

2009 Award Winner



ABCFP Honourary Member – Tim Toman

Tim Toman was recently given the Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABCFP's) highest honour for a non-member – the Honourary Member award. In spite of the fact that Tim has no formal training in forestry – he's a retired dentist and sheep farmer – his contributions to the ABCFP and forestry in BC are incredible.

Tim was born in the US and after finishing his tour in Vietnam, he moved to Smithers in 1971. He practised dentistry for 22 years as well as running a small sheep farm. It was in Smithers he first became interested in forestry. He chaired one of the first Forestry Advisory Committees as well as the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board. The board eventually created a Land and Resource Management Plan for the Bulkley Valley which was one of the first plans endorsed by the province.

Tim's long volunteer career with the ABCFP began in 1996. He was the first and the longest serving lay volunteer at the ABCFP and has contributed to a number of committees including a five-year stint as the lay member of the ABCFP's governing council. Having a special interest in forests led him to various public input efforts by both the community and the provincial government. Being a part of the professional group which is sanctioned to implement these public values and discovering that the forest professionals he is involved with are bright and interesting enhances the honour of working with the ABCFP.

In the 1990s, Tim retired from his dentistry practice but continued working his sheep farm and volunteering with the ABCFP. In 2003 Tim retired, again, and moved to a family home near Masset on Haida Gwaii. Just because he's retired from paid work, doesn't mean that he is not busy. In the past decade, he has volunteered on the ABCFP's discipline committee, the professional practice committee and continues to sit on the complaints resolution committee.

Tim's contributions to the ABCFP and to forestry in BC are extraordinary. Over the years, many forest professionals have benefitted from his advice and his words of wisdom have helped to guide the ABCFP's policies and actions.