



Chapter Corner

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SBCA – Arizona

Educational matters were high on the agenda at the Arizona Chapter's April meeting. Members continue to work with the Structural Engineers Association of Arizona (SEAOA) and its local chapters on presentation and tour requests. A mailing to architects and engineers on the education available from SBCA – Arizona is in the works. In addition, the chapter is working with staff on materials for specifiers that promote the benefits of using components.

Also in April, members and staff worked on a presentation for the City of Peoria on how to apply solar panels to roofs and how they should proceed in handling solar panel installation permits/approval. The county governmental agency overseeing the Phoenix area has asked local solar companies to work with SBCA to determine a best practices plan and possible testing that could be performed to assure best practices. This is an excellent example of how being proactive and involving SBCA on a local issue can produce results that will be applicable to communities across many states.

SBCA – New York

Continuing with its new practice of holding all chapter meetings online with **SBC Connection**, the New York Chapter welcomed staff member Ryan Dexter, PE. as its guest speaker in April. The featured presentation was Design Responsibilities and TPI 1 Chapter 2, and a great discussion ensued on what the standard says and why all component manufacturers need to know. The idea of including a copy of the Design Responsibilities document with each contract was suggested, too, as one more way to record your expectations on a job. Also reviewed at the meeting was a *Tech Note* drafted at the chapter's request, "What Should

Constitute a Truss Submittal Package?" It will be revised based on their feedback and posted online at www.sbcindustry.com/technotes.php.

Structural Building Components Association of Michigan

The featured topic for the Michigan Chapter's spring meeting was codes and loads. With all of the activity at the national and state levels regarding the commercial and residential codes, the members welcomed the chance to discuss the items that component manufacturers need to know. In addition to discussing the Michigan building codes, attendees were able to review the new *Tech Note* on the changes to the ICC code development process and how this affects component manufacturers. Following the meeting, members were polled for their input on changes specific to the Michigan code, including the status of the Roof Loading Data Sheet, and volunteers to attend the code review committee meetings in Okemos, MI were sought to monitor any proposals that may adversely affect our industry.

Chapter members also voted to update the chapter's name from Wood Truss Council of Michigan to Structural Building Components Association of Michigan. An updated domain will be secured for the website and the current site, www.wtcmich.com, will be redirected.

Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas

Texas Chapter members gathered at River Crossing Golf Club in Spring Branch in April for their annual spring golf tournament. Photos of the event are posted in the photo gallery on the chapter's website at www.tmatchapter.com. **SBC**

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