

## **ASTTBC Joins PNWER Capital Visit - Victoria**

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) brought a delegation to Victoria in early May for the general purpose of learning about a number of key initiatives of the BC Government and to further develop connectivity between the provincial and state governments affiliated with PNWER... and ASTTBC was involved. John Leech, ASTTBC CEO attended and sponsored an executive board dinner and a full day of meetings with various Cabinet Ministers, MLAs and Government staff. John took the opportunity to present PNWER Chair, Senator Kevin Ranker (Washington) with an ASTTBC eagle feather carved by Salish artist Len McKay.

The BC Government liaison to PNWER is Minister of Agriculture [Norm Letnick](#) (MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country). "Norm was a great host and ambassador for BC," said Leech. "The BC Government has provided solid leadership as a member of PNWER, hosting successful PNWER Summits and contributing to the dialogue at the PNWER table." The next PNWER Summit is in Whistler July 20 - 24, 2014. For [INFORMATION](#)

"PNWER provides a valuable service by connecting the NW states and Canadian provinces and territories," said ASTTBC CEO John Leech. "ASTTBC has been involved with PNWER to some degree for the better part of a decade. Our engagement has helped ASTTBC come to better know legislators and industry leaders, and get involved with issues of common interest." PNWER has taken a lead on a number of initiatives including tourism, cross border travel, energy and portability of professional registration. "We have also been able to address ASTTBC's interest in promoting technology education and careers and skills utilization and shortages," concluded Leech.

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