

ASTTBC Introduced in the BC Legislature

ASTTBC meets regularly with Cabinet Ministers and other Members of the Legislature (MLAs) and, from time to time, ASTTBC representatives are introduced to the Legislature. Attending a day of meetings in November were members of the ASTTBC Council Sarah Campden, CTech, RTMgr and David Sparanese, AScT, CPWI 3, who joined ASTTBC President, Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCLS, CLS (who had to leave before the Legislative Session) and CEO John Leech, AScT, CAE.

Minister of Advanced Education, the Hon Amrik Virk., Ministry Responsible for the ASTT Act, introduced to the Legislature Sarah, David and ASTTBC CEO John Leech. During his brief remarks the Minister paid tribute to Herold Engineering for receiving an ASTTBC Employer Award at the 2014 TARC ceremony. The following was extracted from Hansard, the official record of the Legislative sessions (*italic added*)

Hon. A. Virk: *Today I'm happy to introduce three members of the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of B.C. who represent thousands of technology professionals. It is one of B.C.'s largest self-regulating associations. CEO John Leech started with them in 1974 when they had 1,000 members, and they have over 10,000 members today.*

I'd also like to introduce David Sparanese, who is a street operations manager for the district of Saanich. He's one of the council members with ASTTBC. Also in attendance in the precinct today is Sarah Campden, who is a civil technologist for Herold Engineering and is a council member. I was honoured to be at the ASTTBC annual awards dinner, and Herold Engineering was recognized as one of the employers of the year.

Would the House please join me in making these three guests welcome.

MLA George Heyman, a member of the Opposition and an attendee at the ASTTBC Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration in early November, jumped in soon after the Minister spoke to add his comments:

G. Heyman: *It gives me great pleasure to join the Minister of Advanced Education in welcoming John Leech and the other representatives of ASTTBC. I, as well as the minister, was at their awards banquet. The best part of the recognition awards is hearing the stories of the recipients about the course of their career, the discoveries they've made, the building of different parts of the economy that depend on applied science technologists and technicians.*

I'm sure everybody joins me and the minister in welcoming them here today.