

Thank You for an Incredible 2025 ALC Annual Meeting – “Geaux Logging”!

The American Loggers Council extends our heartfelt thanks to the **Louisiana Loggers Association**, the **Louisiana Logging Council**, and the **Southern Loggers Cooperative** for hosting this year’s unforgettable Annual Meeting.

Over 200 timber industry representatives from across the country gathered in Louisiana for three days of networking, learning, and celebration.



We kicked off with a lively Welcome Reception, complete with Cajun cuisine, a Zydeco band, and colorful Mardi Gras decorations arranged by the Louisiana Logging Council’s own Gracee Texada and Tyann Smith. The festivities even included a pair of birthday celebrations that set a joyful tone for the weekend.

Day One: Logging, Learning, and Louisiana Adventures

Incoming ALC President Dave Cupp, Todd Martin, and the Southern Loggers Cooperative organized an ambitious logging tour highlighting every stage of the timber supply chain, from land management to mill operations. Participants toured lands managed by Manulife and the U.S. Forest Service Kisatchie National Forest, with lunch generously hosted by RoyOMartin before touring their Oakdale OSB mill, one of North America’s most advanced facilities.



Meanwhile, others explored Louisiana's unique beauty through a Swamp Boat Tour (complete with gator sightings) or visited Jefferson Island, Rip Van Winkle Gardens, and the historic Joseph Jefferson Mansion.

That evening, the Log A Load for Kids Banquet & Auction raised over **\$61,000** for the **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals** with auctioneer Roy "Sell It Again" Holder keeping the bids lively.

The **Ericson Logging** team from Wisconsin was recognized as the **National Log A Load for Kids Volunteer**, and Enviva donated an additional \$5,000 to the cause. The night's emotional highlight came from a Miracle Family sharing their powerful story of recovery and hope.





Day Two: Leadership, Growth, and Recognition

The Board of Directors and Membership Meetings showcased progress, elected 2025–2026 officers, and introduced new regional zones, now representing members in **all 50 states**.

During the Awards Luncheon, outgoing President Mike Albrecht presented the **President's Award** to **Dave Cupp** for his leadership on ALC's 5-year Strategic Plan.

The **2025 National Logger Activist Award** went to **Toni McAllister**, Executive Director of the Louisiana Loggers Association, for outstanding advocacy.

Partners and sponsors were also recognized for their invaluable support.



Farewell Banquet & Passing the Gavel

Timber Harvesting Magazine named **VanDusen Timber Corporation** (TX) the **2025 Logging Business of the Year**. While accepting the award, Graham VanDusen recognized his father, crews, and family for their support.

The President's gavel passed from Mike Albrecht to Dave Cupp. Mike celebrated two years of accomplishments (including nationwide membership) and honored Bob Verrier (Rhode Island Wood Operators Organization) for recruiting members from the remaining states.

Bob presented “**All 50 States**” plaques to Mike and Scott Dane.

Incoming **President Dave Cupp** accepted the gavel and shared his vision for ALC's next chapter.



Relive the Memories

View and download photos from this year's Annual Meeting here:

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Lost & Found

A **diamond and gold earring** was found during the conference. If you believe it may be yours, please contact office@americanloggerscouncil.com

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