WIC Brings Together Industry Members

This year’s Wood Industry Conference (WIC), which took place in San Antonio, Texas, was a great success! Record breaking attendance, strong programming, volunteer involvement and a new meeting App made this a program to be rivaled.

The meeting brought together members from key industry organizations with co-sponsors WMMA and WMIA and participation from AWFS and NBMDA. There were a total of 189 attendees represented from the participating organizations. Each organization held leadership and volunteer meetings as well as hosted sessions and other gathering. Attendees were provided with networking opportunities including a dinner at the Southwest School of Arts.

WIC’s schedule allowed for the presentation of awards, change of volunteer leadership and more. (Read about the recipient of this year’s Baldwin Award in this issue of The Cutting Edge newsletter.) All of the excitement at WIC was captured by attendees in the first-ever Alamo ‘Selfie’ Photo Challenge. 59 people downloaded the WIC App with 29 people uploading over 600 “selfies”. The winner of the Alamo Photo Challenge was Thomas Tuck from Casadei Busellato (WMIA). You can check out the selfies and other photos from WIC on the WIC Facebook Page.
Silent Auction

This year’s Silent Auction raised over $3,000, which will be donated to the Woodworking Career Alliance (WCA). Learn more about the WCA at Wood Work Career. Thank you to those who participated in the Silent Auction!

We look forward to seeing you next year in Cancun!

Save the Date!

WIC 2016 | April 12-15, 2016
Cancun, Mexico
One of the highlights of WIC was the presentation of WMMMA's Ralph B. Baldwin Award, the association's highest honor, to John Schultz, past president of the Association.

Schultz, who is president of Super Thin Saws, located in Morestown, Vermont, has a long history of service to the Association and to the industry as a whole. A 1971 graduate of MIT, he opened the company, Schultz Tool Sharpening, which became Super Thin Saws, a leader in thin kerf sawing. In 2014, Super Thin Saws, was named the Small Business Administration’s 2014 Vermont Exporter of the Year.

Within WMMA, Schultz has long been an active volunteer, serving in multiple roles including the Engineering Standards Committee, Membership Development Committee, Manufacturing Committee, and ultimately on the board of directors, where he eventually became a member of the Executive Committee, then treasurer, vice president and eventually president. He is currently the Association’s immediate past president.

The Baldwin Award is named for Ralph B. Baldwin, long-time member and past president of WMMA. During his career with Oliver Machinery Company and his involvement with the WMMA, Baldwin exemplified the commitment that makes an Association function at its peak potential. The award recognizes those who have contributed similar levels of involvement.

“We are honored to present John Schultz with this year’s Baldwin Award,” stated Jamison Scott, WMMA’s president. “He has shown extraordinary commitment and dedication to our association and our industry over the years. I cannot think of an individual more deserving of this honor.”
WMMA Announces New Board of Directors

Newly elected officers who will be serving WMMA are as follows:

Chris Hacker, Vice President (James L. Taylor Manufacturing, Poughkeepsie, NY)

Stephen Carter, Treasurer (William & Hussey Machine Co., Inc., Milford, NH)

Allen Eden, Board Member (The Original Saw Company, Britt, IA)

James E. Laster, Board Member (Newman Machine Company, Inc., Greensboro, NC)

Paul Wilmes, Board Member (Mereen-Johnson, LLC, Minneapolis, MN)

Continuing in their terms on the board of directors are the following: Jamison Scott, as President (Air Handling Systems, Woodbridge, CT), T.R. Herzog (Accu-Router, Inc., Morrison, TN), Shawn Larkin (Safety Speed Manufacturing Company, Inc., Ham Lake, MN, and Whitney Wiggin (Hendrick Manufacturing Corporation, Salem, MA).

John Schultz (Super Thin Saws, Inc., Waterbury, VT) remains on the board in the office of Immediate Past President. Other past presidents remaining on the board are Mark Chappell (Alexander Dodds Company, Grand Rapids, MI) and Tom Onsrud (C.R. Onsrud, Inc., Troutman, NC).
Miltec Celebrates 25 Years of Business

Miltec UV, located at 146 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, Maryland, USA is celebrating 25 years of business in the UV Industry. Founded in December of 1989 by Joe and Marilyn Blandford as a distributor of UV curing products, they were joined shortly thereafter by sons, Bob and Charles Blandford. The Board of Directors is Marilyn Blandford, CEO, Robert (Bob) Blandford, President, Joe Blandford, Vice President of Global Sales, and Charles Blandford, Senior Vice President.

During those 25 years, Miltec grew from four employees as a distributor, to over 65 employees and is now a global UV equipment manufacturer. Miltec is unique in that it offers both microwave powered and arc lamp systems to its customers, who represent about 30 major industries. Miltec’s research and development division, Miltec UV International, LLC is a major part of the business, always looking at innovative ways to optimize the use of UV technology. Currently, the company has a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contract to develop processes to utilize UV technology in the production of lithium ion batteries to reduce cost in vehicle technology.

Along with being chosen a top vendor by many of its customers, the company was a winner of the 2012 IWF’s Challenger’s Award for its innovative HPI Gloss Control UV Curing System. Miltec’s President, Bob Blandford was honored as a finalist for the International Leadership Award by the Maryland Trade Center Institute in 2013.

Miltec has set a new benchmark for UV curing equipment making their systems the clear choice for those interested in maximizing production & profits. Miltec reputation has been consistent with its mission of building long term relationships with customers by providing high quality products at reasonable prices and with excellent customer service, while upholding a high code of ethics.

While the company has overcome and continues to thrive in spite of many challenges and changes over the years, it has been the most appreciative and proud of the loyal customers who have been part of their success. As new opportunities arise, Miltec looks forward to further growth with new customers and serving past customers in the coming years. Please visit their new website at www.miltec.com for additional company information and products.
Industry News:

How Mushrooms Can Be Used To Make Particle Board Less Toxic

In episode 8 of The Spark, a New York company is turning to an unlikely alternative to a known carcinogen in a common building product. Click here to read more.

Housing Report: New Single Family Home Sales Up

March housing data was mixed - similar to the months since the 2008 recession ended. The best performers were SF starts and existing house sales. However, SF starts declined year-over-year. Taking a huge hit (or miss) was new single-family house sales; which declined precipitously. Click here to learn more.

Latest from the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

Monday Economic Report May 18, 2015: Once again, there was evidence last week that significant headwinds have dampened activity in the manufacturing sector. The sector added just 1,000 net new workers in April, marking the third consecutive month with soft hiring. - See more at: Monday Economic Report

Manufacturing Economic Update May 14, 2015: The global economy has garnered a lot of attention lately, with sluggish growth hampering the ability of manufacturers to increase international sales. Indeed, net exports served as a drag on real GDP in the United States in each of the past two quarters, subtracting 1.25 percentage points from growth in the first quarter of 2015. - Learn more in NAM’s Global Manufacturing Economic Update.

Revised ANSI Standard O1.1-1

A revision of the ANSI standard O1.1-1, entitled 01.1-1 (2015)

Safety Requirements for Fixed Angle Jump Saws, has been published and is available for purchase through the ANSI e-standard store. WMMA Members are entitled to receive one complimentary copy of the standard per company upon request. Click here to request a copy of the standard.
Coming Soon: Fall Meetings & DC Fly-In

WMMA will be hosting this year’s Fall Meetings and DC Fly-In on September 14-17th. All WMMA members are invited to participate in the DC Fly-In activities on Tuesday, September 15th. More details coming soon.

WMMA Networking Breakfast at AWFS

WMMA is pleased to invite your company and exhibiting staff to a networking breakfast during the AWFS Fair. We will be showcasing WMMA and member benefits as well as the importance of committee work including Public Policy, Membership Development, International Business Development, Technical Standards, etc. Hear from our committee chairs about each valuable program as well as ways to become more involved in helping your company take advantage of the many programs WMMA has to offer.

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 am
Location: Rooms N225/N226, Las Vegas Convention Center
3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Click here for more information and details on reserving your seat. Space is limited so RSVP today!

Thank you to our sponsor!

Welcome New WMMA Members!

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Members RSVP by May 31st

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WMMA Fall Meetings & DC
Fly-In Washington, DC

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

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**May 31, 2015**

Deadline to apply for LIGNA pavilion

Information: Contact WMMA Headquarters or [Click Here](http://www.wmma.org).

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**April 21-24, 2015**

Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, TX
[http://www.wmma.org](http://www.wmma.org)

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**May 11-15, 2015**

LIGNA
Hannover, Germany
[www.ligna.de/home](http://www.ligna.de/home)

Interested in participating in WMMA’s pavilion at LIGNA? Contact Fred Stringfellow at fred@wmma.org.

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