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### **WPC AGM 2006**

Wood Preservation Canada held its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Delta Halifax in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia. There were several presentations including: Herbert Estreicher speaking about the ongoing Hazardous Waste Regulations and how they affect the wood treatment industry, John Wilkinson with a Penta Task Force update, Jody Klassen from Environment Canada spoke about the current status of the TRD program and how well it is doing coming into its final stages and Diana Blenkhorn spoke about the lumber market and the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board as a possible substitute to CWPB. The keynote speaker during lunch was Deirdre McMurdy discussing the economic climate in Canada and how environmental stewardship is a prerequisite for success in today's market place. During the two day meetings topics were discussed and action items put into place. Many members enjoyed the dinner and energetic entertainment at the Grafton Street Dinner Theatre. The fall meetings will take place in at the Renaissance Harbourside Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2006. The CWPA AGM will be held at the same location on November 7-8<sup>th</sup> and CSA will follow November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **TRD Certification**

The TRD certification program is continuing to progress as planned. The final audits are planned to be complete by October 2006. A complete welcome package to the industry self certification program will be sent shortly to all treating plants. The package will include a welcome letter from WESA, WPC, an outline of the regulations and the fee structure. This package is very similar to the one distributed at the annual general meeting. Water & Earth Science Associates Ltd. (WESA) has been awarded the contract with Wood Preservation Canada as the auditor for the CWPCA program until 2010. Friedl Brudermann and Dennis Konsawich conducted a training session for the WESA auditors in late May. WESA staff will also accompany Friedl & Dennis to some of the Environment Canada final audits.

### **Opportunities for Ontario's Forest Industry**

A forum of stakeholders in Ontario's forest industry gathered February 23, 2006 at the Sutton Place Hotel in downtown Toronto to discuss "Opportunities for Ontario's Forest Industry". The purpose of the seminar was to let the forest industry know that supporting the industry and increasing economic prosperity are part of the governments plan. The sector faces tough challenges but is crucial to the province and

many single industry communities. Programs designed to improve production costs, attract investment etc... are all part of the governments assistance plan to this rapidly changing competitive environment. The government wishes to assist and help ensure that the industry can continue to improve its position in global competition. The seminar identified federal and provincial assistance programs available to the industry and outlined program eligibility criteria. If anyone would like further information please contact WPC.

### **IEEE Tradeshow**

Wood Preservation Canada participated at the North American Wood Pole Council exhibit at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Transmission & Distribution Conference and Exposition. The Exposition took place in Dallas Texas from May 22-24<sup>th</sup> 2006. The show was a great success in meeting potential customers from all over North American and the world. The NAWPC booth disseminated much information on the use of pressure treated

wood as an economic and environmental choice for transmission needs. This show is the largest of its kind with hundreds of exhibitors and over 12000 attendees.

### **CUEE TradeShow**

The 2006 Canadian Utilities Equipment Exposition held in Mississauga Ontario at the International Center May 16-17<sup>th</sup> 2006 was a great success. The show received over 4200 attendees and featured 189 exhibitors. Wood Preservation Canada was there attending the North American Wood Pole Council booth. A lot of information was disseminated and questions answered. WPC looks forward to participating in the next CUEE event being held in 2008.



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