

CAFO UPDATE TO MEMBERS

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CAFO Chairman Domenico Iannidinardo with Speaker Geoff Regan

CAFO Members Gather in Ottawa for Annual Lobby Days

In early May several CAFO members got together in Ottawa for what has become an annual event. A series of meetings were set up with Members of Parliament from ridings where CAFO members' land is located or where CAFO members have offices and other facilities.

Key MPs on various Parliamentary Committees and Critics of portfolios like environment, natural resources, rural affairs and wildlife also met with us. CAFO members met with officials from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Parks Canada and Natural Resources Canada.

One of the highlights of the two days in Ottawa was a reception hosted by the Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons and MP for Halifax West.



In addition to several CAFO members, representatives from the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture attended the reception. About twenty MPs attended and heard firsthand about the challenges CAFO members face and discussed opportunities to work with CAFO.



Speaker Regan addresses attendees at CAFO sponsored reception

The Honourable Geoff Regan talked about the importance of private forest land and the challenges forest owners face in managing their land in close proximity to Canada's largely urban population.

Speaker Regan mentioned the passion CAFO members bring to their efforts to manage their forests for a whole host of products in addition to

timber. He highlighted private forests as a source of water and watershed protection, carbon storage and sequestration, recreation and wildlife habitat.



CAFO Vice Chair John Gilbert (r) discusses issues with Conservative MP and Rural and Wildlife Critic Robert Sopuck

CAFO Welcomes New Member – AV Group NB Inc.



AV Group NB - "The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence in People, Process and Product"

In May, AV Group NB became the newest member of CAFO. The company is located in Nackawic New Brunswick where they own about 40,000 hectares of land and manage an additional 630,000 hectares of public land. AV Group NB, Inc. is a member of the pulp and fibre business of the Aditya Birla Group and operates two dissolving pulp mills in Nackawic and Atholville NB.

Conway Elkins, the Woodlands Manager for AV Group is the contact person for CAFO. He says they are glad to be aboard and look forward to working with CAFO members and supporting our efforts on many of the same issues the company has been dealing with.

CAFO Chair Domenico Iannidinardo was very pleased to recently welcome Conway and AV Group to the CAFO family.



2016 CAFO AGM

The forth CAFO AGM was held May 4, 2016 at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa as part of two days of meetings with MPs and other officials.

Eight CAFO members attended the meeting either in person or by phone. The usual business items were discussed including the approval of the 2016 budget.

Members spent some time at the end of the meeting talking about plans and priorities for the coming year. It was agreed that building on the momentum of two days of meetings in Ottawa and continuing to connect with the new federal government would be the priorities for 2016. Continuing our cooperation with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners will be a key part of our efforts.