



Chapter Corner

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North Florida Component Manufacturers Assoc.

The North Florida Chapter had two events in July. First, the chapter hosted a booth at the kick-off of the "Raise The Floor 2009 Design Challenge" in Jacksonville on July 23. Educational information, chapter rosters, and professional membership applications were made available for the more than 200 attendees at this event targeting home builders and designers. Second, the chapter held its quarterly meeting on July 30, welcoming Bob Esposito of True Design Studios to discuss green building for component manufacturers. Members were encouraged to bring their questions.

SBCA – Indiana

The Indiana Chapter held its first meeting of the year online with **SBC Connection**. Following several membership updates, the attendees discussed the way that reactions are reported on truss design drawings and specifically an issue that can occur when a truss is modeled as pin/pin connected and the horizontal reactions are from vertical load not wind. Next, a proposal that has been submitted to the Indiana Residential Code to label all buildings using engineered I-joists and structural glulam timbers was reviewed. Our chapter/staff team has submitted an alternative universal labeling proposal, and members were invited to attend the meeting of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security where it would be discussed. Finally, chapter members and staff are continuing to work on various code change proposals that would keep the Indiana Building Code and Indiana Residential Code in line with current industry standards.

SBCA – New York

The featured presentation at the New York Chapter's July meeting was "The SBC Industry & Residential Green Building Programs." Libby Maurer of SBCA staff explained how members can participate without becoming Chain of Custody certified or using certified wood. Covering the green building rating systems in the marketplace, such as LEED for Homes and NAHB Green, she answered many questions about the

points available right now to component manufacturers for being green. Everyone appreciated the open and informative discussion of the issues. At the meeting, the final draft of the SBCA *Tech Note* requested by the chapter, "What Should Constitute a Truss Submittal Package in the State of New York?" was approved. A version of this has also been written for all states. These and additional *Tech Notes* are available online at www.sbcindustry.com/technotes.php.

SBCA – Northeast

Education, codes and technical information dominated the agenda at the Northeast Chapter's July meeting. First up, the members were given a recap of the chapter's participation at a meeting of Berkshire County building officials. A challenging and noteworthy debate on distinguishing between ground snow loads and applied roof snow loads was resolved at the meeting and cemented with a new SBCA *Tech Note*, "Prescriptive and Engineered Design Provisions of the Massachusetts One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code." In addition to resolving this issue, the building officials greatly appreciated the educational presentation given by the chapter and have already requested another! Second, members discussed attending a meeting in Derby, CT to comment on a proposed ordinance on labeling buildings with engineered lumber. Everyone agreed that presenting our industry's position on these issues was of crucial importance. Third, a recap was provided of the chapter's booth at the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS show on June 26–28 in West Springfield, MA. Educational materials including the Carbeck CD and brochure were distributed. Several attendees requested plant tours and planning had already begun on a tour for the Worcester, MA Fire Department.

Structural Building Components Association of Michigan

As discussed at its July meeting, building codes are the focus of the Michigan Chapter this summer. Members were present when ten code

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change proposals for the Michigan Building Code and Michigan Residential Code were heard at a building code review meeting in Okemos. Even so, nine were disapproved or withdrawn because they do not deal with issues that are specific to Michigan and the building committee does not want to make any changes to the IRC codes unless there is a demonstrated issue specific to Michigan. The chapter's code change proposal for the Michigan Uniform Energy Code was also denied. The chapter's proposal to replace the current ground snow load map with a table defining the snow load for each Michigan jurisdiction was tabled until August to give the chapter/staff team an opportunity to bring supporting data to the committee and clean up some issues related to specific Michigan rules and the Roof Loading Data Sheet. In general, the committee liked what had been done but wanted further information before voting on it. A chapter subcommittee was formed to work on these issues and bring the proposal back in August. Then, the MI Building Code Review Committee took up the sprinkler issue on July 22 in Lansing. There was a lot of testimony on both sides of this issue. The committee voted to remove section R313 from the Michigan Residential Code, which means residential sprinklers will not be required. This is the committees' recommendation and could still be overturned by the Building Commission. **SBC**

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