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SBC Industry Appointment to IBC Committee by WTCA Staff

"Excellent, a voice we can trust."—John Huck

On October 29, 2004, the International Code Council (ICC) sent a letter to Kirk Grundahl, P.E., inviting him to occupy a committee seat for the upcoming 18-month code cycle running from January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The appointment is for service on the International Building Code's (IBC) Structural Committee. IBC Committee Chair John Barrios wrote, "Your appointment is a measure of the IBCC's confidence in your abilities. Thank you for your service to the ICC and your continued interest and involvement in the model code effort."

The International Building Code Council (IBCC) uses four committees to review code changes: Structural (S), Means of Egress (E), Fire Safety (FS), and General (G). Each of these committees is comprised of voting members that are chosen on the basis of their qualifications, a balance of interest categories, and maintaining appropriate geographic distribution of regulators. The Structural Committee reviews all items that are deemed to be related to structural concerns. The primary responsibility of each committee member is to review, listen to meeting testimony and vote in favor of or against more than 260 structural code change proposals for the 2004/2005 code development cycle.

Members of the building components industry expressed enthusiasm about the news, noting that representation on the committee will be very beneficial to our industry in that we will get good code development feedback and be able to provide our industry's expertise into the process.

WTCA member David Horne (Universal Forest Products, Inc.) said: "Congratulations! This is great news for both WTCA and our industry. It's just one more step in our rise to national prominence." WTCA supplier member Bob Allen (Alpine Engineered Products) stated: "Congratulations on your appointment. Our industry continues to be well served thanks to your focus and dedication, as well as the outstanding team around you!"

Members of the engineering community passed along their enthusiasm in terms of the appointment's overall benefit for the industry. "My congrats to WTCA. I am confident that you will represent the interests of light-frame construction very well," wrote Jay H. Crandell, P.E. Long-time friend of the industry John Meeks commented, "I know you will do a fine job representing the wood truss industry. Best wishes!"

WTCA Technical Director Ryan Dexter noted that the appointment "will strengthen our industry's

presence in the building code arena, which will have long-term benefits for everyone who works with structural building components.”

Grundahl will attend the 2004/2005 Code Development Hearings in Cincinnati between February 22 and March 6, which will determine the 2006 editions of the International Codes (I-Codes). The results of this 18-month code cycle will be combined with the 2004 Supplement and serve as the basis for the 2006 editions.

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