

# WESTERN SILVICULTURAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

**2013 Annual Conference, Trade Show and AGM  
Thursday & Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Inn at Laurel Point  
Victoria, BC**

## ***John Betts invites you to attend the 2013 WSCA Annual Conference***

These days, no wise person should attempt to predict the future of silviculture in this province . . . and so I won't. It's not because I am wise, it's because next year is an election year in British Columbia. And with politics in this province, who can know?

Nevertheless, with the political season that lies ahead much will be said about the future. Forestry is likely to be part of that conversation. At least the foundations for that discussion are in place. We had the timber supply review. Then the government's response, which might have been more conclusive. At the same time government is very determined to balance the budget: cutting costs next year, including forestry. Meanwhile some communities are still wondering if their sawmill days are numbered. And the NDP has made forest health a plank in their election platform. On another related front, the rest of the continent had one of the worst fire years ever, while British Columbia had one of the wettest. And 2013 is an El Niño year too, which usually spells trouble. There is lots in the mix next year, even without a provincial election.

Those that do make forecasts, say we are heading towards a super cycle. A global wave of demand for wood is on the horizon. British Columbia will be caught up in that swell, but it will be limited because we won't have that much fibre. Closer to home in recent events, investors are likely to be nervous about the possibility of some sawmill owners going to court over the last year's explosions. And on the demand side, seemingly, the European and Asian engines of the world economy are running out of gas. Honestly, who can say whether in 2013 the invisible hand of the market place will guide us to better times. or just knock us around some more?

Did I mention already that fire thing, and El Niño, and all that dead wood that is drying out?

One thing I can predict is that we will have a very good time in Victoria at our annual conference next year trying to sort the short from the long term and the big picture from the little one and what it might mean when it comes to forestry and business of forestry in BC and Western Canada. Has the market-driven demand for silviculture peaked and is it likely to stay flat for some years? Will public investments in forestry, particularly the varied activities involved in restoring ecosystems, extend the demand for silviculture services? Will future governments risk raising taxes to do it? Are there other models to fund forestry? Restoration and post-mountain beetle forestry are words gaining currency lately in the policy circles. But what do they mean in reality? Will the silviculture industry be hoisted on its own petard by successfully advocating for an increase in forestry only to fall short because we can't recruit and retain workers? Have we asked as much as we can from workers through piece-work? And so on.

Have a look at the attached program for this year's WSCA one and a half-day conference. Vaughn Palmer will set the broad political stage for next year as our banquet speaker. Before him that day, you will have heard from the brightest lights in the constellation of provincial forest policy-makers as they define what they mean by "restoration" and engage in some back and forth with the audience. And we will look at the human resource issues we collectively face with two presentations: a preliminary labour market report on our workforce; and a plan to reduce the near \$1-million we pay annually for MSI and related claim costs in tree planting and silviculture saw work.

I have hosted and planned the WSCA conferences since 1994. I consider them to be among the more interesting of these kinds of events. Each year we take on forestry issues in the province in their full context of politics, policy and practice. That is a pretty good approach I think. I can't claim that we resolve all the challenges we face. In fact, sometimes the discussions are bleak. But from my side of the podium, I see an audience that is always intelligent and enduringly optimistic: one that I am glad I have the chance to speak for as the WSCA executive director. I look very much forward to seeing you in the audience next February in Victoria.

Yours truly,  
WESTERN SILVICULTURAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

  
John Betts  
Executive Director

PS: Enhancing your professional development portfolio? Attending this WSCA Conference can qualify you for CPD credit hours towards your ABCFP Certificate of Professional Development (CPD), and/or PDU hours (professional development units) towards your PMP designation from the Project Management Institute (PMI).



## WESTERN SILVICULTURAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AGM AND TRADESHOW *Conference Program Overview*

February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
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Victoria, BC

#### Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

##### **Morning Plenary Session**

##### **Forestry After the Mountain Pine Beetle—Silviculture and Restoring Forest Ecosystems**

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am      Registration and Tradeshow
- 8:30 am – 10:30 am    **Presentations: Defining Forest Restoration**, presenters include:  
Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training  
Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister MFLNRO  
Dave Peterson, Chief Forester  
MLA Norm Macdonald, NDP Forest Critic  
MLA Bob Simpson, Cariboo North
- 10:30 am – 11:15 am    Coffee Break and Tradeshow
- 11:15 am – 12:00 noon **Panel: Forestry After the Mountain Pine Beetle: How to Restore BC's Forests.** Panelists include Previous Presenters with Audience Participation.  
Moderator John Betts
- 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm    Buffet Lunch and Tradeshow

##### **Afternoon Plenary Sessions**

##### **Human Resources and Safety in the BC Silviculture Sector**

- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm    **BC Silviculture Workforce Initiative Interim Report** on Labour Supply and Demand for BC Silviculture Sector: Presenter Suzanne Christensen, Chair of the BC Silviculture Workforce Initiative Committee
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm    Coffee Break and Tradeshow
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm    **Reducing MSI Injuries in the Silviculture Sector:** Introduction to the Participatory Action Research Strategy. Presenter Tom Bigba-Peyton, Second Curve Systems

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013** cont'd

**Afternoon Workshops**

- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm     **Simultaneous Workshops**  
The Switchback Approach to Workplace Safety: Steven Falk  
Presenting the Silviculture App: Doug Folkins, JRP Solutions  
Remote Emergency Response: Lisa Houle, Jordan Tesluk
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm     Hospitality Suite
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm     **Banquet and Keynote Address**  
**Guest Speaker: Vaughn Palmer**, Vancouver Sun Columnist  
*BC Politics in the 2013 Election Year*

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Morning Plenary Session**

- 8:30 am – 10:00 am     **Strategic Session:** Influencing Forest Policy and Public Opinion in the 2013 Election. Moderator John Betts
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am     Coffee Break
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am     Western Silvicultural Contractors' Association: AGM and Elections
- 11:30 am                     Conference Adjourns



**WESTERN SILVICULTURAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION 2013**  
**32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, TRADESHOW & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday & Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

*Inn at Laurel Point 680 Montreal Street, Victoria, BC V8V 1Z8 Tel: 1-800-663-7667*

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ WSCA Member (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION OPTIONS:**

	<u>By Jan 21</u>	<u>After Jan 21</u>
Full Conference ( <i>includes Thurs &amp; Fri coffee breaks, Thurs lunch and Thurs banquet ticket</i> ):	\$ 325	\$ 365
Additional Thursday evening spouse/guest banquet tickets ( <i>Member Discount does not apply</i> ):	\$ 55	\$ 60

1<sup>st</sup> Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple CONTRACTOR Registrant Discount:**

*In recognition of the current economic climate, beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Contractor Registrant, deduct an additional \$125 per registrant off the registration rate. In speaking with supervisors and employees in the field, we have found that many are interested in becoming more involved in the industry as a whole. As they are the future for our industry, we encourage you to bring your supervisors and staff to participate in the Conference. To receive the additional discount, registrants must be current employees and on the payroll of the Contracting company listed above. Attach a separate sheet if additional registration space is necessary.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WSCA Member Discount:**

*WSCA members deduct 20% off the registration price (\$260 & \$292) (except for additional banquet tickets). Non-members can take immediate advantage of this discount by submitting a membership application form and applicable dues (see attached). Application forms can also be found on our website at: [www.wsca.ca](http://www.wsca.ca)*

**PLEASE NOTE: 2013 Membership dues must be paid in order to qualify for the 20% discount.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add **12% Harmonized Sales Tax** (HST Registration Number R127795946RT0001): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Cheque Payable To: \_\_\_\_\_ or Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle:  Visa  MasterCard

**WSCA**  
**#720 – 999 West Broadway**  
**Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K5**  
 Phone: (604) 736-8660  
 Fax: (604) 738-4080

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- You are not registered until payment is received at the WSCA office.
- Refunds will not be granted if requested after January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- A \$50 administration fee per request will be deducted from all refunds.
- Substitutions will be permitted. Please notify the WSCA office by January 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure replacement nametags can be prepared.
- All refund and substitution requests must be in writing by fax to (604) 738-4080 or by email to: [admin@wsca.ca](mailto:admin@wsca.ca)



## Western Silvicultural Contractors' Association

#720 - 999 West Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 1K5  
Telephone: (604) 736-8660 Fax: (604) 738-4080

### Full Membership Application Form

www.wasca.ca email: [admin@wsca.ca](mailto:admin@wsca.ca)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical Location Listing:  Northern Interior (ie: Prince George)  Central Interior (ie: Cariboo)  
 Southern Interior (ie: Kamloops / Nelson)  Coastal BC  Vancouver Lower Mainland  Alberta

Product / Service category you wish to be listed under: *Please circle the categories on page 2 (up to a max. of 5)*

One-line description of your products or service: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Membership Dues** (0.2% of last years annual gross revenue to a minimum of \$400 to a maximum of \$4,000 plus HST) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Additional Included Benefits (please check if interested)**

**Website Hot Link** (website address hot linked from the WSCA website)  
(Please note that website address above will be listed)

**Email Hot Link** (email address hot linked from the WSCA website)  
(Please note that website address above will be listed)

**Logo Postings** (post your logo next to your company listing on the WSCA website)  
(Please email your company logo in a jpeg or gif file and no more than 5 KB to [admin@wsca.ca](mailto:admin@wsca.ca))

**SUB-TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus 12% HST (#R127795946) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SUBMITTED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the Product / Service categories that apply to your company**

**Full Membership Categories:**

- Cone / Seed Collection & Services (Coneseed)
- Silviculture & Forestry Consulting (Consulting)
- Fire-Suppression, Prescribed Burning & Mop-up (Fire)
- Drafting, Mapping, GPS, GIS (GPSGIS)
- Implementation, Contract Supervision (Implementation)
- Miscellaneous (Misc)
- Nurseries (Nursery)
- Insect / Beetle Probes & Control (Pest)
- Tree-Planting (Planting)
- Restoration, Stream / Roads (Restoration)
- Herbicide Application / Vegetation Control (Vegetation)
- Site-Prep, Mechanical (Siteprep)
- Wildlife / Dangerous Tree Assessment, Snag Falling (Snags)
- Brushing, Spacing and Thinning (Spacing)
- Silviculture Layout, Prescriptions and Surveys (Surveys)
- Silviculture Safety, Training & Management (Training)
- Tree Seedling Nursery (Tree)

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WSCA Membership Fees are based on your Company's gross revenue for the previous year.

Membership Fees are 0.2% of the gross revenue + 12% HST.

Please see the chart below to determine your membership dues for 2013.

<b><i>Gross Revenue</i></b>	<b><i>Membership Dues</i></b>	<b><i>+ HST</i></b>	<b><i>Total Due</i></b>
<i>Under \$ 200,000</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>	<i>\$ 48.00</i>	<i>\$ 448.00</i>
<i>\$ 200,001 - \$ 300,000</i>	<i>\$ 600.00</i>	<i>\$ 72.00</i>	<i>\$ 672.00</i>
<i>\$ 300,001 - \$ 400,000</i>	<i>\$ 800.00</i>	<i>\$ 96.00</i>	<i>\$ 896.00</i>
<i>\$ 400,001 - \$ 500,000</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 120.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,120.00</i>
<i>\$ 500,001 - \$ 750,000</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 180.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,680.00</i>
<i>\$ 750,001 - \$ 1,000,000</i>	<i>\$ 2,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 240.00</i>	<i>\$ 2,240.00</i>
<i>\$ 1,000,001 - \$ 1,500,000</i>	<i>\$ 3,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>	<i>\$ 3,360.00</i>
<i>\$ 1,500,001 - \$ 2,000,000</i>	<i>\$ 4,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 480.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,480.00</i>

# Inn at Laurel Point

680 Montreal Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 1Z8  
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*Make your reservation by return fax to: (250) 386-9547*

## "WSCA Conference"

*Course – Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Conference & Trade Show – Thursday & Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

### ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Accommodation Rate

**\$ 99.00 per night** (based on single or double occupancy)

Number of Bedrooms Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number for Guarantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Reservation must be made by Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013***

After this time, reservations will be on a space available basis.

Check us out on our web site at: [www.laurelpoint.com](http://www.laurelpoint.com)

***For Hotel Use Only:  
Confirmation Number:***