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1. 2014 WPC Annual General Meetings

Wood Preservation Canada will host his 2014 Annual General Meeting at the Hilton Quebec in Quebec City on April 27-28-29, 2014. WPC is currently working on an exciting agenda and the information will be provided to members shortly.

The following rates have been negotiated with the hotel. The Cut-off date for this special rate is **March 27th, 2014.**

Single or double occupancy at \$149.00 per night, CAD (plus taxes)
Single occupancy on the executive floors at \$199.00 per night, CAD (plus taxes)
Double occupancy on the executive floors at \$219.00 per night, CAD (plus taxes)

Members are encouraged to make their hotel reservation early to take advantage of this special rate. Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly at 418-647-6500 or 1-800-447-2411 or online by following this link: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/Y/YQBHIHH-GWOOA-20140425/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Please ensure that when making reservations, you mention the WPC conference to receive the pertinent rates.

2. 2014 Fall Committee Meetings

The WPC 2014 Fall Committee Meeting will take place at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in Vancouver BC.

The schedule will be as follows:

WPC Fall Committee Meetings, October 26-27, 2014

Canadian Wood Preservation Association 35th Annual Meeting, October 28-29, 2014

CSA A366 Technical Committee, October 30, 2014

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The following rates have been negotiated with the hotel. The Cut-off date for this special rate is **September 24th, 2014.**

Comfort Room, Two Double Beds at \$164.00 per night, CAD (plus taxes)

We encourage delegates to make their hotel reservation by calling the Hotel directly at 1-800-663-1144 or online by following this link: <http://coa.st/1byh>.

Don't forget to ask to be booked under the Wood Preservation Canada Group Block.

3. 2014 Wood Solutions Fair

On January 21st, 2014, WPC participated in the Wood Solutions Fair that took place at the Hilton Bonaventure in Montreal, Quebec. Approximately 500 people composed of engineers, architects, wood designers, consultants, builders, students, professors and all types of wood experts participated in the fair. A keen interest in pressure treated fire retardant wood by attendees was noticed by WPC Staff. Also there was interest in new preservative products.

CWC Wood Solutions Fairs are scheduled in:

Calgary: September 10 at the Coast Hotel and Conference Centre

Vancouver: October 30 at the Vancouver Convention Centre West

Toronto: November 25 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

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 want to participate.

4. 2014 Industry Shows, Events, and Conferences

April 4-9: APPA Linemen Rodeo & Eng./Operations Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

May 3: Treated Wood Council Technical Meeting in Newport Beach, California.

May 4-6: American Wood Preservation Association AGM in Newport Beach, California.

May 11-15: IRG Wood Preservation in St. George, Utah.

Jun 22-24: Western Wood Preservation Institute Summer Meeting in Napa, California.

Aug 21-23: Southern Pressure Treeters' Association Summer Meeting in Ridgedale, Missouri

Sep 14-18: American Wood Preservation Association Fall Technical Meetings, Portland, Maine

Oct 13-16: Railway Tie Association Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Oct 14-18: Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas City, Missouri

Nov 2-5: WWPI AGM in Waikoloa, Hawaii

Nov 13-14: TWC AGM in Alexandria, Virginia

5. WPC Strategic Planning Session

The WPC Board of Directors and Committee Chairs met in Toronto, ON for a Strategic Planning Session on February 11, 12, 2014 to set a direction for Wood Preservation Canada for the next 3 to 5 years. Participants examined challenges and opportunities for the wood preservation industry and developed a number of goals which the Board and committees will use to develop programs and initiatives.

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The success of WPC is dependent upon the participation and input of our members. Thanks to the many members that responded to our survey prior to the planning session. The information gathered was very useful to the planning session participants in identifying the needs and concerns of WPC members.

Special thanks to the members that took time from their busy agendas to participate:

Danny Goodine, Marwood Ltd., Kevin Archer, Viance LLC, Nigel Banks, Lonza Wood Protection, Paul Dandy, Lonza Wood Protection, Mary-Anne Dalkowski, Timber Specialties Co., Craig Frohlich, Stella-Jones Inc., Larry McTaggart, Cambium Group, and Russ Permann, Taiga Forest Products Ltd..

Thanks to Peter Hattin, Pastway Wood Preservers who arrived and could only participate for a short time because of illness.

The outcome of the session and the strategic plan will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Quebec, QC.

6. CSA S406 Standard

In April 2014 CSA Group will publish a new edition of CSA S406-14 Specification of permanent wood foundations for housing and small buildings. This first new edition since 1992 is a result of the support of the WPC and CWPA members, and contributions of regulators, builders, and users from across Canada.

The 2014 edition of CSA S406 includes the following major changes:

- (a) 3-storey construction is now permitted, with revised design tables;
- (b) building widths have been increased from 8 m to 12 m;
- (c) sealant and damp proofing requirements have been revised, with optional drainage layers added;
- (d) variable granular bed depths are now specified;
- (e) nail diameters and spacing have been included;
- (f) the minimum stud size has been increased from 38 mm x 89 mm to 38 mm x 140 mm;
- (g) details for wall openings and walkouts have been revised; and
- (h) tabulated framing and plywood sheathing requirements have been revised based on CSA O86, Engineering Design in Wood.

7. Dwayne Torrey CSA Group

On February 10, 2014, Dwayne Torrey accepted a 9-month assignment as Program Manager at CSA Group. This promotion provides Dwayne the opportunity to oversee project managers and standards development within the built environment.

Dwayne joined CSA Group in 2004 as a Project Manager. Over this nine year period, he was the sole project manager for all CSA forest product standards, including the CSA O80 Series Wood Preservation and CSA S406 Specification of permanent wood foundations for housing and small buildings.

“After arriving at CSA Group in 2004, one of my first assignments was managing the A366TC on Wood Preservation. Although the TC welcomed me with open arms, it was clear that the group had not received the service that CSA were committed to providing. Redefining the role of the CSA Project Manager was my first task, and an excellent challenge that was key to my development as a Project Manager.”

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In 2008, Dwayne Torrey was presented the Outstanding Achievement Award by Wood Preservation Canada for all of his hard work dedicated to the treated wood standards and the publication of the first ever Canadian treated wood use category standard.

To ensure continuity, Dwayne is currently selecting and will mentor the new Project Manager for the TC on Wood Preservation to ensure a seamless transition.

Many thanks Dwayne for your hard work and dedication to the development of the Canadian wood preservation standards. We look forward to working with you in the future in your new role as Program Manager.

8. Environment Canada and the 2013 TRD

The « Recommendations for the Design and Operation of Wood Preservation Facilities, 2013 (2013 TRD) » is now completed but it is not yet available on the website of Environment Canada.

The Government of Canada has changed its communication strategy by developing a single federal website that will eventually house all federal department information (Canada.ca). The transition from <http://www.ec.gc.ca> to Canada.ca is progressive and could take several years. In the meantime, updating existing webpages from the Environment Canada website is presently challenging which explains the delay of publication.

Environment Canada hopes to have the 2013 TRD online in the coming month. The web link will be communicated to WPC as soon as the document is readily available.

Environment Canada is offering to the facilities who wish to obtain a paper copy to communicate directly with Alain Gingras at alain.gingras@ec.gc.ca or by phone at 819-420-7775.

9. PCP and the Stockholm Convention

In January 2014, WPC sent letters to Deputy Ministers George Da Pont of Health Canada and Bob Hamilton of Environment Canada. The goal of the letters was to urge the Government of Canada to support the continued production and use of pentachlorophenol (PCP) for industrial wood preservation in the event that PCP is listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

WPC along with Roger Jackson, KMG Chemicals Inc., Herb Estreicher, Keller and Heckman LLP, and Michael Teeter, Hillwatch Inc. met with senior officials of Environment Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada on March 11, 2014. The outcome of the meeting was optimistic as the regulators were receptive to the WPC position that listing of PCP in Annex B of the Stockholm Convention was preferred. WPC will continue to work with the departments to ensure that our position is represented at the international meetings later this year.

10. Changes to the CWPCA Certification Program and Steering Committee

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The CWPCA Steering Committee met February 13, 2014 for their annual meeting. Here's a brief update on the changes that were discussed and approved by the committee.

Changes to the CWPCA Steering Committee:

- James Laundry from West Fraser Mills submitted his resignation due to a recent position change within West Fraser. James is no longer directly involved with West Fraser's Treated Wood Division and was no longer able to dedicate the time and energy to the committee. We would like to thank James for all his hard work and time dedicated to the program.
- Shea Pletzer from Sundre Forest Products was nominated and approved by the Steering Committee to take replace James.
- Three years after being awarded the Paul Gravel Award by WPC, Nigel Banks from Arch/Lonza Wood Protection decided that it's time to retire from the treated wood industry. His expertise will be greatly missed on the committee and we would like to thank him very much for all the time he dedicated on developing the program and the TRD.
- Paul Dandy from Arch/Lonza Wood Protection was nominated and approved by the Steering Committee to replace Nigel on the committee.

Changes to the cost of the program:

- Failure to meet the internal audits submission deadline by numerous plants does in fact increase the cost of the review process. To address the additional costs of not meeting the end of year deadline, facilities will now be charged \$500 if their internal audits are not submitted by December 31st. Failure to pay this amount will result in further review by the Steering Committee.
- One area that has not been cost effective is the training program for internal auditors. Starting in 2014, the price for each individual attending a live training session will increase to \$500. The price for online webinar training will increase to \$150 by individual.
- The Steering Committee has also reviewed the overall costs of the audit program. Most recently, the travel portion of the costs has been the same for each facility no matter the size of the facility or its geographic location. In order to be more equitable, the total cost for each audit will be based on the number of cylinders only and will replace the professional fees and travel that had been previously shown on invoices.

Cylinders	2014 Audit Fee
1	\$6950
2	\$8000
3	\$11,150
4	\$13,200
5	\$17,050

- The fees shown assume that a facility has an initial score of 95%. Additional fees are incurred for a score below 95%.
- The annual fee for administration and maintenance of the program, which is reviewed annually, will remain at \$1080.00 per treating plant for WPC members and \$2160 per treating plant for non WPC members.

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Other changes to the training program for internal auditor:

- For those facilities that would like to send multiple people for the live training, and in response to queries from facilities, the auditors will be offering on-site auditor training at a facility as an extra to the external audit. Additional charges are applicable.

Changes to the Audit Schedule:

- In order to save on travel costs, a new audit schedule designed by geographic location will be introduced beginning in 2014. As a result, some facilities may be audited before the usual 3 year period. The program will remain the same as each plant will be require an external audit once in every three year audit cycle.

11. Review of the 2013-2014 Changes in the Industry

July 2, 2013 – Canwel Building Materials Group completed the acquisition of Pastway Planing Limited located in Combermere, Ontario.

January 21, 2014 – Koppers Holdings Inc. has completed the purchase of the crosstie treating business and related manufacturing facility of Tolko Industries Ltd. Located in Ashcroft B.C.

January 28, 2014 – Groupe Lebel has officially announced the purchase of Cambium Group.

12. On Sale at WPC

CCA End Tags are still available to purchase from WPC at a cost of \$50 for 1000 tags (plus shipping).



The book “Managing Treated Wood in Aquatic Environments”, a perfect tool to promote the use of treated wood in aquatic environments is also still available to purchase from WPC at a cost of \$18 (plus shipping).

We also have copies of “Permanent Wood Foundations – the illustrated, practical applications manual” written by Gary J. Gibson. Copies are available for \$15 (plus).

For more information and/or purchase, please contact us via email with your quantity required: martin@woodpreservation.ca

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13. The Article of the Month

This month article is “ The World’s Most Advanced Building Material Is... Wood “

Great read on the advantages of wood and cross-laminated lumber for tall modern timber building. To read the article, please follow the link below:

<http://www.popsci.com/article/technology/worlds-most-advanced-building-material-wood-0?dom=PSC&loc=recent&lnk=1&con=the-worlds-most-advanced-building-material-is-wood>

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