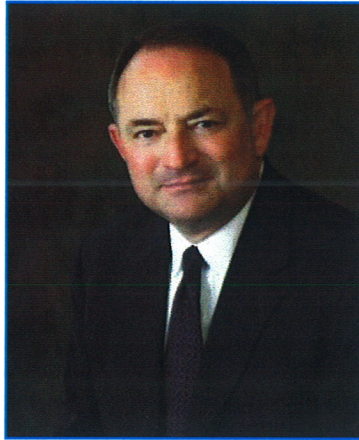


2009 NAWLA Mulrooney Award

NAWLA will award the industry's highest honor, the NAWLA Mulrooney Award, to Aubra H. Anthony, Jr., Anthony Forest Products Company, on April 27, 2009 at NAWLA's 117th Executive Conference. The Conference will be held at the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson, Nevada.
Come Celebrate with Aubra!



Aubra H. Anthony, Jr.

Aubra Anthony, Jr. serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthony Forest Products Company, a four generation family owned timber and forest products business. The company is headquartered in El Dorado, Arkansas. They operate two sawmills, two wood chip mills and two wood laminating plants with locations in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Arkansas. The Company manages 91,000 acres of timberland. They are third party certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

As the CEO of Anthony Forest, Aubra has been an innovative leader with a North American perspective. This Southern U.S. producer expanded their engineered wood business and line of branded Power Products®, by forming a joint venture with Canadian company Domtar, to build an I-Joist manufacturing plant in Ontario, Canada.

Aubra is a Director of the American Forest & Paper Association and recently served as Chairman of the organization. As the Chairman, Aubra brought unique Washington public policy experience and political skills to bear on such critical issues as illegal logging, eligibility of wood building products under emerging green building standards to protect our markets, as well as the opportunities for the industry in the emerging climate change policy debate.

Teaming with previous Mulrooney Award winner Tom Tomjack, Aubra helped bring more member participation and focus on building product issues by the creation of a Wood Products Group within the American Forest & Paper Association. Aubra was elected the first Chairman of that industry group. He also served as a United States CEO on

the working group of U.S. and Canadian company leaders focused on the large issues of fair trade and recognition of industry environmental stewardship. Also during his term as Chairman, he reached out to NAWLA leaders to foster cooperation between American Forest & Paper Association and NAWLA, and he rebuilt a bridge to the leadership of the National Association of Home Builders, leading to the new NAHB residential green building standards.

Aubra and Anthony Forest are ardent proponents of the value of wholesale distribution and are proud members of NAWLA. He has been an outspoken advocate for industry involvement in critical policy issues to balance the "environmental Taliban" and protect the ultimate residential and commercial markets for manufacturers and their distributor customers.

Aubra Anthony has made a real difference and left a legacy all across North America. He is a sentinel leader in the forest industry. Aubra is an exceptional leader for his company, a dedicated industry steward and a tireless civic volunteer.

Aubra spent his early years in the small South Arkansas saw mill community called Little Bogaloo, when his father was manager. He later followed the family's mandatory custom of working summers in the logging woods, sawmill and laminating plant. The experience motivated Aubra to finish college, go to law school, and move to a big city.

Prior to returning to Arkansas in 1983, Aubra was in private law practice with the firm of Melrod, Redman and Gartlan in Washington D.C. He later became Counsel and

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Vice President for Policy and Planning for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where he practiced policy development and environmental advocacy. Saving and restoring the original West Front of the U.S. Capitol building is one of his proudest political accomplishments.

Notable Contributions and Achievements in Civic Life

Aubra has served as Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the National Parks Conservation Association. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt recognized Aubra as an Honorary National Park Ranger.

He currently serves on the boards of: Simmons First Bank of El Dorado; The Medical Center of South Arkansas; Arkansas Forestry Association; and Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Foundation. In 2008, Aubra served on the Arkansas Global Warming Commission to which he was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe. (Sustainable forestry was number one most effective of 54 recommendations to mitigate greenhouse gases, and wood building products were noted as superior to concrete and steel.)

Aubra's past services include: Chairman of Union County Democratic Committee; President of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas; Chairman of the Main Street Arkansas Advisory Board; President of South Arkansas Symphony; Chairman of the Board of the Arkansas National and Cultural Resources Council; and a member of the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Building Design and Practices. The resulting legislation was the first in the country to recognize Green Globes as an alternative to the LEED green building standards, correct the anti-wood provisions in LEED, and recognize the carbon sequestration value of building with wood products. That model legislation has now been followed in some 19 states.

Most recently, Governor Beebe appointed Aubra to the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

Education Background

Aubra is an Honors Graduate of Tulane University and the University of Virginia Law School. He did post graduate work at George Washington University Law School and is a member of the bars of Virginia, the District of Columbia and Arkansas. He has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Family

Aubra is married to Circuit Judge Carol Crafton Anthony, and they have four children.

About the Award and John J. Mulrooney

John J. Mulrooney, NAWLA Chief Staff Executive from 1960-1979 was an active NAWLA wholesaler member at the time of his appointment. All recognized the peril of hiring one's peers – and not only was Jack Mulrooney a member of NAWLA, he was the current Treasurer. Nevertheless, he was "the right man, at the right place, at the right time." It was the challenge that persuaded him to leave his own business and take the NAWLA helm. John J. Mulrooney was an able administrator and was blessed with an analytical mind. The latter attribute made 1972 his "finest hour." During Phase II price controls, he had such a grasp of the complex rulings that price commission representatives occasionally contacted him for interpretation of their own regulations. After nineteen years at the helm, Jack's role ended suddenly on January 29, 1979. The words of Tennyson describe well the passing of an able leader and abiding friend: "God's finger touched him and he slept. His room is empty, yet the light of service and the warmth of friendship linger long."

"Sudden death in the prime of life, at the peak of one's career, always causes a great shock. This is what happened when Jack Mulrooney died in full stride, four days after completing an Executive Committee Meeting. Within a few days of Jack's death, a groundswell of enthusiasm for honoring this gentleman began to develop. Finally, the idea of an award in perpetuity, in the industry in which he worked and which he loved so well, was the most appropriate way of keeping his memory alive."

A groundswell of support to create a memorial award developed and a voluntary fund was established to which members and non-members alike contributed. A special memorial committee was struck. After due deliberation, this committee decided that the appropriate presentation should be a hand-carved North American eagle to symbolize the freedom basic to the United States and Canada.

The NAWLA Mulrooney Award was created by the NAWLA Board of Directors in 1979 as a testimony to the life and career of Jack Mulrooney and particularly the contribution he had made to the forest products industry in North America. The Award is to be presented to some person who has made a significant contribution to the forest products industry. This award is not intended to be an in-house award honoring one of our own. Candidates must also have demonstrated in their personal life the highest contributions of their time and talents in their own communities in service to others.