

NewsBriefs

Newsletter of the Architectural Woodwork Institute

NEW AWI MEMBERS

MANUFACTURING

- Aphis**
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Burmeister Woodwork Company**
Hales Corners, WI
- CenterPoint Productions, Inc.**
Dallas, TX
- Image Builders**
St. Thomas, VI
- Kewaunee Scientific Corporation**
Stateville, NC
- Khoury, Inc.**
Waco, TX
- Mariner Productions, LLC**
Portland, OR
- Master Millwork, Inc.**
Puyallup, WA
- Premier Millwork of Florida**
Ft Myers, FL
- VP Builders, Inc.**
Union, NJ
- Wood Designs**
Oklahoma City, OK
- Woodward Millwork Group**
Goodbee, LA

SUPPLIERS

- Ceramic Industrial Coatings**
Osseo, MN
- Finishing First, Inc.**
Denver, CO
- Timber Wolf Forest Products**
Hudson, NC
- Veneer Specialists**
Elk Grove Village, IL ■

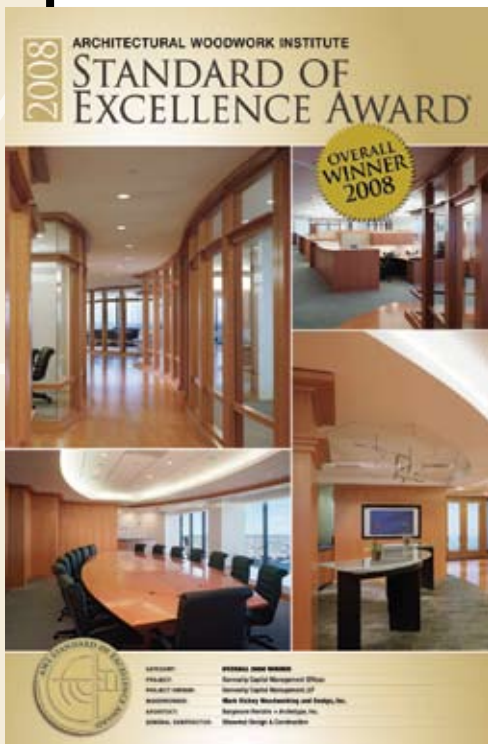
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Editorial Mission

NewsBriefs reports on AWI resources and programs that help members improve their operating efficiency and profitability.

Excellence on Many Levels



The 2008 AWI Annual Fall Leadership Event, October 1-4, in Providence, Rhode Island, was an occasion for gaining added insight about business and the universal characteristics of successful leaders. And, it was an opportune time to celebrate the strong commitment to quality and professionalism that unites volunteers who make AWI the vibrant architectural woodwork community it is.

Standard of Excellence Awards

AWI President Richard Ungerbuehler, Sr. honored AWI Manufacturing Members whose projects were among numerous recipients of "Award of Excellence" Honors in 2008 and whose work was featured in quarterly editions of AWI's official journal, *Design Solutions*. Recipients of the annual "Standard of Excellence Awards" were recognized for their outstanding architectural woodwork projects. Mark Richey Woodworking and Design, Inc. of Newburyport, MA, won top honors as the Overall Winner of the prestigious 2008 "Standard of Excellence Award." The AWI

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AWI Election of Directors Set for November 1, 2008

Get ready to vote and select the best volunteer leadership for AWI's future. Ballots are being mailed to the primary contact of each AWI Manufacturing Member company on October 13, 2008. Ballots must be returned to AWI postmarked by October 31, 2008.

In accordance with AWI Bylaws Article V, Section 3, the 2008 AWI Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for the office of AWI Director to fill two (2) vacancies on the AWI Board of Directors for a term beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011.

Candidates for Election

Candidates for election are: Skip Heidler, Heidler Hardwood Lumber Company (Supplier Member), Chicago, IL; Randy Jensen, Leonard Peterson Company, Inc. (Manufacturing Member), Auburn, AL; Matt Lundahl, Meyer and Lundahl Manufacturing Company (Manufacturing Member), Phoenix, AZ; Dave Nadolski, A. J. Pietsch Company (Manufacturing Member), Milwaukee, WI; and Bill Popp, High Planes Millwork, Inc. (Manufacturing Member), Hutchinson, KS.

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AWI Member Projects Receive Honors, Exposure

When was the last time your company's outstanding project was showcased to over 25,000 architects and design professionals? For the following AWI Manufacturing Members it was the fall issue of *Design Solutions* magazine, coming to your mailbox soon.

Each of the following AWI Manufacturing Members is a recipient of an AWI "Award of Excellence" for fall 2008. Take advantage of this opportunity to win one of the prestigious awards and gain valuable corporate business exposure for your architectural woodwork project. This exclusive quarterly competition is open to all AWI Manufacturing Members.



Project:	Private Residence	Chicago, IL
Woodworker:	Bernhard Woodwork, Ltd.	Northbrook, IL
Project:	Offices of Global Management Consulting	Houston, TX
Woodworker:	WoodArts Systems	Houston, TX
Architectural Panels:	The Wood Gallery, Inc.	Dallas, TX
Project:	M. Penner Retail Store	Houston, TX
Woodworker:	Imperial Mill & Fixtures, Inc.	Corpus Christi, TX
Project:	McIntire School of Business, University of Virginia	Charlottesville, VA
Woodworker:	Ilex Woodworking, Inc.	Baltimore, MD
Architectural Panels:	S. J. Morse Company	West Capon Bridge, WV
Laminate Surfaces:	Specified Woodworking Corporation	Laurel, MD

To submit your project for consideration in the quarterly AWI "Award of Excellence" Honors program, visit www.awinet.org and click on "Design Solutions Magazine." Learn more about the AOE program and download submittal forms. The next deadline for submissions is December 15, 2008. ■

AWI Election of Directors... (cont. from page 1)

The profiles of each candidate were sent to all AWI Manufacturing Members with the September 18th issue of *AWI e-briefs*.

Additional Nominations

The AWI Bylaws Article IX, Section 1 (b) makes provision for additional nominations to the Directors candidate slate as follows: "Ninety (90) days prior to the new fiscal year, additional nominations for Directors may be made by written petition filed with the Executive Vice President, signed by not less than one percent (1%) of Manufacturing Members. Such petition shall certify that such nominee has consented to run and will serve if elected."

The names of any candidates nominated by members were required with completed petition documentation by close of business on Friday, October 10, 2008 marked to the attention of Philip Duvic, AWI Executive Vice President. ■

Cassey Gibson Appointed AWI Membership Manager

Former temporary assistant to AWI in 2005, Cassey Gibson expanded her responsibilities at AWI recently as the association's newly-appointed Membership Manager.

Following a three-month assignment with AWI in the fall of 2005 assisting with records organization and membership data entry, after her graduation Cassey accepted a full-time position with the Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. During a two and one-half year stint at the company, Cassey analyzed escrow accounts and was responsible for a loan portfolio and customer communications.



"AWI is pleased to have her back as a full-time employee fulfilling vital membership functions for the association," said AWI Executive Vice President Philip Duvic. As AWI Membership Manager, Cassey's responsibilities include recruitment of new members, handling inquiries about prospective membership, and managing AWI member communications. She can be reached at 571.323.3624 and at cgibson@awinet.org.

Many AWI members will recognize Cassey from her work at the AWI booth during IWF 2008. "She's learning the ropes fast; IWF was her second day on the job," Phil said.

Cassey graduated in 2005 from Abilene Christian University *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in English and a minor in Digital Media. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Chi National societies. ■

Excellence on Many Levels... (cont. from page 1)

Manufacturing Member also was recognized with honors in the "Corporate" category of architectural woodwork projects.

In addition, five other AWI Manufacturing Members were awarded a "Standard of Excellence Award" for their exemplary architectural woodwork projects in each of the categories identified: Health Care – Hardwood Designs, Inc. of Hillsborough, NC; Entertainment – Architectural Wood of Roanoke, VA; Public Facility – Imperial Woodworking Company of Palatine, IL; Education – Kentucky Millwork of Louisville, KY; and Residential – Zepsa Architectural Woodwork of Charlotte, NC.

President's Award

For an extraordinary year of significant programs and work on major initiatives, AWI President Richard Ungerbuehler, Sr. recognized all special program chairs as well as committee chairs. In addition, he honored Robert Stout of RLS Commercial Interiors, Inc. with the 2008 President's Award. "The award honors a volunteer who has exhibited leadership, served as a role model for those within and outside the industry, and shared his time and knowledge," Richard said. "I am delighted to recognize Robert for his outstanding service and contributions, specifically for the

time and effort he has devoted to the establishment of the AWI Education Foundation," he said.

Twiiellenmeier Award

Each year AWI honors its chapters as a vital part of the association. "The prestigious Twiiellenmeier Award recognizes a chapter president who has exhibited superior leadership and service to the chapter, and the honoree this year is the President of the AWI New England Chapter, John Ianiri of Fairfield County Millwork," Richard announced. This award is named in honor of AWI Past President (1957-1958) Claude Twiiellenmeier, who with his wife, Irene, founded many AWI chapters and frequently visited all association chapters.



John Ianiri (left) received the prestigious Twiiellenmeier Award as President of the AWI New England Chapter. AWI President (2007-2008) Richard Ungerbuehler, Sr. (right) bestowed the honors also recognized by AWI Executive Vice President Philip Duvic.



Robert Stout (left) was honored with the coveted 2008 President's Award bestowed by Richard Ungerbuehler, Sr. (right). Philip Duvic joins the honors celebration.

AWI Leadership Succession

While outgoing and incoming AWI leadership were acknowledged during the association's Fall Leadership Event, the official changeover of officers, Board of Directors members, Development Council and committees, will not officially occur until January 1, 2009, coincident with AWI's new fiscal year.

AWI President (2007-2008) Richard Ungerbuehler, Sr. was recognized for his leadership in the past year while incoming President (2009) Whitney Coombs, currently AWI President-Elect, was welcomed. Watch for subsequent issues of *AWI NewsBriefs* for commentaries from both leaders about AWI's achievements, their views about the state of the association, and goals for the future. ■

With Appreciation...2008 AWI Fall Leadership Event Sponsors

AWI expresses sincere appreciation to the following companies for their generous support and special contributions made to the association for the 2008 Annual AWI Fall Leadership Event, October 1-4, 2008 in Providence, RI. The unique contributions of these sponsors enhanced the value of the information and enjoyment of the Fall Leadership Event for all attendees. AWI also thanks the 2008 Annual Sponsors, whose names are listed on page four of this newsletter. Their annual support also significantly contributed to the success of the event.

Sponsor - Item/Activity Sponsored

Alliance Millsoft - Registration Envelopes • CNA Insurance - Annual Awards Luncheon • Flexible Materials, Inc. - Water Bottle • IMA / Schelling / American Alliance - Award of Excellence Dinner • Kerfkore Company - Padfolio • Mereen-Johnson Machine Company - Thursday President's Hospitality • Northwood Machine Manufacturing Company - Award of Excellence Dinner • Ohio Valley Door Corporation - Friday President's Hospitality • Pollmeier, Inc. - Leadership Lunch & Meeting • Rex Lumber Company - Padfolio • Select Veneer Company - Saturday Coffee Breaks • States Industries, Inc. - Padfolio • Valspar - Thursday Transportation • VT Industries, Inc. - Lanyards • Waco Composites I, LTD. - Padfolio • Weinig Group - Award of Excellence Dinner • Woodworking Machinery Industry Association - Signs. ■

AWI and CNA Insurance Announce Safety Awareness Webinars



“Safety Pays!” says the AWI Insurance & Safety Committee.

Find out how safety awareness and online safety training and learning can elevate safety in your shop and create a team effort about enhancing your shop’s working environment.

CNA, AWI’s safety insurance partner, and AWI are pleased to announce a series of safety related webinars designed for and available at no cost to AWI members. The series will launch on November 3 and 7, 2008. The online safety awareness series topics include:

- **“Motion is Money...Controlling Back Injuries”** – presents information about manual material handling and how to improve employee-productivity.
- **“Combustible Dust”** – includes tips for controlling fires and keeping dust under control.
- **“Slips & Falls”** – includes housekeeping tips, shoe selection and stacking ideas for prevention of slips and falls.
- **“Stuck By/Against”** – identifies hazards of working with machinery and in the work area and offers solutions to help reduce losses and minimize severe/long term injuries.

The first webinar is scheduled for November 3 and will repeat on November 7, 2008 and will run from 1:30 – 2:30 pm EST. This webinar is designed for owners and safety directors as an introduction to the webinar series and addresses “Motion is Money... Controlling Back Injuries.” It also provides a preview of the other three webinars that will be offered in 2009. All subsequent webinars will be designed for shop personnel.

Participation details will be announced in the October 23rd edition of *AWI e-briefs*, the association’s e-letter for AWI Manufacturers and Suppliers published twice monthly. ■



2008 AWI Sponsors

Thanks to all of the following 2008 AWI Sponsors whose support helps to fund association programs and services that benefit all AWI members. Support these members; they are supporting you through their 2008 sponsorship commitment. Visit www.awinet.org to contact these suppliers the next time a need arises for their services. ■

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Member News

In Memoriam

Robert Frank (Bob) Parenti, Sr. passed away in Villa Park, IL, on September 10 at the age of 81.

Mr. Parenti was founder and President of Parenti & Raffaelli, Ltd. of Mt. Prospect, IL, a long-standing AWI Manufacturing Member since 1970. He was a past president of the AWI Chicago Chapter and an active member of a number of AWI committees during his membership. Mr. Parenti served in the armed forces in World War II.

To leave a message of condolence in the online guest book, visit www.parenti-woodwork.com or contact the firm at 847.253.5550. ■

Save the Date!
April 28 – May 2, 2009

Spring AWI Professional
Development Seminars

Harris Conference Center
Charlotte, NC

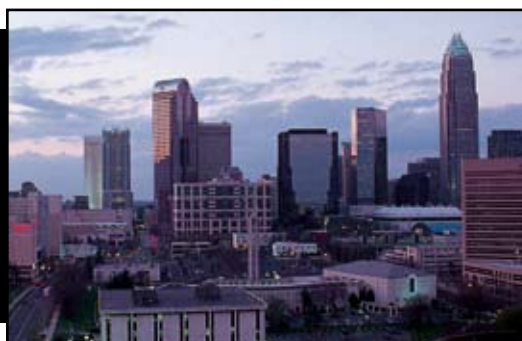


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