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## Chapter Corner



**COLORADO:** The chapter's first official meeting was on April 27. Forty percent of the fabricators in the state of Colorado are members of the chapter. Therefore, WTCA-National will have several new members as well. The chapter set up priorities, with education as the number one priority. The target audiences for educational programs (in order of importance) are: building officials, erectors, specifiers and customers. On May 2, the WTCA Board of Directors voted to accept the Colorado Truss Manufacturers Association as a chapter of WTCA.

**OHIO:** Thirty-five people attended the chapter's first meeting on April 1. The group discussed issues, set dues and discussed priorities. The primary focus will be Truss Technician Training and risk management issues. Educational training will be given to local building and fire officials. In urban areas, fire safety issues are an important topic. The chapter is going to wait through the summer's busy season before starting any programs. On May 2, the WTCA Board of Directors voted to accept the WTCA Ohio Chapter Association as a chapter of WTCA.

**SOUTH NEVADA:** WTCA staff attended the chapter meeting on April 16. The staff provided a "train the trainer" presentation on truss installation and bracing. The chapter will set up an educational program for local building officials and framers.

**SOUTH FLORIDA:** Mike Ruede reported that the first of four "*Truss Technology Workshops*" in Florida was very successful. The chapter has also been asked to speak to the Construction Specification Institute, Broward County and Delray Beach.

**MISSOURI:** In early April, the chapter provided an educational program on "*Handling, Installing, and Bracing*" for building officials in Memphis.

**KENTUCKY:** The chapter sent out survey forms to determine key priorities for the chapter, and will follow up with truss manufacturers in the area.

**NORTHWEST:** WTCA staff attended the chapter meeting on May 12, and there was an excellent discussion about design responsibilities. The chapter has made contact with lobbyists of the Building Industry Association in Washington state.

**NORTH FLORIDA:** The chapter will focus on fire safety issues in the next few months, as well as the "*Truss Technology Workshops*" throughout Florida.

**WISCONSIN:** A meeting was held on May 14. The chapter has held eight trade school courses this year, which have been very successful.

**WEST FLORIDA TRUSS ASSOCIATION:** There was a CEU program in May for the Building Official Association of Florida (BOAF). The chapter has also been approached by the Sun Coast Chapter of SBCCI, which is putting together a program on design responsibilities. All the local counties and towns have adopted the ANSI/TPI standard.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA:** On May 2, the WTCA Board of Directors voted to accept the Central Florida Component Manufacturers Association as a chapter of WTCA. (*WTCA is excited that all local associations in Florida are chapters, giving us a unified voice in Florida's truss industry.*)

**ARIZONA:** WTCA staff attended a meeting of the Arizona board of directors on April 15. The chapter's main focus will be education of code agencies, dealing with fire safety issues and putting on a risk management seminar.

**ILLINOIS:** On June 5, WTCA staff spoke to the North Illinois Training Association, which trains individual village and town firefighters. This group was interested in hearing the truss industry's point of view on fire performance of trusses.

**MICHIGAN:** The chapter has formed a subcommittee of five fabricators, an engineer and an attorney. The subcommittee will develop a standard package of job site information. The chapter will also sponsor a seminar for state fire marshals.

**GEORGIA:** At the May 21 meeting, the chapter will review SETMA activities. Some major truss manufacturers sustained major damage from a tornado, and six or eight truss manufacturers picked up the slack.

**NORTHEAST:** There will be five fire seminars in Connecticut this year. The Northeast Chapter had a booth at the *Journal of Light Construction* show, which was successful.