

December 4, 2009

#### GA Chapter AWI Winter Meeting and Mill Tour

White County Moulding (Division Of Hardwoods Inc.), Cleveland, GA tour host and Chapter Meeting site. About 35 GA Chapter AWI Manufacturing, Supplier and Affiliate members, guests in addition to staff of White County Moulding and Hardwoods Inc. were in attendance. The tour featured millwork preparation, finger jointing operations, processing and pattern making operations in addition to the 3500 sq ft wholesale retail facilities of Hardwood Inc at the mill site. Following the tour a great lunch and fellowship preceded the GA Chapter Business meeting. Photos are posted on the GA Chapter web site recording this event.

- I. Welcome by Chairman Bruce Robb with expressed thanks to the tour hosts and for the large turn out for this event for a tour outside of metro Atlanta. The AWI Anti-trust statement was read as part of the opening.

#### II Old Business

- a.) Carolina Chapter Meeting March 4-5, at High Point, NC. John Lunday is in communication with Kristine Cox, Carolina Chapter President, which has extended an invitation to participate in the March event. The agenda includes several producer and supply sites in the High Point area. (Tentative tours include: Herzog Veneers; Adams Wood Products; Hafele America; Velspar or Worth) with the possibility of having table top exhibits at an additional fee. BOD will follow up with online member survey with a more complete agenda and estimated cost share per participant. A coach is being considered for the group tour to encourage interaction for all participants.
- b.) Tour of Tennessee Log and Timber Homes invitation for a GA Chapter Spring tour. Chairman Robb announced this invitation as a possible Spring event or later in 2010. BOD will post information on the Chapter web site.
- c.) Fall 2009 Golf Outing deferred to proposed May 2010. The Fall golf outing was deferred due to the economic climate. A proposed event in May will be considered in the Marietta, GA area. Additional details to be posted on the Chapter web site.
- d.) AWS available. The GA Chapter has copies of the 2009 AWS for discounted prices. Fred Mortensen suggested that companies consider providing a copy of the 2009 AWS to the clients as another means to build customer support of AWI standards and continuity of business relationships. Contact Chairman Robb to obtain copies of the 2009 AWS.
- e.) Website / Profiles and we site updates. Hugh Patrick reported on the updates to the Chapter website to include COMPANY PROFILES of which additional companies will be posted this week. The company profile is both archived and posted periodically on a first come first serve basis. The intent is to add value and benefit of AWI membership. Patrick, Robb, and Jere McCorkle are the contacts for listing your company profiles to include services, products and photos. BOD enacted this activity to encourage both local and national referrals for business.

WEBSITE ADDRESS

[www.awigeorgia.org](http://www.awigeorgia.org)

### III Reports

- a. Conference report: Hugh Patrick represented the GA AWI Chapter at the recent AWI National Meeting in Alexandria, VA. Patrick representation was in place of Cody Matherne, Development Council Representative as Matherne has engaged employment in Louisiana. His reports were most enthusiastic of the member services available to AWI in addition to the exchange with other members to interchange ideas, services and linkages for better business. Patrick encouraged everyone to make a conscious effort to attend and participate in a National event.
- b. Distinguished Chapter Recognition Award. Patrick represented the GA Chapter at the AWI National for receipt of this award. The chapter met all of the criteria from AWI National for receipt of the Award. Our Chapter should be proud to be recognized for this accomplishment. We have only achieved this by the work of our membership.
- c. Treasurer report: Patrick reported a \$11,944.11 balance as of 12/03/09. Patrick also indicated that the 2010 statements would be distributed via e-mail to the member's categories. Please make every effort to keep your GA Chapter direct contact current as part of our use of email thus reducing COB for the chapter.
- d. Secretary report: Karl Brohammer reported that all GA Chapter Board of Directors and Member meeting minutes are posted on the GA Chapter AWI website. This practice has been in place for the past year.
- e. 1st Vice President: Jere McCorkle reported on the member profile updates, AWS availability and the goal of posting the 2010 program on the Chapter website as an immediate goal of the BOD.

### IV New Business

- a. Development Council Election: Jeff Elzemeyer of Pierce and Pierce Architectural Millwork and Moulding was elected by acclamation by the membership. Elzemeyer presented a brief on his industry background and he serves as the LEED Accredited professional and project manager at Pierce and Pierce, Norcross, GA. Chairman Robb will work with Jeff to assist in National recording of Jeff's responsibilities as Development Council Representative. The member company must also be a member of AWI National and participation on committees is a requirement for this appointment.
- b. Chairman Robb and Jere McCorkle noted that AWI National will be participating in the 2010 Wood Solutions Fair schedule. One of the events will be in the Southeast and the Georgia Chapter is being asked to participate in the program and the staffing of the event as part of AWI. Chairman Robb will post the details on the web site and also see [www.woodworks.org](http://www.woodworks.org) for additional details and schedules.
- c. Additional notations from AWI National (Comments from Robb; Patrick, Lundy, etc.)

AWI National and local chapters are supporting Skills USA. Keep your eyes open for candidate programs in local high schools, technical schools etc to build upon this activity

AWI National is supporting the development of the Skills Assessment Program for Woodworkers. This program is being coordinated by Greg Heuer, of which some 30 plus machine skill sets and requirements have been documented. Heuer presented updated manuals at 2009 AWFS Las Vegas and GT Wood Expo. Patrick has been asked to contribute towards the Skills Assessment Criteria for Turning. The criteria is an industry wide program allowing employers to select employees with accomplished and documented skill sets.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM with a group photo on the steps of the White County Moulding Offices with Appalachian Mountain backdrop.

Recorded by Karl N. Brohammer, GA Chapter Secretary 12/04/09 and submitted to the BOD for approval for posting on the chapter web site.