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WPC 2009 Annual General Meeting



Wood Preservation Canada's 2009 AGM was held April 3-5th in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia. There was a welcome reception Sunday evening followed by a day full of committee meetings on Monday and the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday.

Notes from the 2009 AGM include:

Promotion & Education: Members discussed the industry toolkit which was identified at the 2009 Board of Director's Strategic Planning Session. It will encompass up to date information on a wide array of information pertinent to the industry. Another issue was the Dock Primer / Shore Primer. It is a publication distributed by Fisheries & Oceans as well as Cottage Life

that contained negative statements about pressure treated wood. WPC has already sent in a written letter to Fisheries & Oceans addressing the issues.

Commercial Industrial: Ted Ladoux reported on what was happening with the North American Wood Pole Council, an organization that WPC is a member of that supports a the North American wood pole industry.

Standards Review: The meeting included an update on the progress being made with the CLSAB quality assurance program. It also included an in-depth conversation regarding the standard and some of the challenges treaters are facing.

Technical: Committee members discussed the 2010 National Building Code of Canada and how it was expected to be published in mid to late 2010. Building code officials are likely to begin enforcing building codes now that CLSAB is in place. Members requested the Board of Directors investigate the performance of standard treatment pressure at 180 PSI instead of 150.

Environmental: The committee heard WESA's annual CWPCA update as well as proposed modifications to the existing CWPCA regulations document. Discussion concerning the PMRA led to the passing of a

motion to add TRD certification as a requirement on the label of all wood preservatives.

AGM: The Annual General Meeting included the routine items as well as a presentation covering the progress made by the Board of Director's Strategic Planning session, held earlier this year. There were numerous items identified as opportunities for improvement. They include but are not limited to: Member toolkit, communication to membership, green / eco perceptions, product standards and the quality mark program. To conclude the AGM there were presentations from Jeff Miller of the Treated Wood Council and Ted Ladoux of the Western Wood Preservers Institute. The membership voted on the location of the next AGM and Niagara Falls, Ontario was selected.



The social event this year was dinner at Bianca's, a short walk from the hotel in downtown Victoria. The restaurant accommodated the group comfortably which provided for a great atmosphere and outstanding food.

WPC Strategic Planning Session

The WPC Board of Directors and the committee chairs braved the winter weather

in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 23-25, 2009 to gather together to examine the accomplishments of our association and to set the path for the challenges ahead of us. With the guidance of facilitator Ian Cook of Fulcrum Associates, the group examined the history of WPC focusing on our strengths and weaknesses. Using an opportunity mapping exercise the group was able to identify priority areas and continued by developing action plans for implementation.



Results of the session were presented at the 2009 AGM.

CWPCA Internal Auditor Training

There will be a CWPCA internal auditor training sessions in Vancouver, British Columbia on July 20th, 2009. The location is to be determined and it will be booked closer to the date based on the number of attendees. If you are planning on attending this workshop please notify WPC at your earliest convenience. This is the only scheduled auditor training seminar for 2009 at the moment.

American Wood Protection Association 2009 AGM

Over 450 AWPA members gathered in San Antonio, Texas on April 19-21, 2009 for the 105th Annual Meeting of the association.

Dr. Kenn Brooks delivered the keynote address entitled “The Future of the Wood Preserving Industry from an Environmental Perspective”. A long time advocate for the wood preservation industry Dr. Brookes reminded delegates that our future is bright. We must continue to supply products that society can depend upon to provide extended service life while minimizing any negative environmental effects.

Dr. John Simonsen of Oregon State University presented the Colley-Hartford Lecture entitled “The Frontiers of Bio-based Nanotechnology and the Future of Wood Treatment”.

Other presentations included topics such as barrier wraps, high temperature heat treatment, corrosion testing, and termite resistance.

The Fall Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for September 13-17, 2009 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 23-25, 2010 in Savannah, Georgia.

Dock Primer and Shore Primer

The Dock Primer and Shore Primer publications from Fisheries and Oceans and distributed by Cottage Life contain statements which that are negative to the treated wood industry. WPC has submitted a letter which was sent to the membership and Fisheries & Oceans to defend several points.

WPC received acknowledgement that the letter was received and under consideration by Fisheries & Oceans. The main purpose of the letter was to help ensure that the public has factual, unbiased information about all the alternatives to make the best choice for their dock construction materials. WPC sent out a cover letter that can be addressed to your local Member of Parliament, if you would like to participate please contact us.

Quality Control Training Program

WPC has organized three plant training sessions for Quality Control of treated wood products in regards to the CSA O80-08 Standards. They will be held in the following locations:

Tuesday, June 2nd, Envirofor Preservers in Langley BC

Tuesday, June 16th, Trent Timber Treating Ltd in Peterborough, ON

Tuesday, June 30th, Quebec Wood Preservers LP, Maskinonge, QC

The focus of the training program will be the residential standards and the industrial/commercial standards. It is recommended all members related to the quality control team attend.

Vancouver Wood Solutions Fair

Wood Preservation Canada attended the 2009 Wood Solutions Fair held by the Canadian Wood Council on March 18th, in Vancouver, British Columbia. The show had a good turn out with roughly 1000 attendees to the trade show and accompanying educational sessions. Lots of literature was distributed and the most common question received was regarding fire retardant wood. This could be a result of Vancouver passing a building code amendment allowing six storey wood construction. As expected the

next most prevalent question was regarding fasteners and then a mix of other questions and concerns.

Edmonton Wood Solutions Fair

WPC attended the Canadian Wood Council's Wood Solutions Fair in Edmonton, Alberta April 8th 2009. The turnout was small by WSF standards with just fewer than 200 attendees; those that attended did ask lots of questions. Popular topics at the booth included permanent wood foundations, fasteners and corrosion as well as some enquiries about the newer water-born preservatives such as ACQ & CA.

Upcoming Events

- **Quality Control Training Workshop**
Tuesday, June 2, Envirofor Preservers in Langley BC
Tuesday, June 16, Trent Timber Treating Ltd in Peterborough, ON
Tuesday, June 30, Quebec Wood Preservers LP, Maskinonge, QC
- **CWPCA Internal Auditor Training**
July 20, 2009
TBA
Vancouver, British Columbia
- **CWC Wood Solutions Fair**
September 30, 2009
Metro Convention Center
Toronto, ON
- **WPC Fall Committee Meeting**
October 4-5, 2009
Delta Centre-Ville
Montreal, Quebec
- **Canadian Wood Preservation Association**
October 6-7, 2009
Delta Centre-Ville
Montreal, Quebec
- **Canadian Standards Association**
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