offers the following highlights for the period covering April 1st, 2023 – March 31st, 2024.

Over these twelve months, the MLB Quality Control Dept inspection staff conducted nine hundred eighty-eight (988) member facility inspections at member facilities totaling 1,882,813 fbm of lumber checked for grade and moisture content. Of this total volume inspected, our findings revealed an aggregate below grade average of 2.4% and 1.2% exceeded the allowable moisture content. This is within tolerance of the ALSC and CLSAB Regulations requirements for accredited agencies. Of these 988 inspections, there were a total of twenty (20) incidences where lumber was held for below grade, excessive moisture content, incomplete/illegible grade stamping or undersize lumber.

The Maritime Lumber Bureau Quality Control Department actively monitors (through the CLSAB regulatory system), member Heat Treatment compliance under the Canadian Food Inspection Agency D-13-01 program requirements.

The MLB QC Dept had performed four hundred ten (410) total Heat Treatment audits on thirty-five (35) MLB facilities registered under the CFIA Canadian Heat-Treated Wood Products Certification Program. Our HT audit findings identified two (2) minor non-conformances and seven (7) Improvement Requests. These are good audit results and are attributed to the dedication of member facility personnel in maintaining program compliance throughout the year.

As of March 31st 2024, the QC Dept of the Maritime Lumber Bureau was conducting monthly inspections at ninety-three (93) MLB member facilities for various activities ranging from grade stamp certification of dimension lumber and timber production, certification of white pine production, SPS-1 certification of fingerjoint lumber, cedar shingle grades certification and CFIA Heat Treatment Program related activities such as HT lumber monitoring and IPPC labeling.

Training activities of the MLB QC Dept. have been conducted throughout the year with seven (7) full dimension courses being conducted, licensing sixty-eight (68) new graders in total and one (1) Timber grading course, licensing 12 timber graders. In addition, six (6) mandatory refresher courses were conducted re-licensing twenty-nine (29) graders. Additional grading courses and refresher courses will be scheduled throughout the year at various locations in Atlantic Canada.

The supervisory activities of the Maritime Lumber Bureau's Quality Control Department have resulted in the maintenance of the agency's accreditation, and we remain in good standing with the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) and the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC).

The MLB Inspection staff consists of Marcel Boutot, Shawn Giberson, Justin Blair and Kevin Merriam serving as Quality Control Manager for the department. Eric Doucette continues to work with the MLB on a consulting basis to assist with Inspection database management and QC operational matters.

The Maritime Lumber Bureau Quality Control Dept. remains active with:

- Inspections and training at member facilities
- CLSAB Operations Committee
- CLSAB Technical Committee
- Canadian Forest Products Advisory Committee
- NLGA Standards Committee
- NLGA Grade Committee
- NLGA National Lumber Properties Steering Committee

The MLB Quality Control Department works closely with the MLB Quality Control Committee to review department activities on no less than a quarterly basis. All relevant information (whether regional or national in scope) is discussed, action items are addressed, and any recommendations are then presented at the MLB Regular Members meetings.

In closing, the MLB Quality Control Department would like to thank the Quality Control Committee for their ongoing involvement and recommendations relevant to the operation of the MLB QC Department.

Mark Baillie then made the motion to adopt the Quality Control Committee report, seconded by Jacques Cormier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUILDING TRUSTEES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the Building Trustees Committee, Doug Ledwidge, reported on behalf of the Committee. He noted that the Committee is made up of himself, Leandre Cormier, Eric Williams, and Raymond Harrison.

The Chairmanship of the Building Trustees rotates annually and its members are permanent appointees until they either resign or are no longer able to carry out their assigned responsibilities.

Doug reported that the MLB building has had no requirements for repairs this past fiscal year and remains in good condition.

The grounds at the MLB for the 2024 season will be maintained by the contracted company that had been hired the previous year. The grounds were maintained very well in the previous year, therefore, a contract was signed for continuance of services.

Any issues pertaining to the MLB Administration Building will be brought before the Building Trustees Committee, discussed and recommendations presented to the Board of Directors and Members for approval.

With no questions, Doug Ledwidge moved for the adoption of this report. Seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATLANTIC WOODWORKS! Update

David Porter, Atlantic WoodWORKS! Project Coordinator reported to MLB members and guests.

David stated that the report was for the period covering April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. The AWW staff have worked on twenty-two projects in the past fiscal year. Of these twenty-two projects there were 21.9 million in total wood value with 36,000 GHG emissions sequestered. David highlighted some of the completed projects through the fiscal year.

David gave a brief update on educational highlights that were held and that focused on mass timber, timber bridges and carbon construction. Thirty presentations, six ½ day events, and five tours were held to give a total of 1,125 training hours and 434 technical interactions. The industry tours that were local and out of region were very well received by participants with lots of positive feedback. As well, the AWW staff attended ten tradeshow and conferences in the past fiscal year.

A research and case study was completed in the fiscal year through using a completed project in Halifax, Nova Scotia on Cunard Street. This study focused on carbon comparisons, Class B cost comparisons, scheduling and a case study. A wood symposium was well attended in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in November 2023 with 130 attendees for 6 presentations that included; low-rise commercial, schools, local mass timber, midrise construction, 2020 NBCC and proposed tall wood projects.

David mentioned upcoming projects throughout the Atlantic Region as well as a Timber Bridge Course/Bridge Tour in mid-June 2024. David reminded all delegates to check out the social media outlets for Atlantic WoodWORKS! news and articles for past, current and upcoming events.

MARKET ACCESS/CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN REPORT

Chairman, Joel MacLaggan reported on behalf of the committee.

The current mandate of the Market Access Committee is to oversee the Certificate of Origin Program. The Program has been a core function of Maritime Lumber since its inception in 1996 and has an important role in the operations of the MLB. Components of the Program include gathering and compiling certificate data and implementing programs that result in minimizing or eliminating errors on Certificates of Origin from the primary producing facilities.

During the period **April 1, 2023– March 31, 2024** – 27,760 Certificates of Origin were generated by primary producers. This included both Direct and In-Direct shipments, representing shipments of lumber from Atlantic primary producing facilities into the United States.

Electronic Certificate of Origin Program: The Electronic Certificate system has been in use by primary producers since April 1, 2021. The system has eliminated the need for data entry on Direct Shipments. The new process has significantly decreased the number of keying errors found during the reconciliation process. Customs Direct LLC has been tasked to begin work on First Destination Canadian transactions.

Reconciliation: Quarterly reconciliation for 2023 has been completed. This process involves comparing permit data provided by Global Affairs with MLB Certificates of Origin. Thank you to the mills and exporters of record for responding to requests for clarification quickly and efficiently. Global Affairs Canada will provide a recap of this process.

Michael Cannon, Director of the Softwood Lumber Division at Global Affairs Canada gave a brief introduction on his role within Global Affairs Canada. Permit data reconciliation between the Certificate of Origin and Global Affairs Canada for the year 2014 showed a volume difference of 1 fbm however the years 2015-2022 showed volume differences of 0 fbm. Volume exports for the year 2023 reviewed 1.2 billion board feet. As in previous years reconciled volume discrepancies were the most common errors found. All the errors have been investigated and corrective actions have been taken. The end result for 2023 with 100% permit data reconciled showed volume differences of 0 fbm. Michael thanked Kevin and Carole for fostering the strong relationship between Global Affairs Canada and the Maritime Lumber Bureau and ensuring the Maritime Members remain compliant with Certificates of Origin. He thanked the MLB members as well as provided contact information for himself and his colleagues, Brenda Ladouceur & Nelly Elayoubi.

A motion for the adoption of the Certificate of Origin report was made by Joel MacLaggan, seconded by Jacques Cormier. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Kevin Merriam, gave a review of the Maritime Lumber Bureau department activities for the 2023 - 2024 year.

The MLB remains very active in all its core departments. The Quality Control Department has been engaged in inspection services, training and phytosanitary activities on a consistent basis at member facilities. Through good communication of field staff, prompt response to situations and dedication to the job, the MLB maintains compliance and good standing with accrediting bodies in both Canada and the U.S., allowing market access for our regional wood products, domestically and internationally.

The Certificate of Origin department remains an active & important function of the MLB with the electronic short form certificate system going well and Long Form and Remaining Volume Certificates maintaining consistency. All information pertaining to the CoO system is closely monitored and audited by MLB staff to ensure the utmost in accuracy and credibility is maintained. The attention to detail by this department is truly evident as the reconciliation data comparisons between MLB and Global Affairs continue to be an exact match year over year.

WoodWORKS Atlantic personnel have been working hard to promote the use of wood in residential, commercial, educational and industrial building applications throughout the four Atlantic Provinces. By means of education, networking, problem solving and technical interactions, AWW has continued to build relationships with architects, engineers, developers, industry and government and has proven to be a valuable resource when wood is being considered in construction projects in the Atlantic region. WoodWorks Atlantic is now in the final year of this current 3-year business plan and efforts are already underway to work with funding partners and other stakeholders in the development of the next business case for the program, to be implemented by April 1, 2025. As reported previously by the AWW department, program deliverables are being met and exceeded and many activities are planned for this fiscal year to continue the important work of influencing the use of wood in all facets of the building and construction sector.

Throughout the year, the MLB has been successful in providing the necessary core functions within budget and without sacrificing the integrity of the association. In addition to the regional functions of the association, The MLB remains active as a representative on a national level for our membership by participating on various boards and committees of the NLGA, CLSAB, ALSC, CWC and Canada Wood. As well, the MLB continues to work with Federal, Provincial and municipal governments on various issues pertaining to Atlantic Canadian industry. All of these activities are monitored, guided and supported by a dedicated Board of Directors which remains a strong pillar of the organization.

In conclusion, the MLB continues to strive for excellence and to serve its membership in a manner which is consistent with industry expectations. Kevin reassured the members that the core functions of the MLB and the people which work in each department are striving for excellence and serving the industry to the best of their ability. The MLB staff have cumulative professional work experience of over 100 years, providing assistance and guidance when necessary to member facilities. It is evident by the professionalism and efficient manner in which they conduct their work duties, as you have seen reported in the prior Committee reports.

Kevin thanked the support of our industry and partners through sponsorship on behalf of the MLB staff, Directors and Members. Our events could not be as successful as they are without the amazing support of our industry and partners.

Kevin thanked the staff for all their hard work, dedication and loyalty. With no questions, Jerome Pelletier moved for the adoption of the Executive Director's report, seconded by Doug Ledwidge. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice-Chairman, Jerome Pelletier, presented Executive Director, Kevin Merriam, with a plaque of recognition for 25 years of service with the Maritime Lumber Bureau. Kevin Merriam began working with the MLB on January 4th, 1999 as a Quality Control Inspector. During that time, Kevin has worked his way to become Quality Control Manager (January 1st, 2013) and on April 1st, 2016 became the Executive Director of the Maritime Lumber Bureau. In recognition of Kevin's dedication to the association and his steadfast commitment, we would like to congratulate Kevin on behalf of the MLB Board of Directors and Members.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions or comments, Jerome Pelletier made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jocelyn Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Merriam
Executive Director, Maritime Lumber Bureau