

May 8, 2009

Georgia Chapter AWI Spring Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2009
Atlanta, GA

- I. 12: 00 Noon Luncheon and Welcome: Bruce Robb, Chapter President, welcomed the 30 members and guests to the Spring Georgia Chapter Meeting. The host was Peach State Lumber Products Inc., 4000 Moon Station Road, Kennesaw, GA, represented by Dan Cox, James Christie and the staff. The highlight meal served was 36" diameter pizzas, cheesecake and a special chocolate cake all served to the diner's delight within the warehouse of Peach State. An expression of thank you to Peach State for hosting the event and meal. Please see the photos posted on the chapter web site.
www.awigeorgia.org
- II. Chairman Robb introduced Affiliate members Fred Kurpiel, GA Research Institute and Karl Brohammer, GA Tech, who presented a short overview of the upcoming Georgia Tech Design, Materials, and Methods of Wood Construction Conference and Expo, September 9-11, 2009. The conference will focus on structural and non-structural products, newly developed engineered building products, applications and secondary processed products in addition to special seminars regarding the AWI Revised Quality Standards. The target audience is architects, design build firms, specifier's, code writers/enforcers , engineers, consultants directly related to the building construction industry. The Expo, mill tours and Conference break out sessions are intended to allow the maximum direct contact between suppliers (AWI Members, etc) and the Building Construction community. See the web site for exhibitor and registration information www.GTWoodExpo.com.
- III. Chapter Business lead by Chairman Robb included the following reports. Financial reports by Hugh Patrick, Treasurer. Distribution of Membership Certificates and recognition of new members. Robb indicated that those members not renewing was due to financial issues in the present market. An additional indicator of the importance of communication was highlighted by use of the chapter website as an efficient tool. Cody Matherne presented the AWI National report of the importance of the 2009 Revised AWI Quality Standards and that we as AWI members need to become the experts of the standards. The Expo seminars and the AWI web site are tools for attaining this knowledge. Matherne also reported the 2009 AWI Annual meeting will be held in Alexandria, VA. He also asked for Chapter members to both attend

the National meeting and consider Georgia AWI Chapter representative as his term will expire in 2010.

Chairman Robb reported that the GA Chapter AWI Summer meeting topic will address “Elements of a Proper Set of Specifications for Bidding Projects”. This is a current issue also being addressed by CSI. Additional details, time location, etc. will be distributed in the near future. Robb asked for input from the members of their subject desires for future presentations and that two- way feed back is essential to providing relevant subject programming.

- IV. Dan Cox presented an overview of the operations of Peach State Lumber Products, Inc. and the services offered by their firm. In response to the changes in the marketplace FSC Certified materials is the current issue government building projects lead Peach State to engage in the certification process in addition to LEAN operations. James Christie, Peach State introduced Spencer Lutz, President-Banks Hardwoods, Inc. “FSC-Chain of Custody Certification” How to get your company in the chain. The presentation led to lengthy group discussions surrounding the FSC Certification process. For additional information see Forest Stewardship Council, www.fsc.org. Please note that FSC is one of several certification programs available to industry that presently is consumer driven as a means of responsible forest management and utilization of the resources.
- V. At the close of the meeting Group tours of the operations of Peach State Lumber products, Inc. were conducted with expressed interest in exotic wood species and the FSC products.

Adjournment at 3:00 PM

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GA Chapter AWI Secretary

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