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Spring Engineered Wood Journal in the Works

The spring issue of the *Engineered Wood Journal* is scheduled to be mailed to members by the end of March. Highlighted in this issue: The results of the annual Business Outlook Survey; a question-and-answer with professors of university wood products programs; a feature on the increased role of multifamily housing in the industry; and the annual EWTA Membership Directory. The deadline for EWTA member inclusion in the directory is Monday, February 1. Members can choose to upgrade their complimentary listing with a color logo or an advertisement within the spring issue. Please contact Melinda Lilley at mlilley@engineeredwood.org or 206-818-7432 by February 1 to place your ad and/or add your logo.

EWTA Spring Membership Meeting Scheduled in April

The EWTA Spring Advisory Committee Meeting will be held April 6, the evening prior to the Panel and Engineered Lumber International Conference and Expo (PELICE) in Atlanta. The PELICE conference is held every other year and features presentations and a trade show for and by engineered wood manufacturers and product specialists. More information about PELICE can be found on the event's [website](#). Details about the EWTA Advisory Committee meeting will follow.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting and Info Fair Slated for November

It's never too early to start planning! The 2016 APA Annual Meeting and EWTA Info Fair are scheduled for November 5–7, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida. Exhibit registration opens April 1, and "Early Bird" registration deadline is August 29. Meeting registration opens July 20. For Info Fair exhibit information, contact Melinda Lilley at mlilley@engineeredwood.org or (206) 818-7432. For APA Annual Meeting information, contact Kim Sivertsen at kim.sivertsen@apawood.org. Check out the 2015 Info Fair group and individual photos, posted on the EWTA's [Facebook page](#) and "Like" our page!

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EWTA Welcomes New Member

A new member—**BRUKS Rockwood**—has joined EWTA. BRUKS, a specialty materials handling company known in North America for its drum chippers, has offices in Alpharetta, Georgia, and has a 120-year history in innovative equipment for wood chipping and hogging. North America Sales Manager Rene van der Merwe can be reached at rve@bruks.com.

Michelman Offers New Coating Product

Michelman is offering a new platen coating for use on laminated strand board, oriented strand board, medium density fiberboard and particle board presses, the company announced in a news release. The solution, called Michem Release Agent 9004, is sprayed, rolled or wiped directly on to the press platen prior to processing. The product is one in a family of Michem release agents manufactured by Michelman.

SonicAire Adds New Clients

SonicAire announced in a press release that it recently gained 11 new wood processor clients: Coastland Wood Industries, Gilbert Smith Forest Products, Green Lumber Co, Horizon Wood Products, Kamps Pallets, Pollard Lumber Co., Richard Squier Pallets Inc., Roy O. Martin Plywood, Uniboard Canada, Universal Forest Products and Woodgrain Doors. SonicAire fans direct high mass and high velocity air flow so that combustible dust is prevented from accumulating in overhead areas and on overhead structures in wood processing plants.

New Design to Sweed's Dryer Accumulator

Changes to **Sweed Machinery Inc.**'s veneer dryer accumulator design has resulted in several innovative features that make it more efficient to run, simpler to operate and easier to maintain for veneer mills, according to a company press release. A major change on Sweed's Accu-Matic is in the accumulator arms. Previously, the arms were indirectly powered via a roller chain. The new design includes direct-driven accumulator arms that are powered by a hydraulic motor and guided by a timed rack and pinion. The change to the direct-drive results in fewer moving parts and less required maintenance.

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B&W MEGTEC Supplying Equipment to RoyOMartin

B&W MEGTEC has been selected to design and manufacture environmental equipment for emissions abatement at RoyOMartin's new oriented strand board (OSB) facility in Corrigan, Texas, MEGTEC announced in a press release. B&W MEGTEC will supply complete particulate control, volatile organic compound (VOC) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) abatement systems consisting of venturi scrubbers, separators and regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) systems. The OSB plant manufactures structural wood paneling for the housing, construction and related industries.

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PELICE Scheduled for April 7–8

The Panel and Engineered Lumber International Conference and Expo (PELICE) show is scheduled for April 7–8 in Atlanta. The popular biennial event is attended by many members of EWTA and the engineered wood industry. The expo follows the Wood Bioenergy Conference and Expo April 5–6. Both events will be held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta. PELICE offers marketing forecasts and technical presentations on veneer, plywood, OSB, MDF, particleboard, and other engineered wood products. Visit the event [website](#) to register.

American Wood Council Elects New Chairman

The American Wood Council recently announced the election of Boise Cascade CEO Tom Corrick as the new AWC chairman for a one-year term. Andrew Miller, CEO of Stimson Lumber, was elected the first vice-chairman and Allyn Ford, president and CEO of Roseburg Forest Products, was elected as second vice-chairman. Sierra Pacific President George Emmerson will serve as the immediate past chairman.

Training Programs Scheduled at CRC

The Center for Renewable Carbon at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is hosting several upcoming training programs.

- Feb. 23–25, Statistical Process Control and Statistical Methods for Lean Systems
- March 8–10, Design of Experiments for Manufacturers
- May 3–6, Advanced Statistical Seminars for Manufacturers

All programs are held at the CRC in Knoxville, Tennessee. For further information and registration, visit www.spc4lean.com.

GP Selling Engineered Lumber Business to Boise Cascade

Georgia-Pacific LLC announced December 21 that it has reached an agreement to sell its engineered lumber business to Boise Cascade for \$215 million, including working capital. The transaction is subject to standard regulatory review and other customary closing conditions. Once completed, the sale will include the engineered lumber operations located at Thorsby, Alabama, (approximately 230 employees) and Roxboro, North Carolina (approximately 40 employees), along with a commercial sales and technical team.

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