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Educational Goals for 2002 by Brigit Frank

The SCDA education committee has given direction for the association's future classes and certification exams. The committee, which consists of representatives from ten member companies, has outlined the young association's educational goals through 2002.

President Phil Barkey opened the meeting with the educational committee by stating that the sole business of SCDA is to educate the industry, and that anyone who adds value to structural building components is a potential member. This means that SCDA will educate and certify students from a variety of backgrounds including retail, distribution and manufacturing.

The committee has decided that, because of the different backgrounds of the students, different exam levels and training classes will be necessary. The first step toward this goal is to complete the exam, after this the committee will shift its attention to the larger objective of developing classes.

SCDA's first exam will be broken into different sections, like the "SAT." The sections will cover a number of important areas such as math skills, wood science, building codes, computer skills, reading blueprints, and engineered wood product standards, among other things.

With the groundwork done, a timeline and plans for next steps were set. The committee will divide into subgroups to begin writing questions for the different sections of the exam. The education committee wants to have a draft of the exam complete this spring for field testing at member company locations. The final version of the exam will be available for certification later in the second quarter.

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