AWI’s Board of Directors recently approved new membership benefits that include three new offerings relating to compliance with Casework Standards. The three offerings take the worry out of testing to assure that your wood casework meets the requirements of the new ANSI/AWI 0641-2019—Architectural Wood Casework Standard as well as the old Architectural Woodwork Standards, Edition 2 for those still building to the former AWI Standard.

AWI Manufacturing & Industry Members are invited to choose the option that matches their preferences relating to compliance with the casework standards:

- **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY,** receive a one-time free test battery of base, wall and tall cabinet construction methods and materials. Participation in this benefit will aid your company as well as grow the member resource of compliant methods and materials. All verified testing results will be shared anonymously within the association membership.

- **If you would like to keep your methods confidential,** proprietary testing is still an option. The cost associated with this option to receive all five (5) reports, (base, wall, tall, drawer, shelf suspension) for compliance is $7,425 or $2,475 per battery. This method of testing is only required once should you actively maintain your testing reports by renewing for $30 and passing an audit annually per report.

- **Love our old standard, AWS2, but not sure of the new AWI Standard?** If you currently build to the exact methods of the AWS2, have your method tested and validated.

**AWIEF Awards $25,500 in Scholarships**

AWI EVP and AWIEF Corporate Secretary Doug Hague is pleased to announce that a grand total of $25,500 in scholarships has been divided among nine student recipients this year. Seven different post-secondary education institutions are represented. Watch for the upcoming edition of AWI’s online e-briefs for a list of students and the institutions they are attending.

AWI members are invited to contribute to the Education Foundation to help support our industry’s future workforce, and legacy contributions are welcome. Visit www.awinet.org/about/education-foundation for details.

Fig. 81 depicts the Electromagnetic tension and compression testing machine testing a drawer (DF-1 Test Methodology)
AWIEF Begins Planning New Scholarships and Grants from $2 Million Contribution

This month, the Architectural Woodwork Institute Education Foundation (AWIEF) will begin planning the processes for creating and inviting scholarship and grant applications for funds that come from a $2 million donation from the Quality Certification Corporation last month. The grant program, in particular, is an exciting new endeavor for the AWI Education Foundation.

According to the terms of the donation to AWIEF, each year the Education Foundation will award approximately $50,000 for legacy Randolph Estabrook Scholarships and distribute $100,000 in grants in support of eligible architectural woodwork academic programs.

THE GRANT PROGRAM IS AN EXCITING NEW ENDEAVOR FOR THE AWI EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

“This generous donation not only will allow AWIEF to reach out to a greater number of education institutions in support of their architectural woodwork programs but also enable the Education Foundation to provide more scholarships to qualified students,” says AWIEF President Kent Gilchrist. Presently, AWIEF awards scholarships to eligible students who aspire to careers in the architectural woodwork industry as recommended by faculty of secondary and post-secondary institutions.

Over the next several months, the seven-member AWIEF Board of Directors will meet periodically to identify eligibility criteria and devise an application process for academic grants.

The mission of the Architectural Woodwork Institute Education Foundation (AWIEF) is to identify, cultivate and deliver resources that provide opportunities for education and professional development in the architectural woodwork industry. The AWIF, which was founded in 2008 with a generous endowment from the Architectural Woodwork Institute, is a 501(c)(3) public charity, non-profit foundation. www.awinet.org/about/education-foundation

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OCTOBER 6-8, 2021  
MARGARITAVILLE LAKE RESORT  
LAKE CONROE  
MONTGOMERY, TEXAS

You won’t get Jimmy Buffet’s song out of your mind when you start planning to attend the 2021 AWI Convention! Put on your flip flops, plan your escape, and set your coordinates to fun and relaxation for Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe, Montgomery, Texas.

2021 AWI PARTNERS

AWI thanks these 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 partners anytime at 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.
The ANSI/AWI SMA 0643-2021—Wood Stair, Handrail, and Guard Systems Standard, that was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on March 1, 2021, will become effective on August 15, 2021. Standard 0643 is available online now from AWI at www.awinet.org and soon from the Stairbuilders and Manufacturers Association (SMA) at www.stairways.org for free access, bookmarking and more. Printed copies of the Standard may be purchased from the AWI Store.

Standard 0643 is the result of a collaborative effort drawing from the expertise of the AWI Technical Committee and SMA’s Quality Standards Committee in conformance with the ANSI process. In AWI’s case, ANSI/AWI SMA 0643 supersedes, replaces, and supplants Section 7 of Architectural Woodwork Standards, Edition 2 (2014) as the most current version of the AWI Standard for wood stair, handrail and guard systems. It is the first standard of its kind for SMA.

AWI SMA 0643 provides standards and tolerances for the quality fabrication and field installation of wood stair, handrail, and guard systems. Standard 0463 contains NO Duty Levels but DOES include Aesthetic Grades (Premium, Custom, Economy).

Other Standards Development Underway

The AWI Technical Committee is in full swing with four other Standards in various stages of development. They are working to launch the Canvass/Public Comment process for Standard 1232 Manufactured Wood Casework and 0400 Finishing. A Countertops Standard (1236) is further along, and is currently in the ANSI review and approval stages. Finally, the Technical Committee is preparing to begin review of a Wood Paneling Standard (0642).

Stay tuned for developments as they occur, and participate in the process when comments are invited.
**AWI EVENTS**

**AWFS® Fair**

**JULY 20-23, 2021**

**AWI to Host Education Sessions at AWFS® Fair**

AWI will bring its expertise in business management and operations to the College of Woodworking Knowledge™ at the AWFS® Fair, July 20-23, 2021 in Las Vegas, in two Cabinet & Millwork Sessions: Financial Management and Project Management.

AWI member specialists will deliver the following sessions which are included in the AWFS® Fair registration fee. Visit www.awfsfair.org and use the AWI code – AWFS20 – for discounted registration.

**WE42: Maximize Your Profits Using AWI’s Cost of Doing Business Survey (CoDBS)**

Wednesday, July 21, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Presenter: Sebastien DesMarais, Hollywood Woodwork

**TH54: Project Management in a New Era**

Thursday, July 22, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Presenters: Bob Krejci, Riverside Architectural; Randy Lange, Lange Bros.

These are abbreviated sessions routinely conducted over one to two-day periods. Get a taste of what you can learn during full sessions sponsored by AWI throughout the year.

**AWI NEWS**

**New AWI Members**

**MANUFACTURERS**

**ARCHITRAVE WOODWORKING**

WATERFORD, MI

**CREATIVE WOOD**

OAKLAND, CA

**LCS MILLWORK**

LEOLA, PA

**PACIFIC ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK**

LA HABRA, CA

NOTE: THESE NEW MEMBERS JOINED AWI IN MAY 2021.

**WORKFORCE**

**AWFS®, AWI, WCA PRODUCE CAREER AWARENESS VIDEO**

The Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers® (AWFS®), the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI), and the Woodwork Career Alliance (WCA) have come together to produce a video about careers in the wood industry in partnership with the “In Depth with Laurence Fishburne” program.

The six-minute feature video was distributed to public television stations nationwide in June and features Hollywood Woodwork’s facility. A one-minute commercial version of the video was also produced, which will air on cable networks. Visit www.awinet.net to tune in.

The purpose of the video is to showcase a modern wood manufacturing facility, including the machinery, workforce, and environment, and to introduce the general public to wood industry careers.

**CONVENTION SPEAKERS TO FOCUS ON ECONOMY AND DATA (cont. from page 2)**

As a millennial, Connor brings a new perspective to the world of economics, delivering ITR’s industry-leading accuracy to current C-suite executives while forging connections with the next generation of business leaders.

Visit the Annual Convention page under Events on the AWI website, www.awinet.org, for more event details and registration information.

**FREE STANDARDS COMPLIANCE TESTING SERVICES... (cont. from page 1)**

The AWI Board of Directors has approved funds to ship and test your AWS2 compliant method seeking to validate that your current method may achieve performance requirements of Duty Level 3 in the new AWI Standards. These funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, until the funds are exhausted. You will receive testing reports valid for one year and the association will add another proven method to the member resources.

**Contact Details**

How do you explore these options? What is involved? And, how do you take advantage of the option of your choice?

Contact AWI Technical Director Hunter Morrison at hunter@awinet.org to tap into these new membership benefits.

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