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2013 WPC Annual General Meetings

Wood Preservation Canada recently hosted its 2013 Annual General Meeting at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre on April 14-16 in Kelowna, B.C. WPC activities were discussed and other organization representatives including Western Wood Preservers Institute, Treated Wood Council, North American Wood Pole Council, Southern Pressure Treaters' Association, the Canadian Plywood Association and the Canadian Wood Council reported on their recent activities.

This year's AGM marked the election of Danny Goodine, Marwood, Ltd. as President of the Association. WPC would like to thank Peter Hattin, Pastway Planing Limited for his hard and dedicated work to the organization during his time serving as president. In addition, a few changes to the board of directors occurred this year. Russ Permann from Taiga Building Products was accepted on the board to replace Grant Sali. Kevin Archer from Viance LLC will replace Paul Dandy from Arch-Lonza and Michael Hoffman from KMG Bernuth will represent the oil-bourne preservatives suppliers.



New President Danny Goodine and Past-President Peter Hattin.

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WPC Members at the Cedar Creek Estate Winery

2013 Fall Committee Meetings

The WPC 2013 Fall Committee Meeting will take place at the Pantages Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. The schedule will be as follows:

WPC Fall Committee Meetings, October 27-28, 2013

Canadian Wood Preservation Association 34th Annual Meeting, October 29-30, 2013

CSA A366 Technical Committee, October 31, 2013

More information on the meetings will be provided shortly.

WPC and the Wood Solutions Fair

A reminder that Wood Preservation Canada will participate in the Canadian Wood Council Wood Solutions Fairs that will take place:

October 16, 2013 – River Cree Marriott Hotel – Edmonton, Alberta

November 12, 2013 – Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building) – Toronto, Ontario

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WPC will not be present at the fair in Vancouver on October 29, 2013 due to the schedule conflict with the CWPA meeting in Toronto.

We welcome any members wishing to join WPC at the booth in promoting and educating engineers, architects, builders and woodworkers on the pressure treated wood industry and its products. Please contact Martin Tauvette at 613-737-4337 or martin@woodpreservation.ca if you wish to participate.

Final Product Category Rule (PCR) for North American Pressure-Treated Wood Products

Good news for the treated-wood industry, the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) has recently finalized and published on its website (<http://www.icc-es.org/ep/epd-directory-pcr.shtml>) a Product Category Rule (PCR) for North American Pressure-treated Wood Products (attached). The PCR specifies rules, requirements and guidelines for developing environmental product declarations and underlying requirements for related Life Cycle Assessments. The PCR is valid until April 1, 2016.

Paul Morris Receives AWWPA Award of Merit

Dr. Paul Morris, FPIInnovations was presented with the American Wood Protection Association Award of Merit at the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2013 in Honolulu, HI. The Award of Merit is the Association's highest award, bestowed in recognition of outstanding contributions to furthering the objectives and purpose of the Association. The award is made available once annually.

Dr. Morris has been instrumental in ensuring the inclusion of Canadian species in AWWPA standards. Congratulations Paul and thank you for carrying the flag for Canada!

CWC Annual General Meeting

The Canadian Wood Council held its 2013 Annual General Meeting on May 15-16 in Ottawa, Ontario. WPC was represented by Mary-Anne Dalkowski, Timber Specialties Co. and Executive Director Henry Walthert.

The agenda focused on the growth of the wood products market through non-residential, mid-rise and tall wood buildings. CWC continues its efforts in the adoption of Wood First initiatives across Canada. Quebec recently adopted a policy and work is ongoing in Ontario and the Maritimes.

CWC is also examining the wood bridge market in North America. The potential for the use of wood including pressure treated is promising. The acknowledgement by the building/construction community that wood is a "green" building material has resulted in greater interest in many non-traditional markets.

Ontario Ministry of Environment Toxic Reductions Act

The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association held its annual joint meeting with Ontario Ministry of Environment on May 27, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario. Executive Director Henry Walthert attended. WPC has channeled with CME to raise concerns about the current Ontario Toxic Reductions Act which requires manufacturing facilities including treating plants to develop plans for the reduction in the use of various substances.

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The news coming out of the meeting was positive. While there was no discussion of exemptions for industries (e.g. meeting other program requirements like our TRDs) there was an acknowledgement by the Ministry that there will be proposed changes to the regulations to allow for the addition or removal of substances from the TRA list. Of prime interest to WPC and CME is the requirement for copper.

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