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Annual Meeting Recap by SCDA Staff

SCDA members and potential members met during the BCMC in Columbus, Ohio Thursday afternoon, October 17, 2002. This meeting provided SCDA Staff the opportunity to reiterate SCDA's purpose to provide fundamental technical training to the engineered wood product's (EWP) industry. Over fifteen individuals attended the annual meeting representing both suppliers and distributors.

The meeting, which was scheduled for 30 minutes, continued almost 1-1/2 hours. This was due to the interchanging of ideas between attendees and reiterating the overall need for product knowledge.

The following key concepts were discussed at the meeting:

- Growing the EWP industry
- SCDA Certification Evaluations
- Structural component education
- Web-based training
- The need for membership to meet goals

The SCDA Certification Evaluation was created to help ensure that the individuals involved in specifying EWP are doing so properly and with increasing capabilities. The fact that the Evaluation was now available was stressed to attendees and the challenge was made to "Test Your Skills."

SCDA needs to gain membership to make the dream of providing great fundamental industry knowledge to the masses a reality. We are actively pursuing potential SCDA members and the annual meeting was utilized as a recharging for attendees to gear up for the membership drive.

SCDA has set the membership goal at 200. Once 200 companies join, SCDA will have the financial backing to be able to quickly produce and schedule technical training seminars throughout the country.

SCDA was pleased with the turn out and continued enthusiasm of the core group; we just need to grow this core group exponentially. Members have the ability to reach potential SCDA members in their daily activities. By making a commitment to discuss the benefits of SCDA membership with others, we will quickly reach this goal.

Contact SCDA Staff for a potential membership packet or for more information about the Technical Skills Evaluation.

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