

Presentation of the 2022 Fred O’Flaherty Service Award

by **John Rodden**

The Fred O’Flaherty award was created back in 1974 to honor those who have contributed and worked hard for the association over a period of years. The committee member for this year were: Sarah Drayna (chair), John Rodden and Katie Kutskill

The recipient of the 2022 Fred O’Flaherty Service Award has been an ALCA member since 1987 and began his leather apprenticeship during high school in 1976 at Hoyt & Worthen Tanning Corporation in Haverhill, MA. He completed his apprenticeship with one year at the sister company Cuir Hawtan SA, Port-au-Prince, Haiti along with completing the Corium Correspondence Course. In 1983 he graduated from the West German Tanning School in Reutlingen along with getting West German certification as tanner and master tanner. After graduation he returned to the Hoyt & Worthen group working both in the US and Haiti in various roles throughout the tannery and support functions. In 1990 he joined BASF as a Senior Sales Representative supporting a wide range of leather manufacturers in both wet-end and finishing. In 2005 he joined Eagle Ottawa LLC’s Product Development group working in R&D and technical support roles.

He has served as ALCA Councilor twice from 2009 to 2012 and again from 2015 to 2016. In 2016 he was elected to Vice President and served in that role until 2018. From 2018 to present he served as President of the ALCA.

It is truly an honor for me to present the 2022 Fred O’Flaherty Service Award to Michael Bley!



John Rodden presenting the Fred O’Flaherty Award to Michael Bley