

AWPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

From: AWPA President, Kim Merritt

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Greetings from the AWPA Executive Committee! We hope this update finds everyone well and enjoying the summer!

For those of you who were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed the 114th Annual Meeting. Seattle was a fantastic destination and we are grateful to everyone who helped make this year's meeting a success! For those that weren't able to attend, we certainly missed you and look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Technical Committee Meetings.

Prior to this year's Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee also held an April meeting in Seattle, and we wanted to update you on some of the items discussed and the resulting activities.

- In an effort to improve communication between the AWPA Membership and the Executive Committee, it was agreed that any proposed changes to the Technical Committee Regulations will be posted on the AWPA website. This information can be found on the Executive Committee Information Page inside the AWPA Members Area at <http://www.awpa.com/members/executive/index.aspx>. We hope that you will review this information as it is made available and we welcome your comments.

- Also listed on the Executive Committee Information Page are the EC Meeting Minutes, the EC Reference Manual, a listing of the 2018-2019 EC Members, and a listing of several smaller Committees at work within the EC. Committee work that may be of specific interest to you include:
 - Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee – Peter Osborne, Program Chair
Planning is underway to put together an exciting program for next year's Annual Meeting to be held May 5-7, 2019 at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, Florida.
 - Executive Committee Guidelines Committee – Kim Merritt, Chair
Efforts are being made to complete the EC Reference Manual that is intended to list the duties of the Executive Committee Officers and Members.
 - Finance Committee – Ken Laughlin, Chair
Simply, this group is dedicated to the development and planning of sound business strategies to ensure the financial well-being of AWPA. The Finance Committee held a meeting in Seattle with many of our Sponsors to solicit their feedback, concerns, and "vision" for the future. As a result, four of the current Sponsors were asked to actively serve as advisors to this committee. We certainly appreciate their willingness to serve in this capacity and we value their opinion as we work together to ensure sustained financial growth and stability for the association.
 - Strategic Planning Committee
Similar in function to the Finance Committee, this group is actively working on strategic goals and future direction.
 - Membership Committee – Patrick Stark, Chair
This committee is responsible for tracking AWPA Membership and the development of innovative ways to recruit new members and broaden industry participation in the standardization process.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August in Birmingham, Alabama. We plan to update you as to any discussion and action that may result. It is important to us that we receive your feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns!

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing you all in Boston for the Fall Technical Committee Meetings. Your Membership and participation is vital to the success of the American Wood Protection Association and we are thankful for your continued support!!

On behalf of the AWPA Executive Committee – thank you!