



Open Quarterly Meeting Highlights: October 15, 2005 • Milwaukee, WI

The October Open Quarterly Meeting in Milwaukee, WI, kicked off the new year for the 2006 WTCA Board of Directors.

by WTCA Staff

On October 15, 2005, Don Groom convened his first Open Quarterly Meeting (OQM) as WTCA President. After the minutes from the August OQM were unanimously approved, Groom introduced 2006 President Elect/Treasurer Barry Dixon and Secretary Bob Becht. He introduced new or returning At Large Representatives, Chapter Representatives and Associate Member Representatives, and thanked representatives leaving the Board. He also presented Rip Rogers and Clyde Bartlett with plaques recognizing their service.

Groom then introduced the 2006 Committee Chairs: Bob Becht (Membership), Ken Cloyd (Marketing), Bob Dayhoff (Engineering & Technology), Joe Hikel (Quality Control), Doug Folker (BCMC), Allen Erickson (Legislative), Ben Hershey (Management) and Kendall Hoyd (Past Presidents and Nominating). He also reviewed the 2006 Board meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX, on March 1-3. All component manufacturers and industry suppliers are of course welcome to attend.

2006 Key Projects & Executive Committee Report

Groom announced that committee planning teleconference meetings will be held in November and December to define and update Committee priorities, tasks and project plans for 2006.

The Board then reviewed and briefly discussed the Executive Committee's proposed policy with regard to WTCA Staff Attendance at Local/Regional/State Code/Fire Service Meetings. *The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve the policy with regard to WTCA Staff Attendance at Local/Regional/State Code/Fire Service Meetings.*

Groom also reported that WTCA is in the process of developing a relationship with the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association. WTCA is excited about the possibility of working together on areas of common interest and avoiding the duplication of effort between our organizations. Examples of such areas include safety and legislative issues.

The Board reviewed the updated Non-operating Funds Investment Policy, which was originally approved in October of 2004. The policy was updated to deal with potential cases of specific investments that are downgraded after purchase by WTCA. The new language states that if an owned investment is downgraded below a financial rating of BBB or equivalent, it should be liquidated and replaced with an investment that ensures the portfolio meets the criteria of the investment policy. *The Board unanimously approved the updated language in the Non-operating Funds Investment Policy.*

WTCA staff provided a brief update on the testing facility and the upcoming update of BCSI.

Member Policy/Resolution Action Item

Staff reported on member feedback that the current truss design drawings are difficult for some people in the field to read. The key issue to address is that our



Incoming 2006 President Don Groom presented Kendall Hoyd with a gift on behalf of WTCA for his contribution to the association as president in 2005.

at a glance

- ❑ The October OQM included the introduction of new representatives to the board and the 2006 committee chairs. Board members who had fulfilled their terms were also recognized.
- ❑ Passed motions included a policy with regard to WTCA staff attendance at Code/Fire Service meetings and updated language in the Non-operating Funds Investment Policy.
- ❑ The next OQM is scheduled for March 1-3 in San Antonio, TX.

industry needs to define the direction with respect to the truss design drawing (TDD) process, versus having TDD format regulated by others. The Truss Plate Institute (TPI) members in attendance agreed with the concepts presented.

The Board unanimously passed a motion that stated: The WTCA Board recommends to the TPI Board that it establish a TDD task group whose goal is to create a consistent approach for the display of engineering information on all TDDs, so that it is easier for every user to find the information they need on all industry TDDs.

Treasurer's Report

Barry Dixon reported on the year-to-date financials and noted that the financials are improved over the year-to-date budget. He further noted that the 2006 time and expense budget will be created after the committee planning teleconferences are held and priorities are determined in December. The budget will be approved at March 2006 meeting. Component manufacturer members with an interest in the financial health of WTCA were encouraged to attend an Executive Committee teleconference or contact WTCA staff to receive financial information.

Dixon also presented year-to-date figures from TPI/WTCA revenue sharing. The numbers show that our cooperative efforts to combine documents and tags have paid off for both organizations. *The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve the treasurer's report.*

BCMC Report

Groom reported that BCMC 2005 was a huge success. He presented preliminary attendance statistics and announced record-setting exhibitors and exhibit space. Exhibitors experienced the smoothest move-in in the history of the show.

BCMC 2006 will be held in Fort Worth on October 4-6. The theme is *Bigger & Better in Texas* and a planning site visit meeting was held on December 7, 2005.

SBC Magazine Update

Staff thanked advertisers for their continued support of the industry and urged the Board to send in any quotes that could be used in the magazine. Groom encouraged anyone with an article idea to contact staff.

Key Industry Supplier Update: Truss Plates & Steel

Charlie Hoover announced that two WTCA resolutions pertaining to ANSI/TPI 1 Section 8.9 were amended and approved by the TPI Board at their August 25, 2005 meeting:

ANSI/TPI 1 Section 8.9 Resolution 1 as submitted by WTCA:

The TPI Board approved the following amended statement pertaining to WTCA's Resolution 1 request: "The TPI Board will evaluate and review ANSI/TPI Section 8.9.2 based on test results."

ANSI/TPI 1 Section 8.9 Resolution 2 as submitted by WTCA:

The TPI Board approved the following amended statement pertaining to WTCA's Resolution 2 request:

"The TPI Board directs TPI TAC to complete round robin testing and test analysis by January 31, 2006 to expedite a solution to ANSI/TPI 1 Section 8.9.2.

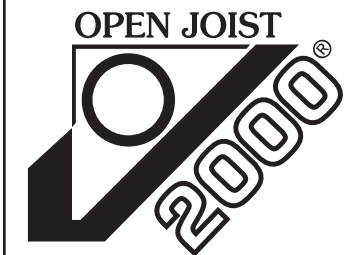
- (1) The testing protocol will be developed by TPI TAC with input from WTCA E&T.
- (2) Testing protocol to be developed by Sept 30, 2005."

Hoover reported that TPI TAC's recommendation to open ANSI/TPI 1-2002 standard for public review and comment was approved by the TPI Board. A project committee will be formed to address proposed changes to the standard. He encouraged WTCA members to participate in this committee if they are interested.

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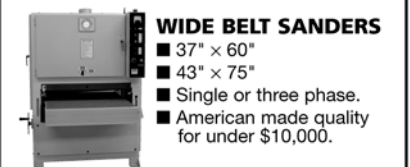


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The TPI Board approved a TAC recommendation to reaffirm the temporary and permanent bracing committee (BSR/TPI 3 committee). As the project moves forward, WTCA's continued involvement is anticipated.

Key Industry Supplier Update: Connector Industry/Steel

Steve Hanek reported on recent industry testing. He noted that values on common misinstallations are now being supplied to truss manufacturers, providing information for evaluating the connection. Information not specifically shown in current literature, including gap testing, reduced heel heights and alternate use of fasteners, have now been provided.

Key Industry Supplier Update: Lumber

Joe Kusar reported that the damage to the Gulf's timber supply due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita was significant, although



At the close of their respective terms, 2006 President Don Groom presented Rip Rogers (above) and Clyde Bartlett (below) with plaques for their service to WTCA.



much of the blow-down has been recovered and is being preserved in "wet yards." According to Kusar, Mississippi sustained the most timber damage.

New Business

Dave Motter asked about the status of the association name change. This will be addressed prior to the next Board meeting in March of 2006. (For more information on this issue, see the article on page 32, "Quarter-Life Opportunities: What Will WTCA Mean in the Future?")

There was a discussion about providing more time for chapter updates. In the future, the board will focus on this area to ensure there is good participation and information provided regarding regional updates and emerging issues. **SBC**

The next WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting will be held March 1-3 in San Antonio, TX, and will include full committee meetings. For more information, contact WTCA staff at 608/274-4849 or wtca@woodtruss.com, or visit www.woodtruss.com.

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