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EWTA Meets, Votes to Allocate \$40,000 in Funding

At the Engineered Wood Technology Association Advisory Committee's spring meeting April 6, the committee agreed to provide \$40,000 of additional support to an APA research project on fire-retardant treated glulam and structural composite lumber, pending receipt of a study plan overview. This is in addition to EWTA's 2016 budget of \$50,000 for five APA projects, bringing EWTA's total expected contribution to industry research this year to \$90,000. The decision to allocate the additional funds followed a strong financial 2015 year-end report, updates on EWTA membership and reports of current research projects supported by EWTA. The meeting coincided with the PELICE industry symposium in Atlanta. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EWTA Advisory Committee is slated for November 5, 2016, in Bonita Springs, Florida. For more information about the EWTA Advisory Committee, contact Terry Kerwood, Managing Director, at terryk@engineeredwood.org

Early Bird Info Fair Registration Open

Early registration for EWTA's 2016 Info Fair is now open through August 29. The event, along with APA's Annual Meeting, is scheduled for November 5–7, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida. Annual Meeting registration opens July 20. Click [here](#) to view the various sponsorship opportunities and click [here](#) to view the Info Fair registration website.

For Info Fair exhibit information, contact Melinda Lilley at mlilley@engineeredwood.org or (206) 818-7432. Check out the 2015 Info Fair group and individual photos, posted on the EWTA's Facebook page here: Link [here](#) and "Like" our page!

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EWTA Adopts Engineeredwood.org Email

EWTA is phasing out its old email extensions (apawood.org) and will be exclusively using the engineeredwood.org domain starting May 15. Please use the following email addresses for EWTA:

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Connections Welcomes Member News

EWTA's *Connections* newsletter, published electronically every other month, welcomes news from its members. News suitable for publication in upcoming issues includes press releases about new hires, new products, company news, awarded contracts or awards won. Please send your information or direct questions to Sheila Cain, editor, at scain@engineeredwood.org.

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New Dates for Panel Machinery Expo

COSTA Sanders LLC has announced new dates for a panel machinery expo it is hosting at its Archdale, North Carolina, showroom. The KK11-Xpo event will run from July 11 to August 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured will be the KK11 series machine for large panels. The model on display will be the KK11 CC3 x 53"—a high-production calibrating and sanding machine for large panels with six sanding units; 3+3 symmetrically opposed oversized steel cylinders. It will be completely accessible for in-depth inspections. Specific times can be reserved for company groups. For details, contact Eric Johnston at eric.johnston@costasanders.com.

IMA America/Schelling Welcomes New Sales Manager

Todd Atkinson has joined the sales team at **IMA America and Schelling America**. Atkinson has sales management expertise in the wood, plastics, metal and composite industries. He will be managing new and used machine sales in the South Central Region.

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Signode Releases New Packaging Machine

Signode recently announced that the company has released a new lumber and panel packaging machine. The BPX delivers load stability through independent side compression to align materials and square loads. The machine also pre-folds edge protectors prior to placing them on the load to ensure consistent strap tension.

Dieffenbacher Supplies New Plant; Expands Management Board

Dieffenbacher recently announced that it is supplying a particleboard plant to Swiss wood-based panel manufacturer Swiss Krono. Planned as a replacement investment, the plant will be used to manufacture conventional particle boards in thicknesses ranging from 6 to 60 mm, as well as thin boards up to 2.5 mm thick and lower-density lightweight particle boards. The scope of supply includes the gluing system, forming station, forming line, press and diagonal saw. Dieffenbacher has also expanded its management board by adding two new officers to account for the company's international growth. Christian Dieffenbacher and Volker Kitzelmann have joined the two existing executive officers: Wolf-Gerd Dieffenbacher and Dr. Günter Kuhn.

IES is Now SonicAire; Expands Leadership

Environmental Solutions (IES) recently announced their name change to **SonicAire**. The name change is part of a re-branding initiative designed to clarify the company's commitment to producing an engineered solution to fugitive combustible dust through their line of SonicAire fans. The company is also expanding its executive leadership, naming Jordan Newton to the role of vice president of innovation and engineering, overseeing fan design and engineering. John Sanders, former head of sales for the Northeast region, has become the vice president of sales and marketing, responsible for sales teams and marketing efforts.

H.B. Fuller Purchases Industrial Adhesives Provider

In a press release, **H.B. Fuller** announced the purchase of Advanced Adhesives, a provider of industrial adhesives in Australia and New Zealand. Advanced Adhesives works closely with customers in a wide range of industries, including consumer packaged goods, woodworking and product assembly applications. The addition of this business will enable H.B. Fuller to strengthen its industrial adhesives market position and leverage a broader technology portfolio in both Australia and New Zealand.

SASCO Hires New Technical Sales Rep

SASCO Chemical Group recently hired Lance Gallagher as a technical sales representative to further develop the company's growing wood products business in North America. Gallagher brings with him 13 years of experience in research and development and technical sales. Gallagher's responsibilities will include promoting TechKote Press Release for wood-based panel production as well as identifying new innovative solutions to meet customer needs.

USNR Opens New Facility in Jacksonville

USNR recently announced that it has opened a new facility in Jacksonville, Florida. It is located on 10 acres of land and offers more than 150,000 sq. ft. of flexible manufacturing and warehousing space, as well as a large office complex for the company's Jacksonville-based sales, engineering, project management, service and operations personnel. The offices also include a new training center, with facilities to host customers and provide technical training.

Killgore Named VP of Solid Wood at Roseburg

Steve Killgore, former vice president of sales and marketing at Roseburg Forest Products, has been named vice president of the company's solid wood business and marketing. In this role, he will be responsible for all aspects of the solid wood business including sales and manufacturing of lumber, plywood and engineered wood products. Killgore also serves on the EWTA Advisory Committee and was recently elected to the APA Board of Trustees, succeeding Allyn Ford, who is retiring from his position of President of Roseburg.

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FPS Hosting International Convention in Portland, Oregon

The Forest Products Society is hosting its 70th International Convention June 27–29 in Portland, Oregon, to urge the continuance of focused discussion among the global forest products community about the state of forest products research and innovation in the field. The gathering will feature speakers, more than 50 poster presentations, and a bonus day of field trips and networking. This year's program also includes an Excellence Awards luncheon in which leaders in the industry will be recognized for their achievements and contributions to the society and the industry. For more information about the convention, registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.fpsconvention.org.

Two Fall Courses at University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee Center for Renewable Carbon has announced two fall educational sessions. "Statistical Process Control and Statistical Methods for Lean Systems" will be held September 20–22, and "Design of Experiments for Manufacturers" will be held October 11–13, both at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. To register, visit www.spc4lean.com.

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FPAC Names New CEO

The Forest Products Association of Canada has named Derek Nighbor as the association's new CEO. FPAC represents Canada's wood, pulp and paper producers nationally and internationally in government, trade, and environmental affairs. Nighbor's new position started March 7. Paul Lansbergen, who was acting as the association's interim CEO, will remain on FPAC's management team.

Hood Industries Names New President

Hood Industries recently named Jay Galloway as president. He succeeds Don Grimm, who has served as the company's president since 2003. Galloway worked for Hood Industries for seven years from 2000–2007, became president of Tolleson Lumber in Georgia, and most recently owned and managed a transportation and freight logistics company. Grimm, who also served on the APA Board of Trustees and was APA vice chairman in 2014–2015, will retire in June.

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