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STRUCTURAL ROOF ERECTORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

BY MIKE DYER

Fellow Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to serve my third term as your President. My service honors the founders of our association by fulfilling their dream of sharing information, solving common problems, providing a safe environment for our crews and understanding the business of our suppliers. Our association is the most progressive and active association that I am involved with and every member has taken an active role in contributing to its mission. So again, thank you.

The roof structure industry has taken a turn for the better and this turn has brought a new round of challenges. Just a few years ago, we were faced with the many challenges of a shrinking market. Most of our decisions were based on cost cutting measures and how we would keep key personnel. Today, we face a new market, a market that has exploded with pent-up demand from the last recession. So now our challenges are different and much more challenging.

Welcome to 2016, we have a lot of work ahead of us as we grow our backlogs, our crews, our credit lines and our war chest against new regulatory burdens from the government and the general contractors. We will have many issues to address going forward as we navigate the next few years in the



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roof structure industry. The Obama administration has introduced the most hostile business environment for contractors over the last seven years. We will face regulations on diesel emissions, VOC exposure, stormwater regulations, worker safety training... just to name a few. And because of these new regulations and the penalties involved, we are seeing general contractors demanding documentation of compliance that we did not see just a few years ago.

One of the newest and most pressing issues we are facing in Oregon is documentation of training for every worker on each project. Oregon contractors demand that the subcontractors show documentation that the carpenters have been trained using hand tools, safety harnesses, equipment load charts, ladder training, bump lines, etc. The documentation

is a CYA approach in case a worker is hurt onsite. And the generals are not accepting any documentation from the union. They are requiring the subcontractor to document the training, again the CYA approach. We have been pushing back, especially with our new hires, but to no avail. The generals are making this requirement mandatory and tying the documentation to the contract. I look forward to addressing this issue further with the association.

One closing issue/comment/advice I received from a Millennial was that our industry needs to look to solve many of these documentation issues by tapping on a screen. Questionnaires, videos, tests, training, etc., can be done by using an iPad. As much as I hate hearing this from someone half my age, I believe he/she is right. Almost all documentation is done over the internet through an iPad or laptop computer. This is one of the future topics I hope to share with Brian going forward.

I look forward to 2016 and tackling these issues with all of you like the founders of SREA would have back in the day. Like Mike Murray told me years ago, "We all face the same issues and problems, so let's learn from the mistakes and successes of our friendly competitors."

Thank you again for the help.

2016 SREA SPRING CONFERENCE

BY BRIAN VANDENBURGH

The Spring Conference will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona this year. We've set the dates based on the Cactus League Spring Training season. 15 Major League Baseball teams train in Arizona and were watched by 1.9 million fans last year. This year marks the 70th anniversary for the Cactus League.

Odds are good that the weather will be nice and the beer will be cold. So, join us on Wednesday, March 9, as we kick off our conference at the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres game at Salt River Fields.

The balance of our conference will be held at The Scottsdale Resort at nearby McCormick Ranch. On Thursday, we will start our education with an introduction to steel joist composite floor systems. As our industry has continued to evolve, we are always looking out for the next evolution. When does this system make sense, what are the benefits and how do we avoid the pitfalls?

We will continue expanding our minds with Terry Malone, PE, SE. Terry is a Senior Technical Director with Woodworks. When the GC brings you his napkin sketch of his building and wants a firm price, how will the jogs and "Architectural Features" impact the future design? Terry is an expert in diaphragm irregularities and how to address them. Terry will also give a comparison of wood and concrete walls, and how the resulting designs impact the roof.

The afternoon will consist of our standing Roundtable Discussion. This is the best place to directly voice concerns with high-level members of our representative industries and address future topics. Afterwards, the golf tournament will begin at 1:00 pm at McCormick Ranch Golf Club and the

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Presidents Reception will round out the day back at the resort.

Friday's program begins with back-to-back wood education. First, Dave Bueche PhD, Hoover Treated Wood Products, will explain when and why we need fire-retardant-treated wood. Dave will be followed by the

APA Update. APA – The Engineered Wood Association regularly speaks to our group and always has helpful information. This presentation will include the outlook for wood related construction. Where are we going and why?

As the economy continues to recover, stress of not having enough work is replaced by the stress of getting it all done. Our conference will conclude with "The 1.2% Factor." Bob Davies will teach us the tools needed to create the habits we each need to possess to reach our goals. If you are bringing your spouse or a guest to Scottsdale for the conference, and that spouse or guest is not as excited about Roof Structures as you are, this will be a great opportunity to have them join you for this program. Whether your goals are health, business or personal, you will learn the methodology to reach them.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Scottsdale!



2015 FALL MEETING RE-CAP

BY DANA BAISDEN

The Annual Fall Meeting was held September 16-17, 2015 in beautiful downtown San Diego, California at the US Grant located in the historic and vivacious Gaslamp Quarter.

SREA's Annual Fall Golf Tournament was held Wednesday afternoon at the Coronado Golf Course. For those who golfed, it was a great way to kick off the Fall Meeting. Thank you to our golf prize sponsors including: Duke Pacific, Panelized Structures and StructureWorks NW, and Norbord who sponsored the lunch.

That evening the group gathered at the US Grant for a welcome reception and dinner sponsored by NUCOR-Vulcraft Group. We had an extraordinary turnout with everyone in attendance including a few of the speakers. The evening was filled with golf tales and awards, but especially great conversation among peers who compete for business, but have become good friends through the



years.

Thursday brought a full slate of educational sessions presented by Lisa Podesto, WoodWorks, who spoke on how WoodWorks can support market growth; Joe Pasma, Premier Building

Systems, on creative detailing with SIPs; Darrell Marchell, NUCOR presented on the do's and don't's guidelines for common Issues; Elaine Aye, Green Building Services, spoke on the new work force and why sustainability is important to them; and finally, the day wrapped up with industry roundtable discussions.

For those who participated in the Fall Meeting, thank you. Your participation is what makes each meeting a success!



2016 FALL MEETING September 14-15, 2016 | The Edgewater | Seattle, Washington

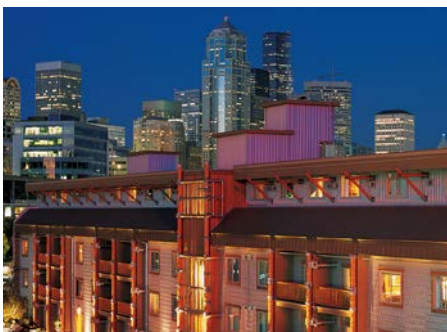
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It's not too early to plan for the 2016 SREA Fall Meeting. Space has been reserved at The Edgewater Hotel, Seattle's only waterfront hotel. You can make your room reservations now by

calling 206.728.7000 or 800.624.0670. Room rates are \$189* cityside or \$259* waterside. You must request the Structural Roof Erectors Association room block to receive the discounted

rates (* plus taxes and/or assessments).

The program is being developed and will be available soon, but we hope you will put this on your calendar now and plan to join us.



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www.irs.gov/smallbiz/construction - **Internal Revenue Service**

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sub4.html> - **Construction Safety Orders**

www.osha.gov/cgi-bin/est/est1 - **OSHA Establishment Records**

www.apawood.org - **American Plywood Association**

www.southernpine.com/consumerinfo.html - **Consumer Information on Pressure-Treated Lumber**

www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/1file.htm - **Environmental Protection Agency FAQ on CCA**

www.npic.orst.edu - **National Pesticide Information Center**

www.southernpine.com/library.htm - **Answers to Often-Asked Questions About Treated Wood — Order Complimentary Copy or Download PDF**

www.awpa.com - **American Wood Preservers Assn.**

www.wolmanizedwood.com - **Arch Chemical Incorporated**

www.borax.com - **U.S. Borax, Inc.**

www.treatedwood.com - **Chemical Specialties Incorporated**

www.osmose.com - **Osmose Wood Preserving**

www.southernpine.com/ptl.htm - **Pressure-Treated Southern Pine Standards - Specification - Applications**

SREA Office Closures

The SREA office will be closed on the following dates in 2016.

Please make a note of these dates on your calendar.

May 30

July 4

September 5

November 24 & 25

December 23

December 30



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