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.

Legislative Corner

Christianson to Work with Public Policy Committee

Rich Christianson, former long-time editor of Woodworking Network, has been named Legislative Liaison for the WMMA Public Policy Committee.

Christianson is principal of Richson Media LLC, a Chicago-based communications firm focused on the North American woodworking industry. During his 30-year career, he has toured more than 200 woodworking plants throughout North America, Europe and Asia and written extensively on woodworking technology and supply trends.

Christianson has also regularly reported on legislative and regulatory issues impacting the woodworking sector. He served nearly two decades on the WMMA Public Policy Committee, including as chairman in 2013-14. He is also a past member of the WMMA Board of Directors. In his new role, Christianson will be responsible for monitoring legislation and regulatory activity, including the Public Policy Committee’s priority issues: formaldehyde, combustible dust, manufacturing reinvestment account (MRA) and direct expensing. He will provide a monthly communication to WMMA members with legislative updates on these issues and also will participate in the WMMA's DC Fly-In September 14-17.

“I’m excited and extremely gratified to be appointed by the WMMA to once again work with the WMMA and its members,” Christianson said. “WMMA has a long and proud legacy of promoting and defending the interests of its members and the wood products industry at large through the Fly-In and other initiatives spear-headed by the Public Policy Committee.”

Christianson invites WMMA members to contact him to share and discuss information related to legislative and regulatory issues. He can be reached at richsonmediapro@gmail.com or 773-822-6750.
Welcome New WMMA Members

Donaldson Torit offers manufacturers the most reliable dust collectors and filters available. When efficiency is maximized and employees are at their peak, so is the manufacturer’s productivity - and ultimately, its bottom line. Donaldson Torit products can help safeguard that bottom line with the most innovative collectors and filters, expertly engineered by its unparalleled team of R&D engineers to provide long-term value, rather than short term savings. No other dust collection manufacturer can match Donaldson Torit’s filtration solutions in delivering clean air.

Eagle Machinery & Supply, Inc. is a World Class supplier of Optimized Automation Solutions for Industrial Woodworking Applications with focus on fully integrated Dimension Mill Systems. Based in the United States and serving a global market, we are committed to providing our clients with the very best in automation solutions, training and support. We strive to form true partnerships with our clients and are committed to continuous improvement in all areas of our business.
Welcome New WMMA Members

Jutras Distribution Internationale is one of the leading importers of decorative panels in North America. Their team is specialized, skilled and knowledgeable in their products and always current on emerging market trends. Jutras Distribution is proud to offer products from some of the world’s leading manufacturers. This in turn sets them apart from competitors, enabling them to respond to their customer’s ever-changing requirements.

A key success of Jutras Distribution Internationale has been their focus in maximizing customer satisfaction. Throughout the years, Jutras Distribution Internationale has offered innovative and high quality products, superior supply chain management and a sales/customer support team that puts customers’ needs first.

Jutras Distribution Internationale has stocking Warehouse in Montreal, equipped with a first class distribution infrastructure that has the capacity and flexibility to cope with the demands of a dynamic marketplace. With a stockholding of more than 5,000 panels, associating with Jutras Distribution Internationale means quick lead times, less complications or setbacks in your future projects.

Think About It... When was the last time you saw a truly new kind of tool out there? Sure there are updates, improvements and new designs of many tools available regularly. But how often do you come across something genuinely new?

The WINBAG Is Just That - Something New...It will strike you at first as an odd looking product but don’t let the appearance fool you. The WINBAG is the most versatile and revolutionary tool that has been put on US market in many years. It will completely change the way installers do all kinds of work, making their lives a lot easier while saving them tons of time. The WINBAG is a very powerful hand operated inflatable air cushion made of fiber reinforced material. It is designed to provide a maximum pressure of up to 220 lbs. and can be used in a wide variety of applications. It gives the user infinite adjusting possibilities. But don’t take our word for it - watch the video on our website www.winbagusa.com and see the real life installer’s reaction to the WINBAG after having used WINBAGS for just one week.
SAVE THE DATE!

April 12-15, 2016
CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort
Cancun, Mexico

Member News

Product Release
For Immediate Release
July 12, 2015

New website: www.airhand.com

Air Handling Systems announces the launch of a complete redesign of its website www.airhand.com - with a new layout, responsive design, improve ordering capabilities which are designed to enhance the overall customer experience.

First launched in 1995, Air Handling Systems has continued to invest in the latest technology to ensure our customer have all the information in an easy to view and use format. Additionally, investing in responsive design allows for easy viewing on tablets and mobile devices.

For more information contact Air Handling Systems at 800-367-3828 orsales@airhand.com

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Industry News:

**Virginia Tech Housing Report: May 2015**

May housing data was mostly positive with the exception of housing and single-family starts. Remodeling has improved in 2015 but remains more than 20% less than reported for May 2014. For most data reported, we must remind ourselves that we remain well below historical averages.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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**NAM Monday Economic Report - July 13, 2015**

In the minutes for the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting June 16-17, Federal Reserve participants expressed some worry about economic challenges abroad, particularly in China and Greece. - [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

July 22-25, 2015
AWFS Fair
Las Vegas, NV
http://awfsfair.org

July 23, 2015
WMMA Networking Breakfast at AWFS
Las Vegas, NV
Members RSVP by May 31st

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

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

August 24-27, 2016
International Woodworking Fair (IWF)
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA
http://www.iwfatlanta.com/

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