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PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS

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Welcome everybody to rainy Vancouver and the 27th Annual Canadian Wood Preservation Association Conference and Annual General Meeting. I have been told I'm a man of few words, but I've also heard it suggested that that's not necessarily a bad thing in situations like this! So, I'll try to stay true to my reputation and keep this brief.

We've had a good year at the CWPA this year – we've made a little money, recruited some new board members, and had a great response to this year's conference with the highest number of pre-registered attendees we've had in years!

The conference is organized a little different this year, with the technical sessions on day 1 and the "Theme" session with the keynote speaker Dr Eric Allen speaking on the "Globalization of Insect Issues" on Day 2.

Before I turn things over to this morning's moderator, I have the privilege of recognizing a couple of very special people. These two gentlemen have dedicatied much time and effort over the years to the CWPA, and I am honoured today to present them both with "Life Time" memberships. First I'd like to call on Raymond Hotte to accept the award for John Packer:

Lifetime Member

The membership and Board of Directors of the
Canadian Wood Preservation Association thanks
John Packer
for his long service and dedication to the success of
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Next I'd like to ask Mike Hollick to come to the podium:

Lifetime Member

The membership and Board of Directors of the CWPA

honours and thanks

Mike Hollick

as a founding member of the association, for his service

and dedication to the success of the CWPA

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And now, let's start the show! This morning's moderator is Craig Wilson, and I'd like to ask him up here now to get us going!

Wayne Ortiz