

## 2021 SAFETY AWARDS COMPETITION NOW OPEN



**Y**our safety record can differentiate your firm from a competitor's. All AWI Manufacturing Members in good standing are invited to participate in the **2021 AWI/**

### Federated Insurance Safety Awards Competition.

Entry dates are **Jan. 11 through March 5, 2021**, which coincides with your OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) filing.

Here's what you do to enter:

- Visit <https://clients.inverra.com/AWISAFETY/>
- Enter USER ID: AWI and PASSWORD: safety
- Answer a few questions about your company's safety program using data you've already generated from your OSHA Forms 300 and 300A.

If you have 10 or fewer employees, and are not required to complete OSHA Forms 300 and 300A, you can still enter the contest by providing the information requested in the online entry form.

See this month's "AWI Membership Benefit Brief" on page 4 for details about the benefits of participation. ▸

**REGISTER AT [WWW.AWINET.ORG](http://WWW.AWINET.ORG)**



## AWI Introduces New Partner Program

AWI members are invited to participate in the updated and expanded sponsorship program, renamed the AWI Partner Program.

In an effort to recognize AWI members for their added support for the association, AWI has revamped the program to give Partners added exposure to Manufacturing Members not only in AWI communications but also at AWI-hosted events. Plus, there are other tangible benefits to Partners introduced in 2021.

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This program includes our previous sponsor benefits while adding some new opportunities, including:

- A custom e-blast to members
- A copy of the *AWI Cost of Doing Business Survey Report*
- Social Media posts
- AWI Standards Testing Service discount
- Additional event options
- And much more.

Learn more about the AWI Partner Program for AWI members by contacting AWI Director of Marketing & Membership Katie Allen at [kallen@awinet.org](mailto:kallen@awinet.org).

Meanwhile AWI welcomes the 22 members listed on pages 2-3 for their STRONG support. ▸





# AWIEF STARTS THE YEAR “STRONG”

## AWI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

AWI’s giving arm, the Education Foundation, is off to a promising start in 2021. Receipt of an unexpected \$1,000 donation from

the AWI Carolinas Chapter underscores the **importance of individual and member company giving** for the Foundation’s scholarship program. Help us keep up the momentum for a robust year of giving!

Each year, AWI invites various secondary and post-secondary school officials to single out worthy wood program students for consideration by AWIEF in its scholarship program.

### AWIEF’S COMMITMENT



#### Vision

To support education and training for careers in the architectural woodwork industry.

#### Mission

To identify, cultivate and deliver resources that provide opportunities for education and professional development in the architectural woodwork industry.

#### Goals

1. To grow industry shareholders by creating a renewing and viable workforce.
2. To provide resources that foster education and training opportunities.
3. To maintain a financially sustainable foundation providing a means for contribution, support and legacy.

By building individual and industry relations with accredited woodwork training programs, the AWIEF provides guidelines for candidates to qualify for financial scholarships. We ask

for your support of the Foundation’s Scholarship Program and encourage you to take an active part in the development of our industry’s future woodwork force.

#### Public Charity

The AWIEF is a 501(c)(3) public charity, non-profit foundation. Visit [www.awinet.org/about/educationfoundation](http://www.awinet.org/about/educationfoundation) to learn more and to contribute to efforts to perpetuate a STRONG workforce of architectural woodworkers. ▽

## DONORS *make a* DIFFERENCE

AWI is pleased to announce that a generous contribution of \$1,000 to the AWI Education Foundation was received from the **AWI Carolinas Chapter**. “This is AWESOME news and very generous of them,” said AWI EVP Doug Hague. Thank you, you are making a difference by supporting the workforce of tomorrow. ▽

## LEARNING PORTAL The Power of the Portal

**DID YOU KNOW**...you can find information about “humidity” by using AWI’s website Search engine? For this sample search, results include 145 data points.

Find what you need to know. Enter the Members Area of [www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org) by signing in with your user login. Then use the powerful SEARCH feature in the middle of the screen for access to a wealth of information.

AWI’s robust search engine at [www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org) delivers! Get the facts from the AWI Digital Learning Portal (DLP) and make it your “go to” resource for a wealth of information never before available—or possible—from AWI. ▽

### 2021 AWI PARTNERS

AWI thanks the 22 members listed at right and welcomes them to the new AWI Partner Program. Their additional support throughout the year helps to fund the association’s programs, publications and other services for members. AWI Manufacturing Members are encouraged to connect with these suppliers anytime at [www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org) whenever a need arises for their services. To learn more about the program for AWI members contact AWI Director of Marketing & Membership Katie Allen at [kallen@awinet.org](mailto:kallen@awinet.org).

#### Premiere Partners



#### Platinum Partner



**AWI NEWS**

**New AWI Members**

**MANUFACTURERS**

**AL DARWISH CARPENTRY**  
DOHA, QATAR

**CABINET MASTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
AIKEN, SC

**GRIFFIN INTERIORS, INC.**  
WOBURN, MA

**INTERWEST WOOD DESIGN, INC.**  
GRANGEVILLE, ID

**JAMES EVANS BUILDER**  
FORT WASHINGTON, MD

**SUPPLIER**

**SAWTOOTH CONCEPTS, LLC**  
MERIDIAN, ID

NOTE: THESE NEW MEMBERS JOINED AWI IN DECEMBER 2020.

Use the online Directory of AWI Manufacturing and Supplier Members at [www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org) for contact information and access to the websites of these and other AWI members. The resource is open 24/7 for use in seeking manufacturers and suppliers of architectural woodwork. ▽

**Countertop Standard Draft Starts Public Review**

**On**

Jan. 1, the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) opened the review period for the draft of **Proposed American National Standard AWI 1236 – Countertops**.

As outlined in AWI's Procedures for ANSI-Approved Standards, this review period consisted of a canvass and public comment period from **Jan. 1, 2021 through Feb. 15, 2021**.

Participants who submitted a **Pre-Canvass Interest Survey** had an opportunity to participate through the Public Comment Form.

**STANDARDS**

Proposed American National Standard AWI 1236 – Countertops **will provide standards and tolerances for the quality and fit of countertops and establish minimum aesthetic and performance requirements** intended to provide a well-defined degree of control over a project's quality of materials and workmanship.

This standard draft was developed through AWI's ANSI-approved standards writing process. Each requirement has been thoroughly vetted by AWI Subject Expert Review Teams and the AWI Technical Committee to ensure that the content is up-to-date with current industry practices and requirements and that it harmonizes with existing ANSI standards. Approval through the ANSI process is the final step in the

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**New Programs for Presenters**

AWI Qualified Presenters now have new programs available to present that help

Standards' users familiarize themselves with the following AWI Standards:

- **AWI 100 Submittals** covers shop drawings and sample submittals.
- **AWI 200 Care & Storage** covers Jobsite condition responsibility and Relative Humidity.
- **AWI 0641** covers the new *ANSI/AWI-2019—0641 Architectural Wood Casework Standard*.

The programs are available for AWI Member firms and AWI Chapters to deliver to customers, chapters of design professional organizations, and your own AWI Chapter members.

Architect participants earn AIA learning units when attending.

Contact Sue Sicilian at [ssicilian@awinet.org](mailto:ssicilian@awinet.org) or call 571-323-3614. ▽

**SPEAKERS BUREAU**

**Gold Partners**



**Silver Partners**



**Bronze Partners**







Milwaukee's Third Ward Riverwalk

## AWI SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APRIL 11 – 13, 2021

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State Street Bridge and the Milwaukee skyline.



## AWI MEMBERSHIP **BENEFIT** BRIEF

### ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS COMPETITION

Your safety record can differentiate your firm from a competitor's, and the annual AWI / Federated Insurance Safety Awards Competition offers just such an opportunity for **AWI Manufacturing Members**.

Competition entrants compete for 1-3 awards in various business size categories:

- \* Best Safety Achievement Award
- \* Zero Lost Time Accident Achievement Award
- \* Safety Improvement Recognition Award

You can proudly display your award at your business to help promote company pride, teamwork, and safety awareness. The award shows your team that you care about their safety and well-being. Winners receive recognition via AWI's *e-briefs*, *NewsBriefs* and annual convention.

Entry dates coincide with your OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) filing.

**Take advantage of this annual competition to gain bragging rights about the safety of your organization and mention the award in your business marketing materials. ▀**

### COUNTERTOP STANDARD DRAFT... (cont. from page 3)

standards writing process and will establish consensus across the industry.

Stay tuned to *NewsBriefs* and *e-briefs* for news of subsequent steps in the standards development process. ▀

The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) has produced and collaborated on the development of standards in accordance with its mission since its founding in 1953 to the present day. AWI is an ANSI-accredited Standards Developer Organization.



Founded in 1918, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private non-profit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system.



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