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On August 15, 2014, the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) received official approval as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Developer of architectural woodwork standards. AWI pursued and achieved this status without notifying the Woodwork Institute or the other JSC standards partner, the Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada (AWMAC), while at the same time collaborating on Architectural Woodwork Standards, Second Edition.

AWI’s independent pursuit of standards did not sit well with WI or AWMAC, and both organizations have been talking to AWI since then, primarily regarding equal ownership of the next standard. Unfortunately, ownership of an ANSI standard can only be held by one Standards Developing Organization (SDO). Different proposals were discussed, including the creation of one SDO equally owned by the three associations; however, AWI was not open to this option or other alternatives to its individual ownership.

Due to the lack of initial collaboration, reluctance to address equal ownership concerns, and AWI’s recent notice to both WI and AWMAC that it intends to continue its development of an ANSI Standard as the sole SDO, WI and AWMAC had no choice but to begin the dissolution of the Joint Standards Committee that created Architectural Woodwork Standards, First and Second Editions.

Although WI is dismayed that AWI has chosen to disregard the purpose of the JSC as defined in its operating agreement — to “create, maintain, update, and clarify as needed, a single architectural woodwork standard,” WI is excited to enter a new chapter in standards development for architectural woodwork in North America.

To read AWMAC’s message to its members about North American woodwork standards, visit www.awmac.com/news/218
Woodwork Institute stepping up promotion of Affiliate companies

Woodwork Institute — the leader in inspecting and certifying the quality of architectural woodwork — has taken a major new step toward elevating the professional status of its architectural millwork companies.

The Board of Directors is implementing additional benefits and changes designed to enhance the credibility, reputation, and image of the Institute’s Affiliates and the entire architectural woodwork community at large.

The Board approved these changes as part of its ongoing effort to position WI as the credible and unbiased standards authority, certification organization, and inspection service provider to the woodworking, construction, and design community. They became effective January 1, 2016.

These changes will result in a number of additional benefits to Woodwork Institute Affiliates, including:

- Promotion to Design Professionals of requiring Accredited Millwork Company (AMC) qualifications as part of project specifications. Woodwork Institute Directors of Architectural Services are already working with architects on this specification.
- An Affiliate certificate for primary and branch locations, and being listed as an Affiliate on the website and in the Roster, Details, and Archetype.
- The opportunity to have an employee representative participate in Woodwork Institute’s decision-making processes via a tri-annual Advisory Committee, with input that will be forwarded to the Woodwork Institute CEO and Board of Directors.

The Woodwork Institute membership categories have changed to affiliate categories as follows:

- Active Members, Member Licensees, and Non-member Licensees have become one category: Accredited Millwork Company (AMC).
- Associate Members are now Millwork Industry Partners (MIPs).
- Signatories, required for companies to self-certify projects, are now Certified Millwork Professionals (CMPs).

Woodwork Institute looks forward to continuing its relationship with its Affiliates, one in which WI can grow and enhance the credibility, reputation, and image of the woodworking, construction, and design professional industry.
California architects endorse Woodwork Institute

Woodwork Institute is proud to announce that the American Institute of Architects California Council has endorsed WI as “millwork specifier and certifier.”

In its endorsement letter to Woodwork Institute, AIACC noted that it commends the Woodwork Institute for its “tremendous contributions to the design and construction industry.”

The letter goes on to say that “The AIACC recognizes the quality of your organization and the time WI puts forth in ensuring all architects and other design professionals have a means through which to place the high-end stamp of millwork on their designs.”

“Thus, based on the Woodwork Institute’s continued education of the AIA community towards quality architectural millwork specifications and design, and its corresponding quality assurance and quality affirmation programs, the AIACC endorses the Woodwork Institute as ‘millwork specifier and certifier.’”

Woodwork Institute — the leader in inspecting and certifying the quality of architectural woodworking — provides a variety of quality assurance programs, including Certified Compliance, Monitored Compliance, and Certified Seismic Installation programs.

Woodwork Institute is working on behalf of members to share this endorsement news with architects throughout the state to increase...
Raymond T. Cerulli, II, became chair of the Woodwork Institute Board of Directors in October of 2015. In this Q&A, Ray shares what the Woodwork Institute means to him and the future he’d like for the organization.

Q. What is your background in the building industry?
A. I’ve been playing with sawdust since 1984 when I started as an entry-level employee at Plastic Tops. I started by pushing a broom, and I’ve worked all aspects of our company.

Q. How did you become involved in WI?
A. When I joined Plastic Tops, they had already been a proud WI member since 1973.

Q. Why do you continue to be involved in WI?
A. The fundamental reasons — 1. The high standards and quality companies that are Accredited Millwork Companies ensure our products last, and that makes them specified again and again. 2. A level bidding field.

Q. What do you hope to achieve during your term as Chair?
A. My goal is to work closely with the rest of the WI Board members in guiding WI with its “Assurance Through Certification” so our fine products are specified again and again.

Q. How do you envision the future of WI?
A. I envision WI growing nationally with its outstanding work of assurance through certification.

Q. Is there anything else you’d like to share?
A. I’ve had the pleasure to volunteer and serve on the Board with some of the finest and most ethical men and women in our industry who continually put on their “industry-first” hat every time the Board meets.
Woodwork Institute honors founders as first Fellows

The Woodwork Institute has inducted the inaugural class of honorees for its Fellowship Award. The inductees include those who founded and built the Institute as it is known today.

The WI Fellowship Award was created to honor individuals for their lifetime of significant achievements and service to the woodworking industry.

“Since we’re working on the future of the Woodwork Institute, it’s appropriate to honor our past and those early volunteer industry leaders that contributed so much,” said Ray Cerulli, Chair of the WI Board of Directors. “These leaders and their vision to make the Woodwork Institute the industry leader in standards with assurance through certification, are the foundation of our future vision and work.”

The following volunteers, members, directors, officers, and staff were major forces in the creation and development of the Woodwork Institute of California, now known as the Woodwork Institute:

**FOUNDING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

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MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Sherman “Sherry” Karns *
Hollenbeck Bush Planing Mill
- Visionary and Editor of the Manual of Millwork, first published 1953
- Technical Committee Chair 1953-1966, MM Editions 1-4

Erick Ahlbom *
Sierra Mill & Lumber Co./Nor-Cal Millwork, Inc.
- Director 1967-1972
- 2nd Vice President 1968
- 1st Vice President 1969
- President 1970-1
- Technical Committee Chair 1967-1976, MM Edition 5

Reginald “Reg” Taylor *
Taylor Millwork & Stair Company, Inc.
- Director 1959-1962
- President 1961
- Technical Committee Chair 1976-1984, MM Edition 6

C.E. “Ed” Bernhauer *
Fresno Planing Mill
- Treasurer – 1967-1992
- Technical Committee Chair 1984-1993, MM Edition 7-8
- Honored “WI Treasurer Emirates” 1993
- C. E. Bernhauer Scholarship Foundation established 1998

Ralph B. McClure *
Union Planing Mill
- 2nd Vice President 1984, 1987
- 1st Vice President 1972, 1978-9
- President 1973-5
- Technical Committee Chair 1993-2003, MM Editions 9-10
- Ralph B. McClure Craftsmanship Award established 1994

STAFF

Bernie B. Barber, Jr. *
Woodwork Institute or California (WIC)
- WI CEO 1956-1993
- Honored “WI CEO Emeritus” 1994
- Bernie B. Barber, Jr. Award of Excellence established 1965

Wilbur L. Johnston *
Woodwork Institute of California (WIC)
- Director of Architectural Services (DAS) 1968 – 1994
- CSI Fellow 1984
- Wilbur L. Johnston Award of Excellence established 1995

* Deceased
** Founding organizer
The Woodwork Institute C.E. Bernhauer, Jr., Scholarship Foundation has awarded a $2,000 scholarship to each of two future members of the woodwork industry.

As a high school senior, Caleb Harrison worked at Wood Works by the Lake, where he was one of three employees building custom furniture. He is a freshman at Upper Iowa University majoring in business management. After college graduation, he intends to return to Wood Works by the Lake to learn his craft and eventually open his own shop.

Caleb said his goal in the woodwork industry is “to provide a useful service for my community, a profitable business for myself, and to a job creator for my state.”

Taylor Barnhardt is in her second semester as a freshman in the engineering school at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is majoring in architectural engineering. During high school Taylor had the opportunity to job shadow architects, interior designers and mechanical engineers.

Taylor said that through that job exploration she “found that architecture is definitely something I’m passionate about, and I plan on pursuing a career in the architectural world.”

How to apply

For more information or to apply for the Bernhauer Scholarship, please visit www.woodworkinstitute.com and click on “Recognition” then “C.E. Bernhauer Jr. Scholarship Foundation.”
Fran Stoops, a long-time affiliate of Woodwork Institute and the association’s first female board member, died Jan. 25.

Ms. Stoops was one of the first women in the industry to own a millwork business. She was on the Woodwork Institute Board of Directors from May of 1995 through October of 2009. Her firm, RDS Cabinets, had been a member since 1993.

She was well respected in the woodworking industry.

- “Fran was no doubt a pioneer in our industry and on our board. I feel like I’ve lost an aunt. The world is a lesser place without her.” — Don Lorey, President and CEO of E.B. Bradley Co. and a former Chair of WI and current board member

- “Fran was a staunch supporter of WI and the standards. She was a great contributor to the board. We are diminished.”
  — Bill Fenstermacher, President, Wood Connection Inc.

- “It was an honor to serve on the board of directors with Fran. She was an asset to WI.”
  — Dick McClure, WI Director of Architectural and Marketing Services
WI mourns death of former Director and employee “Nick” Nicholson

Donald E. “Nick” Nicholson, a long-time member of the woodwork industry and a past Woodwork Institute volunteer and employee, passed away on Feb. 8. He was 90.

Mr. Nicholson was born Nov. 11, 1925, in Long Beach. He worked with schools for more than 14 years as WI’s Director of Educational Services. He had also owned Nicholson Wood Products in Lakewood, Calif.

“Nick was a great advocate for woodworking in the school system and a great ambassador for the scholarship foundation,” said Stanley “Rob” Gustafson, CEO of Woodwork Institute.

Mr. Nicholson was 2nd Vice President of the Woodwork Institute from 1992 to 1994 and a Director from 1990 to 1993. In addition, he was employed with WI as a Director of Architectural Services from 1994 to 2000 and as the Director of Educational Services from 2000 to 2013.
The Woodwork Institute has honored Dennis Reeves, Inc., and Boulder Associates Architects with its Ralph B. McClure Craftsmanship Award and Bernard B. Barber, Jr., Award for Excellence for their work on the Sansum Clinic Foothill Medical Office Building in Santa Barbara.

The McClure Craftsmanship Award honors exceptional craftsmanship and/or installation of architectural millwork by a Woodwork Institute member.

The Barber Award for Excellence honors design professionals for projects in which the interior or exterior architectural millwork is a predominant feature.

The same project was submitted and chosen the winner for both awards this year. In selecting the Sansum Clinic project for these awards, the judges offered the following comments:

- “The variety of interior millwork looks well executed on all areas.”
- “Overall, size, scope, complexity, and execution were superior.”
- “Very large project in a pretty short time frame. Was a lot of variety of different types of work. Lots of different materials.”
- “Millwork was incorporated extensively throughout the project with a great variety of products. A millwork show piece for the architect and fabricator. Functional, practical, beautiful.”

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According to Boulder Associates, the project consisted of approximately 48,000 square feet of medical office and 12,000 square feet of ambulatory surgery center tenant improvement constructed within two new “shell” buildings on a single medical office campus developed and built by a local real estate developer.

Sansum Clinic negotiated a long-term 30-year lease for the entire project site from the developer/owner. The project budget was set at $13.7 million with a 14-month construction duration.

Dennis Reeves, Inc., supplied customized casework and countertops for clinical departments as well as an on-site commercial retail cafe to accommodate both staff and patients. The millwork packages, dependent on clinic, incorporated plastic laminate, 1/2-inch-thick solid surface, and stainless steel countertops.

The majority of the casework utilized wood grained plastic laminate cabinet panels with integral colored 3 mil edge banding. Material choices included products from Wilsonart, Formica, Avonite, Caesarstone, and Mockett hardware.

Have your work recognized and publicized by the Woodwork Institute!

To enter the McClure or Barber awards for 2016, submit an application by **April 30, 2016**. Applications can be found on the Woodwork Institute website, under Recognition and the specific award program page.
Changes and updates to WI website

WI is constantly changing and updating its website to provide information to Affiliates and architects. Following are recent additions and changes to the resources available on www.woodworkinstitute.com:

New program and feature:
- FSC group certification benefit
- Events function with calendar and information on WI Area Meetings

Updated resources related to affiliation:
- New affiliation application forms
- New affiliation renewal forms
- New Affiliate logos
- Updated cost sheets
- Updated Programs and Services Manual

New recognitions for 2016:
- New Ralph B. McClure Award winner
- New Bernard B. Barber, Jr., Award winner
- The first WI Fellowship Award inductees
- Scholarship winners for 2016

New information for architects:
- Announcement of the AIA California Council endorsement of Woodwork Institute
- New information and flier regarding WI Quality Assurance options
- New information on specifying Accredited Millwork Companies

Woodwork Institute’s Key Quality Assurance Options

WI aims to elevate the quality of architectural millwork through our programs, services, and offerings, which include:

- The Architectural Woodwork Standards – the leading industry standards manual, produced as a joint project of Woodwork Institute, the Architectural Woodwork Institute, and Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada.
- WI’s Certified Compliance Program – a quality assurance program that verifies project specifications have been met.
- WI’s Monitoring Compliance Program – an ongoing quality assurance program that verifies project specifications are being met throughout production.
- WI’s Certified Installation Program – a quality assurance program that provides DHSF-qualified preapproved technical engineering and specifications and ensures installation specifications have been met.

Accredited Millwork Companies (AMCs)

Specifying both a WI AMC and a WI Quality Assurance Program for your project will provide you the peace of mind that your project will be executed to your specifications.

Click the image above to download a brochure on WI’s quality assurance options.
WI adds new items from Grass and Hafele to Acknowledged Product list

GRASS HINGES AND DRAWER SLIDE
Woodwork Institute has recognized the following hinges and drawer slide from Grass America, Inc., as being in compliance with the Architectural Woodwork Standards’ minimum requirements:

- Grass Tiomos, Self-Close, Grade 2, 120° Opening Hinge
- Grass Tiomos, Soft-Close, Grade 2, 120° Opening Hinge
- Grass Tiomos, Self-Close, Grade 2, 160° Opening Hinge
- Grass Tiomos, Soft-Close, Grade 2, 160° Opening Hinge
- Grass Nexis NX83, Self-Close, Grade 2, 125° Opening Hinge
- Grass Nexis NX93, Self-Close, Grade 2, 170° Opening Hinge
- Grass Nova Pro FE Soft-Close, Full Extension, Concealed Drawer Slide

HAFELE SHELF SUPPORTS
Woodwork Institute has recognized the following shelf supports from Hafele America Co., Inc., as being in compliance with the Architectural Woodwork Standards’ minimum requirements.

- Hafele, 282.24.727 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.24.717 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.24.733 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.24.728 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.24.718 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.26.701 Shelf Support
- Hafele, 282.26.706 Shelf Support

These products have been listed on WI’s website. To access the Acknowledged Product listing, visit www.woodworkinstitute.com and click the “Acknowledged Products” menu item in the top of the page in the green bar.