Among the many AWI Manufacturing Members who produce excellent architectural woodwork projects every day, some compete for Award of Excellence recognition in AWI’s Design Solutions Magazine. From the annual pool of quarterly winners, seven AWI members surfaced to the very top as Standard of Excellence (SOE) honorees in 2021.

This year’s competition was particularly challenging. Apart from the complexities of the woodwork projects themselves, the AWI members overcame obstacles presented by the COVID pandemic. Projects were delayed, budgets were stretched, material prices soared, supply chains were disrupted, and skilled labor was hard to find, among them.

One AWI Manufacturing Member surpassed the best of the best SOE winners—Hollywood Woodwork, Inc. The company was honored with the Overall Standard of Excellence award for its work on the Auberge Beach Residences & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

See the winning projects by the seven AWI Manufacturing Member honorees in various editions of AWI’s quarterly journal, Design Solutions. Go to www.awinet.org/publications/design-solutions and learn how each achieved excellence.

AWI Names Robert Stout Honorary Life Member

An AWI volunteer with an exemplary record of service to AWI for nearly 25 years, Robert Stout, President of RLS Commercial Interiors, Inc. in Wendell, NC, is AWI’s newest Honorary Life Member. The association honored Robert with lifetime membership during the 69th AWI Convention on Oct. 7 at Lake Conroe, TX.

Robert’s AWI volunteerism began in 1997 when he joined the Insurance and Safety Committee and was named Chair of the new Safety Subcommittee in 1998, followed by appointment as Vice Chair and then Chair of the full Committee beginning in 2001 for multiple years thereafter. Under Robert’s leadership, the Committee set up safety program resources and introduced a Safety Resources publication; inaugurated the prestigious Safety Awards Program; and introduced an online information safety portal for members. As a strong safety advocate Robert also has presented numerous OSHA and other safety lectures around the country.

Robert was recognized with AWI’s Craig Johnson Award for his achievements in membership recruitment in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001.

His service to AWI continued in other areas as a member of the Nominating Committee in 2001, and as Chair of the former

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OVERALL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE
One of the most complex aspects of the Auberge project was achieving the 12 unique wood finishes for the design intent, each thematically coordinated to the various amenity areas.

CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL
Project: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Woodworker: Lange Bros. Woodwork Co., Inc.
(Licensed QCP Manufacturer)
Design Solutions: Summer 2021
Photographer: Tricia Shay- Shay Photo

SPORTS/ENTERTAINMENT
Project: Woodson YMCA
Woodworker: Central Wisconsin Woodworking Corporation • (Licensed QCP Manufacturer)
Design Solutions: Spring 2021
Photographer: Peter S. Vance

HOSPITALITY/DINING
Project: Purdue Memorial Union Club • Woodworker: D&L Wood Products, Inc.
(Licensed QCP Manufacturer) • Design Solutions: Summer 2021
Photographer: Nathan Kirkman-Camera Department, Inc.

See Design Solutions at www.awinet.org for details about the challenges tackled in these SOE winning projects.
2021 AWI Partners

AWI thanks these members listed below whose additional support throughout the year helped 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 whenever a need arises for their services. To learn about the 2022 Partner Program for AWI members contact AWI Vice President of Membership & Marketing Katie Allen at kallen@awinet.org.

Residential/Multi-Family/Condo

Project: AVE Blue Belle • Woodworker: American Millwork & Cabinetry, Inc. (Licensed QCP Manufacturer) • Design Solutions: Winter 2021
Photographer: John Callahan

Furniture

Project: Caracole® Conference Table
Woodworker: Unique Concepts
Supplier: Herzog Veneers
Design Solutions: Fall 2020
Photographer: Randy Wilson

Higher Education

Project: Capilano University – The Shipyards
Woodworker: CN Architectural Millwork & Construction, Inc.
Design Solutions: Winter 2021
Photographer: Barrie Underhill – Upper Left Photography
With the end of the Public Comment period on Oct. 11, 2021 for the Proposed American National Standard AWI 1232 – Manufactured Wood Casework, the Standard entered a review stage by the AWI Technical Committee. Comments received by interested parties are being responded to regarding their suggestions.

Another Proposed American National Standard, AWI 400 – Finishing also received comments, which the AWI Technical Committee is reviewing at press time, and will also respond to any suggestions submitted.

In conformance with American National Standards Institute requirements for standards development, AWI is following procedures that require openness, balance, consensus, and due process. Participation, comments and recommendations are invited from all directly and materially interested parties.

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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. www.awinet.org

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