



Wtca Update

Open Quarterly Meeting Minutes:
August 19, 2005 • Denver, CO

by WTCA Staff

The August OQM included the last round of face-to-face committee meetings for 2005.

The WTCA Board meeting was called to order by WTCA President Kendall Hoyd. The May 2005 meeting minutes were approved by the Board. Hoyd announced that the next Board meeting will be held Saturday, October 15, at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee following the BCMC show.

Current/Emerging Issues (Chapter Reps)

- John Huck and Terry Lillard discussed the continuing trend of building design firms hiring away experienced truss technicians, and then doing complete truss design for homebuilders. There was additional discussion on WTCA's policy and articles covering this topic.

Chapter Reports

- **South Florida Truss & Component Manufacturers Association:** The City of Port St. Lucey was requesting sealed truss placement diagrams. The chapter worked with the city to iron out the issues so that truss placement diagrams do not need to be sealed.



- **Southern Nevada Component Manufacturers Association:** There is work being done in this market with the Drywall Contractors Association of Nevada on drywall cracking and partition separation and with the Structural Engineers Associations of Nevada (SEASoN) on design responsibilities and construction loading.

- **Wisconsin Truss Manufacturers Association:** Commercial contracts are a current issue, so WTCA Legal Counsel Kent Pagel will give a mini-risk management seminar in November to help the chapter understand this issue.

- **Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association:** ITMA has been working with **The Load Guide (TLG)**. Richard Zimmermann from WTCA staff and Steve Kennedy gave a presentation at the last chapter meeting.

- **WTCA-Kentucky:** Sealed placement diagrams continue to be an important issue.

at a glance

- ❑ The August OQM was held in Denver, CO.
- ❑ The Executive Committee reported on a joint relationship with NLBMDA, the current state of the discussion about the future of WTCA's name and a number of recommendations from TPI.
- ❑ A subcommittee was appointed to work out the details of the construction of a new testing facility at WTCA Headquarters in Madison, WI.
- ❑ The Board unanimously approved a policy that the annual WTCA budget will include funding for staff travel to up to four chapter meetings per chapter per year.

Executive Committee Report (Kendall Hoyd)

- Staff is working on a joint relationship with the National Lumber and Building Material Distributors Association (NLBMDA). The idea is to combine the legislative conferences and cooperate on a safety program. Together the associations will leverage their expertise to maximize value for both their memberships.
- Interest rate changes have resulted in WTCA investments breaking even for this quarter. The investment subcommittee is adjusting the bond investments to meet investment policy goals.
- The survey results regarding a review of how the WTCA organization should evolve to best represent our industry's future were presented. Out of 287 member responses, 66 percent said WTCA's name should evolve to reflect their entire business, 33 percent said the name should remain as is. However, when asked to choose a name that best reflects the association today, 73 percent chose a

new name while 26 percent suggested the name remain. An outline on the next steps in the process was given. The goal is to resolve this issue by the OOM in February 2006.

- The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to the TPI Board that it immediately amend section 8.9.2 of ANSI/TPI 1-2002 and develop an interim guideline.
- The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to the TPI Board that TPI TAC complete round robin testing within the next six months to expedite a solution to ANSI/TPI 1 8.9.2. The testing plan will define the conditions causing a block shear ("chunkout") failure to be a design issues and the frequency by which these conditions occur in truss production; the variables that impact the block shear failure mode; the remedial design options to compensate for and mitigate the block shear design issue; and the testing plan will be developed by TPI TAC and WTCA E&T.
- The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to the TPI Board that it become a TPI policy that all substantive design changes to the ANSI/TPI 1 standard will only become part of the standard after a thorough assessment by TPI TAC of the consequences on lumber and lumber cost, plates and plate cost, and the ability of design software to plate joints. The analysis shall use a broad range of truss types and configurations so that there is assurance that the consequences of the change will be fairly representative of what will happen in normal production truss design.

Past Presidents Report (Kendall Hoyd for Dan Holland)

- The Board unanimously approved a new award to recognize an individual's contribution to the industry as a whole, to be sponsored by **SBC Magazine** and awarded at BCMC. The WTCA Hall of Fame award will continue to be focused on an individual's contribution specifically to the advancement of WTCA.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion that the Hall of Fame award should only be given to only one individual per year who has contributed to the advancement of WTCA, either supplier or component manufacturer.

BCMC Report (Rick Parrino for Don Groom)

- There is a stellar line-up of speakers this year. BCMC Tracks are on schedule with staff preparing the PowerPoint® presentations.
- An update was given on the current BCMC exhibitor and attendance statistics. It was reported that we were ahead of 2003 and 2004 in exhibitors, new exhibitors, square footage of booth space and hotel nights.
- The winners of the BCMC complimentary registration promotion were announced.

SBC Magazine Update (Staff)

- The September/October issue was the largest issue ever (132 pages) thanks to a lot of advertisers and a great BCMC show. This allows for high quality content, including a greater focus on our membership with staff traveling to our chapters and developing closer working relationships.

Industry Research Plan Update (Kendall Hoyd)

- Our membership sees a strong need for additional scientific research on the performance of structural building components and using this information to advance our industry economically and within the standards development process.
- The WTCA Board of Directors desires to transform WTCA into a world-class organization that influences the issues that affect its members' economics through the installation of a professional research and testing facility. The

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Board unanimously approved the allocation of an additional \$300,000 to this effort in 2005 and that resources needed in the 2006 budget are provided to complete it.

- The Board unanimously approved a motion to direct a subcommittee of Kendall Hoyd, Barry Dixon, Kent Pagel and Kirk Grundahl to work out the details of the facility cost contracts, manage the test facility capital investment and construction progress.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion that WTCA and its staff will work closely with its suppliers, in particular TPI, as research and testing projects are contemplated and undertaken.

WTCA/Chapter Partner Relationship (Kendall Hoyd)

- There is a key desire by the WTCA Board to continue building strong team relationships with WTCA's chapters
- The Board unanimously approved a policy that the annual WTCA budget will include funding for staff travel up to four chapter meetings per chapter per year. The only exception to this policy is if the WTCA financial condition is such that travel must be restricted.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion that WTCA staff will participate in all the periodic Board/Executive Committee meetings that the chapter holds to ensure that staff is in tune with the support and service our membership/chapter needs, there is good two-way communication and flow of information, and staff fully understands member issues.

Treasurer's Report (Kendall Hoyd for Don Groom)

- The Board unanimously approved the year-to-date financial statement.

Key Industry Supplier Updates Truss Plates & Steel (Charlie Hoover):

- The TPI/WTCA Partnership has proven to be very beneficial as it helps industry education and improve risk management.
- At the meeting in Dallas, the key issue will be the revision of the moment equation. TPI plans to activate the TPI 1 Committee to review QC Chapter 3, insert the new moment equation work,

and provide more guidance on creep. TPI will also create the TPI 3 Project Committee to update DSB-89 on the design of temporary and permanent bracing.

- Steel prices are similar to last quarter, but costs are likely to go up slightly rather than down. Steel mills are running at about 86 percent capacity.

Connector Industry/Steel
(Mike Bugbee):

- There are many factors that make the actual price of steel different from that of the published base price for connector industry purchases. Freight costs have also become an important cost factor.
- There is a new ICC code evaluation process that is going to cause connector design value changes over a 2-3 year period. The design methods will have to become more international in approach. The connector industry is currently working through the issues to minimize the impact.

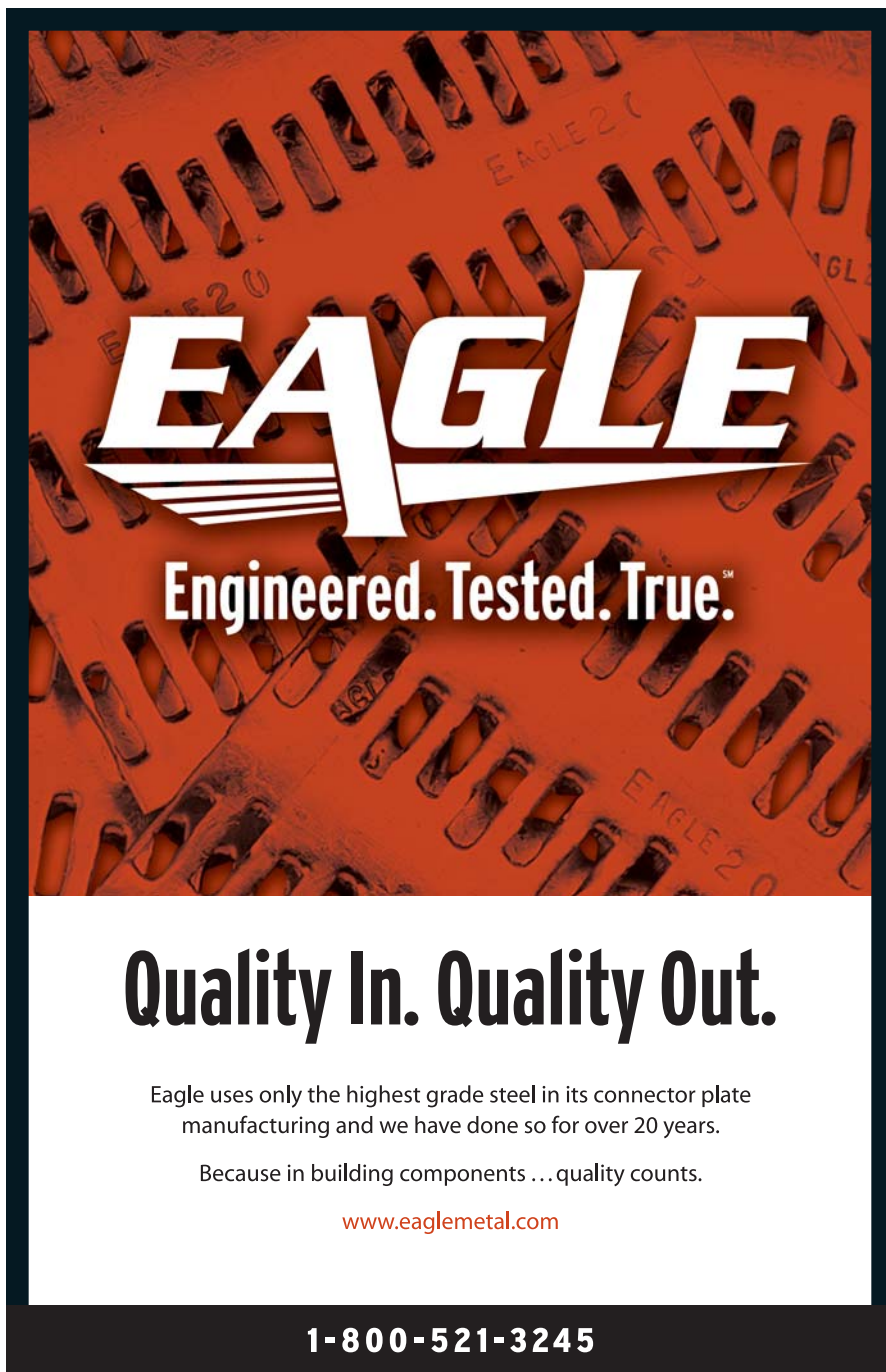
Lumber (Helen Griffin):

- The softwood lumber rulings through NAFTA and WTO haven't created any significant changes in the lumber trade situation; they have just affected negotiation positions.
- There is currently an impasse between the two countries and it looks like the hope for a resolution rests with government-to-government negotiations.

Engineered Wood Products
(Gary Dunn):

- A high temperature performance test group is trying to get a handle on how

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new adhesives perform under elevated temperature and fire conditions.

- The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and AF&PA have created a fire resource guide addressing the use and fire performance issues surrounding wood-based products.

Component Manufacturer Roundtable Report (Kendall Hoyd)

- The Board recommended that WTCA create a new member service which is a technical information review service for any of our members that publish a newsletter. Our goal is to help and support members as they develop and publish technical information that is introduced into the marketplace.

Membership (Bob Becht)

- The Board approved (with one opposed vote) a motion to provide free access to one individual online training program (such as TTT or ORisk) to potential new members as an incentive to join WTCA. This is available to any company that has not been a member of WTCA in the past three years. This is not available to companies that take advantage of the free individual admission to BCMC. **SBC**

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