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Canadian Wood Council Appoints New President

The Canadian Wood Council announced on May 31, 2010 that Mr. Michael Giroux has accepted the position of President of the Canadian Wood Council.

The CWC Search Committee spent four months evaluating a number of top rated applicants before selecting Michael as the candidate with the best combination of experience, skills and leadership. Michael has agreed to accept this position and lead the team of experts that comprise CWC as one of the pre-eminent wood products associations in North America.

Michael brings to CWC a broad background of experience with the private sector, associations and most recently, the National Research Council where he held the position of Director of Urban Infrastructure. His clear understanding of the public impact of codes and standards along with his skills in team building, leadership and communications will be invaluable in leading employees and supporting CWC's value proposition and strategic direction.

Wood Preservation Canada is represented on the CWC Board of Directors by Mary-Anne Dalkowski, Timber Specialties Co. and Henry Walthert, Executive Director.

CWPCA Certification Program

The CWPCA Certification Program is nearing the end of its first three year cycle and WPC members spent considerable time at the 2010 AGM discussing possible improvements and modifications. The CWPCA Steering Committee was given a strong message to reexamine the program and TRD's for non-CEPA toxic preservatives with the aim of streamlining the audit process and if possible reducing the burden on treating plants.

The CWPCA Steering Committee held a meeting in August to review the program and develop a path forward. The results of their deliberations will be presented to the WPC Board of Directors and the members at the Fall Committee meetings in October. The committee will be advancing the concept of an initial qualification audit and a shortened on-going audit. The committee has also reviewed the audit checklists for non-CEPA toxic preservatives with the aim of modifying requirements to more closely reflect treating plant experience.

Environment Canada has informed WPC that they are prepared to work with the association to maintain and update the current TRDs.

WPC Supports Revised PWF Standard

The Canadian Standards Association held a telephone conference August 3rd for parties interested in the revision and maintenance of the CSA S406 standard for permanent wood foundations. Participants included treaters, preservative suppliers, builders and regulators. WPC was also a participant as was the Canadian Wood Council.

Several areas of concern were identified including types of preservatives used for treatment of wood used in permanent wood foundations, the inclusion of panelized systems, types of fasteners and connectors, and certification of PWF material.

There was general agreement that the standard needed to be revised and a new edition published. A report will be given by CSA to the A366 Technical Committee at their October 2010 meeting. Work on the new edition is expected to start immediately following approval by the committee. Several WPC members have been asked to participate on the sub-committee tasked with completing the new standard. Various sources will be asked to provide funding to complete the work.

PMRA Posts PRVD for Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives

On Friday August 20, 2010 the Pest Management Regulatory Agency posted the Proposed Re-evaluation Document (PRVD) for the heavy duty wood preservatives (Creosote, Pentachlorophenol, CCA, ACZA) on their website. The link below will bring you to the posting. The document is now open for a public comment period of 60 days.

Most significant items included for treaters is the requirement to be TRD compliant and also treating target rates.

WPC will be working with members to review the document and provide comments. Should you have any comments or questions please contact our office.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/_prvd2010-03/prvd-2010-03-eng.php

Wood Preservation Canada holds its Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls

WPC recently held its Spring AGM in Niagara Falls, Ontario from April 25th – 27th 2010. The event, which was attended by more than 50 representatives of the WPC membership, Included on the agenda were the Board of directors meeting, Annual General Meeting and all committee meetings including Promotion and Education, Standards Review, Technical, Commercial and Industrial and Environmental Committee.

Many key decisions were made, including revising the industry standard, identifying the need for data collection to support the standard and changes were suggested to the CWPCA program.

After a successful series of meetings, members were shuttled to [Strewn Winery](#), a local winery renowned for their delicate flavours. After an informative and interesting tour, members enjoyed an amazing dinner at the wineries restaurant, Terroir La Cachette.

Fall committee meetings around the corner

Preparations and planning are underway for the fall committee meetings in Vancouver, B.C. These meetings will be held on Oct 18th 2010 at the [Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel](#) from 9am to 5pm.

For members arriving the previous evening (Oct 17th), we have organized a group event to attend the Vancouver Canucks hockey game at 6pm. The shuttle will leave the hotel at 5pm.

If you have not done so already, please book your hotel rooms as soon as possible, as this is a very busy time of year for the hotel. You can reserve your accommodations by calling the hotel directly at **1-604-689-9211** and mention CWPA.

Bookings must be made before September 2nd 2010.

Should you have any questions and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.