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Across the Board

WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting Summary – March 2, 2002, Orlando FL by Scott Arquilla, 2002 WTCA Treasurer

Mike Ruede called the Orlando Open Quarterly Board Meeting to order on March 2. After the introductions, the minutes from the last meeting at BCMC were approved.

Ruede urged passion for our industry and emphasized the importance of each Board member's responsibility.

WTCA will be sending each chapter a book of Board policies that communicates the Board's positions on numerous topics. The chapters will be asked to review, sign off on and implement these policies. These policies will also be posted on our web site, www.woodtruss.com.

Mary Pat Keller, immediate Past President, reported that she is forming the nominating committee for this year and plans to have a slate of officers for consideration by the May meeting.

Twenty-four of WTCA's 30 Chapters reported on areas in which they are active, including education (TTW's), chapter summits, mold, code issues and fire issues. Chapter representatives were encouraged to continue supporting WTCA programs as well as to continue providing suggestions and feedback.

The Executive Committee submitted motions that the Board embrace the [Carbeck Structural Components Institute's \(CSCI\)](#) mission to promote innovative research, development and education to advance the industry. Additionally, WTCA will form a research committee to take guidance from research sources and to review, prioritize and seek funding sources, such as Carbeck, for all research to be undertaken.

The Board also approved a policy to support the WTCA TTB, "Always Diagonally Brace for Safety," and encouraged the lumber industry to take an aggressive business approach in supporting and assisting WTCA with projects that are mutually beneficial. It further granted the Executive Committee full decision-making authority of the Board as they meet with the TPI Board of Directors in April. The groups will meet to discuss the current and future scopes of work of WTCA and TPI.

The Treasurer's report included a discussion of the 2001 year-end results. Administrative expenses were within three percent of budget. Revenue exceeded budget and grew primarily due to increased publication sales.

The budget for 2002 was set to align with the top 15 priorities as voted upon by the Board and membership. Revenues were budgeted conservatively and administrative expenses closely resemble last year. WTCA staff can provide budget information upon request.

The Board passed a resolution accepting the intent of a letter to our membership regarding [Qualtim's](#) management of WTCA. This letter will be finalized and printed in SBC Magazine and copies will be available to WTCA members.

Marketing Committee Chair, Ken Cloyd, reported on WTCA's progress with getting TTT courses online. The Board saw a brief demonstration of the online TTT Level I course and was excited about the progress. Beta testing of the course will begin May 1.

The Legislative Committee reported that the next few months will bring important agency decisions regarding the Canadian lumber issues. Our industry's concerns have been heard by the decision-makers. The next Board meeting will be in Washington, D.C. on May 11, preceded by two days of legislative and agency visits. All WTCA members (including suppliers) are encouraged to attend the meetings in Washington D.C. and put a human face on the truss industry.

The Board approved the motions of the Technical Business Issues Chair, Stan Sias, that WTCA recommended implementation of ANSI/TPI 1-2000 on February 1, 2003 and recommended ANSI/TPI 4-2000 be reopened to address inconsistencies with the previously approved ANSI/TPI 1-2000. Both issues will be brought to the TPI Board in April. The Board also approved a motion endorsing the U.S. National Standards Strategy and the truss designer scope of work statement from discussions with the firm Shepard, Crane, and Associates.

Kendall Hoyd, Management Committee Chair, gave an in depth report on the insurance program with WTCA and the Lockton Companies, a nationwide insurance broker. In November, an insurance questionnaire was mailed to WTCA members and Hoyd reiterated that it is in all of our best interests to submit the completed questionnaire. Lastly, WTCA has drafted a letter of intent and a confidentiality agreement with Lockton.

During the QC Committee report, the new ANSI/TPI Standard and software implementation date was the main topic of discussion. We will also focus on updating our WTCA QC software and program to the new Standard, following the timeline for implementation by TPI.

The primary topic of discussion at the Membership Committee meeting was WTCA's goal of ensuring that members receive the maximum value for their dues dollars.

WTCA may be able to use current energy and public support of the fire service to help us move forward with important fire education projects. We have taken a leadership role in this with the Houston Fire Department by creating an educational training program for the fire service. The Board saw the Houston Fire Service educational videos, which were very well done. A fire test video from Phoenix, AZ will also be incorporated into this program.

Suzi Grundahl presented an update of SBC Magazine. SBC's web-based pages will allow readers to

learn more about our advertisers by giving them the ability to request more information about individual advertisers.

Carl Schoening, BCMC Chair, reported that the 2002 show theme is "Building a New Tomorrow," which is consistent with 2001's "Ideas to Build On" theme. The petition from some BCMC exhibitors that the equipment show be held every two years was addressed at the November Board meeting. Also, a meeting to discuss exhibitor concerns took place in Columbus, OH in January. Petitioners and others participated fully in the dialogue and everyone in the meeting felt a great exchange had taken place. The group concluded that it was in the best interest of WTCA to provide the best annual BCMC venue possible. Both WTCA and BCMC committee recognized an exhibitor's right to make any decision that it deems appropriate for the betterment of its company regarding when, how and with what booth size it will exhibit. It was agreed that an annual exhibitor forum will be scheduled after each show to discuss BCMC issues, and a market survey be undertaken to obtain opinions from component manufacturers on the BCMC show. These statements were incorporated into a Board resolution and passed unanimously.

With discussions complete, the meeting adjourned.

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