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Newsletter of the Architectural Woodwork Institute

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AWILL Refines Planning, Announces Education Schedule

Armed with a blueprint of AWI's new strategic plan, the Executive Management Team of the Architectural Woodwork Institute of Life-long Learning (AWILL) refined the AWILL planning process and educational offerings for 2007 through 2010.

The team established five preferred educational futures which state that by 2013 AWILL will:

- Secure funding from state, federal and other resources apart from membership and non-dues revenue to support Life-long Learning initiatives, and establish a 501(c)(3) foundation to receive and distribute charitable contributions. (2007-2010)
- Create a resource center for the recruitment of architectural woodworkers and identify human resource-related best practices by means of liaison with schools/universities and grant applications for the purpose of augmenting a qualified employee pool for member companies. (2007-2010)
- Develop a system of continuous improvement based on outcome assessment instruments, including more advanced use of the current AWI member survey responses. (2007-2013)

- Publish and distribute resources for use in meeting these preferred futures and goals, including: 1) a regular column in *Design Solutions* to report AWILL successes in workforce training

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Dallas, TX, with its renowned skyline, will host Winter CATE, February 21-24, 2007.



Photo: Credit: Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau

AWI Announces Top Honorees in Annual Awards of Excellence Program

AWI congratulates the winners of the 2006 AWI Standards of Excellence Awards. The winning projects were announced on October 6 at the AWI Annual Celebration in New Orleans.

Those eligible for Standards of Excellence honors are AWI Manufacturing Members whose projects were showcased in the previous eight issues of AWI's *Design Solutions* Magazine. Nominees were judged by a panel of AWI Past Presidents and senior staff on their outstanding execution of fine architectural woodwork. Congratulations to all winners!

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The Nor'wood Development Corporate Offices project was crafted by Salina Planing Mill.

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Best Corporate Project and 2006 Grand Winner

AWI Manufacturing Member: Salina Planing Mill, Salina, KS
Project: Nor'wood Development Corporate Offices, Colorado Springs, CO

Best Civic Project

AWI Manufacturing Member: Federal Millwork Corporation, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Project: University of Miami Convocation Center, Hurricane 100 Room, Coral Gables, FL

Best Private Project

AWI Manufacturing Member: Amherst Woodworking & Supply, Inc., Northampton, MA
Project: Metro Boston Private Residence, Boston, MA

Best Museum Project

AWI Manufacturing Member: Creative Arts Unlimited, Inc., Pinellas Park, FL
Project: Bishop Planetarium Lobby, Bradenton, FL

Best Healthcare Project

AWI Manufacturing Member: Harney Woodworking, Taneytown, MD
Project: Washington House Renovation, Alexandria, VA

Best Education Project

AWI Manufacturing Member: Wilkie Sanderson, Sauk Rapids, MN
Project: Wheelock Whitney Hall, Minneapolis, MN

For AWI Manufacturing Members thinking about next year, remember that the Awards of Excellence Program is open to all projects submitted to and showcased in *Design Solutions* Magazine. The circulation of AWI's quarterly, full-color publication includes 25,000 architects, design professionals, and AWI members. Submissions are open to all AWI Manufacturing Members. Become an Award of Excellence nominee by simply completing the submittal forms and instruction sheet on the AWI web site, www.awinet.org. ■

Seasons Greetings

*Wishing AWI Members
and Friends in the Architectural
Woodwork Community Warm
Wishes for a Joyous Holiday
Season and a Prosperous and
Healthy New Year.*



AWI Promotes Kara Thorp

On November 1, Kara Thorp was promoted to Director of Marketing and Communications for AWI. Ms. Thorp joined AWI in 2004 as QCP Participant and Marketing Coordinator. In that role, she assisted applicant firms and was responsible for creating and distributing the program's first quarterly e-newsletter and its dedicated web site, www.awiqcp.org.



Kara Thorp

Prior to joining AWI, Ms. Thorp was Public Relations Specialist for the National Automobile Dealers Association, and Public Relations Intern with the Virginia Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Ms. Thorp replaces Phil Duvic who was recently appointed Executive Vice President of AWI. Ms. Thorp holds a B.A. in Communications from George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. ■

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About QCP

QCP Growth Continues

Welcome to the AWI Quality Certification Program (QCP). AWI congratulates these new participants and commends their desire for maintaining the highest quality workmanship not only by complying with the *Quality Standards Illustrated* but also by seeking certification of their projects. Visit www.awiqcp.org for more information about QCP or call the offices toll-free at 1.800.449.8811.

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1500, 1700 ■

Easy Steps to Renew QCP Certification

Are you a QCP participant in good standing? To achieve this status, all currently certified QCP firms are required to renew their participation each year, as well as undergo biennial testing and re-inspections.

Maintaining your status in QCP got easier in 2006 with new quick, easy and secure resources on the QCP web site, www.awiqcp.org. Simply go to the web site and click on “Renew Certification” to quickly and securely submit your 2007 annual renewal payment and continue your participation in the program. Enter the username and password listed on your renewal invoice. Renewals are due December 31, 2006.

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In the Field... Member Company News

Panel Source International, Inc. (AWI Supplier Member since 2003) has announced the appointment of Steve Umansky as Market Manager-East. He will be responsible for all areas of market development and market management for Panel Source activities in eastern North America. He will develop a select group of authorized distributors for both the Pyroblock® and PureKor® product groups available from the company.

Roseburg Forest Products Company (Manufacturing Member since 2006) and Georgia-Pacific Corporation have reached an agreement to sell six Georgia-Pacific industrial wood products mills to Roseburg. The mills are located at Taylorsville, Louisville, Eupora, and Oxford, MS; Russellville, SC; and Vienna, GA. The acquisition makes Roseburg one of the largest manufacturers of particleboard products in the U.S.



Gene Newburg

Stiles Machinery, Inc. (AWI Supplier Member since 1996) has announced a number of personnel changes: Gene Newburg has been promoted to Vice President of Industrial Sales; Ernie Johnson was promoted from National Parts Manager to Director of Customer Care, a newly created position; and Dave Troeter was appointed National Parts Manager. In addition, Stiles has welcomed Peter Van Dyke as product specialist. He will be responsible for product management of Sanders in the Great Lakes, MI region.



Ernie Johnson

Negotiations between the top management of the **SCM Group** (AWI Supplier Member since 1983) and **Delmac Spa** have resulted in the acquisition of the majority share of Delmac by the SCM Group. With this investment in Delmac, the SCM Group will considerably strengthen its position as one of the prime leaders of the world's woodworking machinery sector. Delmac Machinery Group (AWI Supplier Member since 1995) is one of the Delmac Companies.

The management structure at **Stephenson Millwork Company, Inc.** (AWI Manufacturing Member since 1955) was realigned effective October 2, when Russell L. Stephenson, Jr. assumed the title of Chairman and CEO and Russell Lee Stephenson, III took over the position of President. Michael D. Thatcher was promoted to Executive Vice President. The family business was founded by Russell Stephenson, Sr. in 1945. ■

AWILL Refines Planning... (cont. from page 1)

to the membership and design community; 2) new content and delivery systems for training and development (i.e., e-Learning, webinars, CD- and DVD-based programs); and 3) a web-based library with multimedia resources classified for ease of use for members to download (e.g., an AWILL newsletter, AWILL PodCasts and VideoCasts and other methods/media). (2007-2010)

- Identify and publish educational and skills paths with a formalized sequential curriculum for the development of primary job positions for architectural woodworkers through use of skill standards and train-the-trainer programs; and establish a designated AWI/trade school network for the development of employees, which may include AWI-directed/endorsed education offerings, and/or AWI-owned and -operated training center(s). (2010-2013)
- Offer an operational training and development service for hire with a contract service that is available to members at a quoted price along with identified state and federal sources of funding for training. (2010-2013)

The AWILL Executive Management Team, currently chaired by Scott Nelson (AWI Past President – 2002 to 2003) of Central Plains Millwork, will meet annually at the AWI Spring Leadership Conference to prepare budgets and programming for the upcoming year. In the spring of 2007, the team will have fulfilled their two-year terms of office.

The new forward-looking planning cycle is aimed at realizing cost efficiencies at venues, and, most importantly, affording members an opportunity to build professional development for top executives and middle managers. The AWILL Executive Management Team is focused on delivering educational sessions that members can use to develop a knowledgeable and skilled team of professionals who apply the best industry practices to grow their company's business. ■

2007 AWILL Education Schedule Mark Your Calendar!

AWI members will want to carve out time for executive and managerial development in 2007 according to the following schedule.

February 21-24 • Dallas, TX

Winter Career and Technology Education (CATE) sessions for executives and managers

April 11-14 • Minneapolis, MN

Spring learning for rising executives at AWI Spring Tours & Leadership Conference

July 19-21 • Las Vegas, NV

Summer AWILL sessions at AWFS® Fair, including an improved Plant Scheduling Module

September 14-15 • Seattle, WA

Fall traditional seminars for managers (Project Management & Estimating Seminars only)

October 4-6 • Louisville, KY

Sessions for top executives at the AWI Convention

Easy Steps to Renew QCP... (cont. from page 3)

To retest, just click on the "Take Test" option under the top menu bar on the web site. Simply advance through the test one question at a time. It's an open book test and you can review all questions and answers before you "submit" the test for grading. The QCP office has notified all firms required to retest by e-mail or fax, and has provided each with a unique username and password for the test.

Should you forget or misplace your username and password for the QCP web site, please call 1.800.449.8811 toll-free. ■



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