

Chapter Corner

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Chapter Highlights

California Structural Building Components Association

In March, the name change from California Engineered Structural Components Association (CalESCA) to California Structural Building Components Association (CalSBCA) was ratified by the members. The chapter meeting also featured a roundtable discussion on industry issues and the economy. Key topics covered included our legislative work and the rule of 41 assistance we could use, three truss plant tours, our green building work and an update on current testing and how it will affect the California market.

Missouri Truss Fabricators Association

For its March meeting, the Missouri Chapter offered the option of participating remotely via **SBC Connection** or attending the meeting at Advantage Framing Systems in Olathe, KS. The members discussed forming committees to handle issues in Missouri and Kansas. Updates were provided on the SBCA Board and Committee meetings in Denver as well as the schedule of sessions for the Annual Workshop & Conference.

Structural Building Components Association of the Carolinas

At their March meeting, the North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters moved closer toward their merger. Having selected a new name, the Structural Building Components Association of the Carolinas, a new logo was chosen along with a new website address, www.sbcacarolinas.org. The North Carolina bylaws are being revised to allow membership by companies in South Carolina, and the South Carolina Chapter will be dissolved.

In addition, chapter members are working with staff to tackle a change in the North Carolina Building Code for commercial construction that now requires sealed truss placement diagrams. We are pulling together code and professional engineering law into a series of **SBCA Tech Notes** to lay the foundation for a positive outcome with the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI) and path forward.

SBCA – Northeast

Northeast Chapter members welcomed Mike Guigli, Technical Director, Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, as guest speaker in January. With a presentation on the building code, Mike emphasized sections of interest to members including Chapter 53 on wind/snow loads, Chapter 58 on roof/ceiling, and Chapter 59 on roof assemblies. He encouraged members to visit the Massachusetts Public Safety website, www.mass.gov/dps, to review frequently-asked questions and other code postings and information. Following the meeting, the group prepared three questions, and answers, that were not yet posted in the FAQ section and on which they would like a code interpretation/clarification: electronic seals, adjustments for ground snow loads and deferred submittals.

The chapter's active winter educational work was reviewed, and members voted to move forward with a live fire demonstration at the New England Fire, Rescue and EMS show in June if arrangements can be finalized. The chapter's name change from WTCA – Northeast to SBCA – Northeast was approved also. **SBC**

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