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Three TBWG Certificates of Appreciation Awarded

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Three TBWG Certificates of Appreciation have been awarded to several distinguished TBWG Participants who have moved on in their professional work lives to new endeavors. The recipients were; Roger Petzold, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Team Leader for the Border and Interstate Team; Daniel Lagacé, a Manager with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA); and David Davidson, Assistant Director of Western Washington University's Border Policy Research Institute (BPRI).

Roger Petzold's recent retirement marked the end of a remarkable and successful career. Under Roger's leadership, the TBWG was formed and developed into the current collaboration that allows Canada and the United States to seamlessly work together to enhance the movement of traffic and trade across the border.

Roger served in a variety of positions during his 32 years of federal service. Under his leadership, the Border and Interstate Team has championed the TBWG partnership by hosting meetings, workshops, and peer exchanges to further the process of binational border infrastructure planning. The Office of Planning hosted a retirement ceremony for Roger on December 18th, 2014 at the U.S. DOT Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



Daniel Lagacé was presented his Certificate of Appreciation by Daniel McGregor at a ceremony at Transport Canada.



Roger Petzold receives his Certificate of Appreciation from FHWA's Planning Director Kenneth Petty and Daniel Grochowalski, Transportation Counselor for the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC.

Daniel Lagacé recently retired as a Manager with the CBSA in Ottawa, Ontario. Throughout his career, Daniel provided the highest levels of service to Canada and was a trusted and reliable member of TBWG for his willingness to assist the border community. Daniel was a TBWG veteran having given many presentations at TBWG since it was created over ten years ago. His retirement has not marked the end, but just the next step in of his professional life. Daniel recently graduated from the Université d'Ottawa with a Licentiate degree, LL.L and is currently working on his doctorate. His enthusiasm for continued learning and his encouragement of others to reach their full potential is the hallmark of Daniel's legacy as a Canadian government official.

David Davidson had decided to step down as the Assistant Director of Western Washington's BPRI and spend more time with his family. However, when Don Alper, the former Director of BPRI announced his plans to retire, David stepped in as the Interim Director until a new candidate could be named. David's dedication to the BPRI and to the TBWG is well known as he has worked tirelessly to



David Davidson receives his Certificate of Appreciation during the Fall TBWG Meeting that was held recently in Vancouver, British Columbia.

study the complex issues that affect cross border traffic. Once a new Director is named, David will continue with his original plan to spend more time with his family.

The TBWG community wishes all of our Certificate of Appreciation recipients the best in their personal and professional lives as they enjoy their retirements and get to spend more time with their families and enjoy their retirements.

Scenes from the Vancouver TBWG Meeting — Day One



TBWG Co-Chair, Daniel McGregor, from Transport Canada, speaking at the Vancouver Meeting.



TBWG Co-Chair Kenneth Petty, with FHWA, giving a self-introduction during the first day of the TBWG Meeting.



Marco Frias, with the Mexico Secretariat of Communications & Transportation presenting on Mexico's Priorities on Infrastructure and Transportation during the North American Perspectives Session.



Bob Steele, with the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure asking a question during one of the presentations.



Kathleen Manuel, with the Rocky Mountaineer presenting "Coastal Passage—Linking the Canadian Rockies to Seattle."



Chris Hoff, with Transport Canada's Pacific Region Office, presenting on the Regional Perspectives Roundtable.



Hugh Conroy with the Whatcom Council of Governments asking a question during a session at the Vancouver Meeting.



Todd Carlson, with the Washington State Department of Transportation presenting during the Regional Perspectives Roundtable



Louise Yako, President & CEO of the B.C. Trucking Association, giving a presentation on Trade Sector Perspectives.

Scenes from the Pacific Highway Port of Entry Tour



TBWG participants preparing to start the tour of the Canadian side of the Pacific Highway Port of Entry facility.



Ken Williams, Assistant Port Director for the Peace Arch Port of Entry, briefs TBWG participants as they start the tour of the U.S. side of the Pacific Highway facility.



TBWG tour participants examine an operational NEXUS inspection booth during the tour of the U.S. side of the Pacific Highway Port of Entry.



A motorist's view as they approach the U.S. Inspection Booths of the Pacific Highway facility.



TBWG participants waiting to start the tour of the Canadian side of the Pacific Highway Port of Entry facility.



TBWG participants receiving a briefing on how bus passengers process through the Canadian side of the Pacific Highway Port of Entry facility.



TBWG participants boarding the bus in Vancouver for the hour long ride to the Pacific Highway Port of Entry.



TBWG participants on a tour of the U.S. side of the Pacific Highway Port of Entry given by Chief CBP Officer Rodney Nash.



Freight haulers line up in preparation to enter Canada at the Pacific Highway Port of Entry.