WMMA Networking Breakfast at AWFS

WMMA members came together early for a networking breakfast prior to the opening of Day #2 of the 2015 AWFS fair in Las Vegas.

Thank you to our sponsor!
Accredited Standards Committee O1 (ASCO1) Meeting

Members of the ASCO1 came together last week in Charlotte for two days of wood working safety standards development.

Call for ASCO1 Members!

Are you interested in contributing to the development and maintenance of valuable industry safety standards? The ASCO1 is currently looking for members in the following categories:

- General Interest
- Government
- Producer
- User

If you are interested in joining the ASCO1, email a completed Interest Category Form to WMMA Associate Director Jennifer Miller at jennifer@wmma.org.
Coming Soon!
WMMA Fall Meetings & DC Fly-In

WMMA will be hosting its Fall Meetings and DC Fly-In on September 14-17th in Washington, DC. Come together with fellow WMMA members on the Hill on September 15th to promote important industry-wide legislative issues including the MRA, Direct Expensing and Combustible Dust. If you are interested in participating contact diane@wmma.org.

Schedule
Monday, September 14th - Afternoon Committee Meetings
Tuesday, September 15th - Breakfast, Hill Visits, and Dinner
Wednesday, September 16th - WMMA Board Strategic Planning, Offsite Tour
Thursday, September 17th - WMMA Board Meeting & Strategic Planning

Hotel
Westin Crystal City Hotel
1800 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Arlington, VA 22202
Public Policy Guru to Hold Court at WMMA DC Fly-In

Ned Monroe, vice president of external relations for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), will be the featured speaker during the Wood Machinery Manufacturer of America’s Fall Committee Meetings and Public Policy Fly-In, Sept. 14-17 in Washington, DC.

Monroe, who directs public affairs activities including grassroots management for NAM, will present during the Fly-In breakfast scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Westin Crystal City Hotel in Arlington VA. He has amassed a long and illustrious career as a strong pro-business and manufacturing advocate in Washington. In addition to his current role with NAM, Monroe has served political affairs roles with the National Automatic Merchandising Association, National Restaurant Association and Associated Builders and Contractors.

Immediately following Monroe’s presentation, WMMA members will head to Capitol Hill to meet with their senators and representatives to seek support on issues that would have a positive impact on the health and vibrancy of the U.S. wood products industry. The key issues identified by the WMMA Public Policy Committee include Direct Expensing, Combustible Dust and the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Act.

For more information on participating at the Fly-In, contact Diane Schafer at diane@wmma.org

SAVE THE DATE!
April 12-15, 2016
CasaMagna Marriott
Cancun Resort
Cancun, Mexico

Dr. Chris Kuehl will bring a fresh perspective on what’s going on in the economy at WIC 2016

Dr. Chris Kuehl, Managing Director at Armada Corporate Intelligence will join WIC 2016 to provide trends and forecasts for the economy with a look at the current situation facing the economy and an analysis of future trends to watch.

Join us in Cancun for this riveting economic outlook!
WMMA Insurance Program

WMMA is in the preliminary stages of exploring the possibility of an insurance program for its members. This program might include Property, Liability, Commercial Auto, Crime and Worker’s Compensation. Ideally the plan will include a dividend program that would pay across all lines of coverage. The amount of the dividend would be determined based upon premium volume and loss history of the group on an overall basis. The dividend each member would potentially receive will be based upon their individual premium.

We have created a survey to gather your feedback regarding the insurance program. The survey is very brief and will only take about 5 minutes to complete. Please click here to complete the survey if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Your feedback will help WMMA explore the possibility of this insurance program.

Industry News:

Virginia Tech Housing Report: June 2015

June housing data was mixed - single-family starts and sales declined. From a wood products context, these are two of the most important indicators. Permits and remodeling remain positive, and existing house sales rebounded month-over-month. However, for most data reported, we must remind ourselves housing remains well below historical averages in most categories. Click here to read more.

Click here to learn more.

NAM Monday Economic Report - July 17, 2015

Last week was mostly marked by events overseas, a trend that has become commonplace of late. In this case, it was the devaluation of the Chinese yuan that rocked financial markets around the world. - See more.
Industry Calendar of Events

Note: For a complete listing of all meetings, including those held internationally, go to WMMA's website, www.wmma.org, and click on “Events.”

Have an event to add to the Industry Calendar in this newsletter? Send it to jennifer@wmma.org

September 14-17, 2015
WMMA Fall Meetings & DC Fly-In
Washington, DC
Contact info@wmma.org for more information.

October 7-8, 2015
Wood Pro Expo
Baltimore, MD
www.woodproexpo.com

November 5-7, 2015
Woodworking Machinery & Supply Expo (WMS 2015)
International Centre, Toronto
Exhibitor Info: rwidick@heiexpo.com

April 12-15, 2016
Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)
CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort
Cancun, Mexico

August 24-27, 2016
International Woodworking Fair (IWF)
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA

November 2-4, 2017
Woodworking Machinery & Supply Expo (WMS 2017)
International Centre, Toronto
Website: www.WoodworkingExpo.ca