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Across the Board

WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting Summary: November 3, 2001 by Daniel Holland, WTCA 2002 Secretary

The first regular WTCA Board meeting under the leadership of our new President, Mike Ruede, was held November 3. The meeting was very well attended and quite productive.

After approving the minutes of the July 2001 meeting, the board turned its attention to recognizing the new officers and board members. We have several new board members representing chapters, associate members and members at large. Welcome aboard to all of you.

Next, all of the board representatives whose service is ending, were recognized. We cannot thank these people enough.

Committees are being formed! The committee chairs were announced for each of the following committees:

- Marketing—Ken Cloyd
- Legislative—Dan Holland
- Management—Kendall Hoyd
- BCMC—Carl Schoening
- Technical/Business—Stan Sias
- Membership—Roy Schiferl
- QC—Keith Kinser

Please consider serving on a committee if you have interest or talent in one of these areas, even if you are not on the WTCA Board! These committees are the place where the work gets done and, as with most work, volunteers are welcome. My father used to say, "Life is like men carrying a piano. Some are lifting. Others are just leaning on it. You are the only one who can decide if you are going to lift."

Board meetings are open to all members. Come to at least one of these meetings. You will be amazed at what WTCA is doing! This year's meeting schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 28 - Mar. 2—Orlando, FL
- May 9 - 11—Washington, D.C.
- July 25 - 27—Salt Lake City, UT
- Oct. 19—Columbus, OH

The chapter representatives then gave their reports. It was great to hear about all of the good work being done at the chapter level. Our chapters are working on all sorts of issues including "smart growth legislation," building code changes, mold, marketplace and fire service education, and Department of Transportation (DOT) issues to name a few.

When issues like these come up at your business, chances are WTCA has already encountered the issue somewhere else and has resources to help you. Tackling the problem within your chapter is very effective because your actions will not be self-serving, but will help everyone involved.

Scott Arquilla, WTCA Treasurer, gave a report on the financial condition of WTCA. To summarize his report, we are doing well financially and are embarking on the budgeting process. We plan to be conservative with the budget for the coming year, as the growth of our economy is less than certain. The board did, however, vote to include funding for the NAHB Research Center in this year's budget at the same level as last year.

Eric Lundquist presented a report on the Carbeck Structural Components Institute (CSCI). The purpose of this tax-exempt foundation is to conduct and support research for our structural building components industry. During a discussion of the nature of the projects that the foundation might consider, Past President of WTCA, Lee Vulgaris, challenged each of the board members to pledge \$500 dollars to the foundation. More than 20 members pledged on the spot! You will have the opportunity to make a contribution when you pay your dues this year. There will be a place on the invoice for you to indicate the amount of your donation.

An update was given by Ken Cloyd on efforts to provide more affordable general liability and workers compensation insurance to the members of WTCA. You will be receiving a survey to collect information for our national broker/agent, Lockton, which will use this information to obtain quotes. Take the time to fill it out. We can only gain from this information. Surveys are due Dec. 21, 2001.

The BCMC committee reported that there were 23 new exhibitors this year. The financial results of the show were not yet final but preliminary results look good, especially when considering these uncertain times. Discussion occurred regarding suggested improvements to the show and it was agreed that the BCMC committee would hold a meeting soon to provide a forum for anyone interested to bring forward ideas to make the show the best it can be for all exhibitors and attendees.

Other important topics of discussion included progress on the development of the Structural Building Components Council (SBCC), progress on the development of our web-based Truss Technician Training and Management Programs, and progress on the ANSI/TPI 1 consensus standard, which includes significant changes, especially in the quality control section.

Finally, those present began to set the tasks and priorities for WTCA staff for the coming year. If you have an item that you would like to see your association pursue, please let us know.

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