



Chapter Corner

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Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association

The Iowa Chapter welcomed Brian J. Kurtz, an attorney from the Chicago law firm of Ford & Harrison, as guest speaker at its June meeting at River Valley Golf in Adel, IA. Delivering a presentation on labor and employment law, Brian covered: a legislative and government update under the Obama administration, including COBRA, EFCA, FMLA, Ledbetter Fair Pay, PATRIOT Employer Act, RESPECT Act, and activity at the NRLB and DOL; an organized labor update on recent union activity with an emphasis on building and trades unions in the Midwest; labor and employment issues arising from the challenges of the present economy; and questions and answers from chapter members. This presentation was well-received and timely considering present construction industry economic conditions.

An afternoon of golf was enjoyed following the meeting. A special thank you was given to the associate members for their generous support of the event: ITW Building Components Group, MiTek Industries, Simpson Strong-Tie Co., USP Structural Connectors and Wasserman & Associates.

Mid Atlantic Structural Building Components Association

The chapter's busy educational schedule was high on the agenda at the spring Mid Atlantic meeting in Trenton, NJ. They delivered a presentation for the PA Housing Research Center (PHRC)'s Annual Housing & Land Development Conference in February, were working with the PA Association of Code Officials (PACO) on scheduling presentations, and were fielding requests from a few local fire departments for tours.

Mailing the chapter's educational brochure to engineers in PA, NJ and DE was promoted, and the members also discussed reaching out to home builders associations to provide more information on our industry. In addition, a member of the green council from a PA home builders association provided an update on the ins and outs of green building and how to comply.

At the meeting, the chapter officers were elected: Ken Slotter, President; Keith Myers, Vice President; Kent Terry, Treasurer; and Erin Barker, Secretary. The chapter's next meeting will be held on November 12 in Adamstown, PA.

Wisconsin Truss Manufacturers Association

The Wisconsin Chapter held its spring meeting at SBCA in Madison, WI. With a presentation on green building, the guest speaker was Libby Maurer from SBCA staff. Members learned more about LEED and NAHB Green certification, chain of custody, and achieving points for being "green" without using certified lumber.

Under new business, members discussed a proposed ordinance in the Town of Belleville that would have effectively eliminated the use of engineered components in building construction. Several members attended the town meeting and found that the ordinance was stricken from the proposed changes but that a notification of the use of these materials is to be given to the local fire department as information.

The 2009 – 2011 Board of Directors slate was approved at the chapter meeting. The complete list of Board members and officers is posted on the chapter's website at www.wiwtca.com. **SBC**

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