Despite the pandemic and supply line and operating challenges, let alone limited project opportunities that confronted architectural woodwork manufacturers in 2020, 32 AWI members managed to maintain high levels of safety in their shops and on the job to seize honors in the 2021 AWI/Federated Insurance Safety Awards Program. Their efforts earned the winning AWI Manufacturing Members the opportunity to use their safety award honors in their marketing efforts as well as buttress team support.

Three types of awards were conferred in various business size categories:

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

The competition submission period extended from Jan. 11, 2021 through March 5, 2021. As in the past, it

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As AWI celebrated its 69th Annual Convention, Oct. 6-8 at the Margaritaville Lake Resort in Texas early this month, AWI officials recognized 29 AWI Manufacturing and Supplier Members whose support over 25 or more years has contributed to AWI's success as a STRONG community. Thank you for your continuous loyalty, participation, and membership support over the years!

50th AWI Anniversary
- JBI/Parisi, Newtown, PA
- Shaw/Stewart Millwork, Minneapolis, MN

25th AWI Anniversary
- Advanced Millwork, Inc., Orlando, FL
- Arizona Western Fixture & Display, Phoenix, AZ
- AWS Carpenter Contractors, Inc., Clearwater, FL
- Beaubois Group, Inc., Saint-Georges, Quebec, Canada
- Blumer & Stanton, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL
- Case Systems, Midland, MI
- Chamberlain Companies, Inc., Salem, NH
- Hardline Corporation, Interlochen, MI*
- Hettich America L.P., Buford, GA*
- Hutterer Mill & Cabinet, Inc., Murray, UT
- Interior Wood Products, LLC, Olympia, WA
- Interior Woodworking Specialists, Redmond, WA
- J.H. Klein Wassink & Company, Inc., Concord, MA
- Kinnane Woodworking, Inc., Atlanta, GA
- Kitchens, Inc., Dodge City, KS
- Lampton Doors, Lambton, Quebec, Canada
- Merrigan Corporation, dba/National Woodwork Manufacturing, Bethlehem, PA
- Millwork One, Inc., Cranston, RI
- Polybois, Inc., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada
- Salice America, Inc., Charlotte, NC*
- Select Door, North Java, NY*
- Sidney Millwork Company, Sidney, MT
- Stiles Machinery, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI*
- Technique Manufacturing, Inc., Hutchinson, KS
- Wood Systems, Inc., Tulsa, OK
- Woodcraft Unlimited, Inc., Denver, CO
- Woodtech Trading Company, Columbia Falls, MT**

* Supplier Members; all others are Manufacturing Members

AWI Recognizes Long-standing Members

coincided with the OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) filing. Those companies with 10 or fewer employees, and are not required to complete OSHA Forms 300 and 300A, were still eligible to enter the contest.

The following honorees can proudly display their award at their business to help promote company pride, teamwork and safety awareness. The honorees were recognized during the 69th AWI Annual Convention earlier this month. Congratulations to all.

BEST SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Commercial Millworks, Inc.
10,000 to 19,999 Hours

Inter Ocean Cabinet Company
20,000 to 99,999 Hours

Millwork 360, LLC
More than 100,000 Hours

ZERO LOST TIME ACCIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

10,000 to 19,999 Hours
Commercial Millworks, Inc.
PCI Cabinetworks
Ramco Enterprises
Technique Manufacturing, Inc.

20,000 to 99,999 Hours
Acacia Originals, LLC
Andy’s Cabinets and Millworks, Inc.
Arizona Western Fixture & Display, Inc.
Blair-Dumond, Inc.
Bromack Manufacturing, Inc.
Environs Architectural Millwork, LLC
Inter Ocean Cabinet Company
Mass Cabinets, Inc.

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throughout the year focused on networking, education, and standards. Year after year, we promote the chapter to local manufacturers, suppliers, and architects, which keeps our Chapter resilient and current to the market.”

Reaching out Chapter-to-Chapter, the Chicago Chapter mentored the Wisconsin Chapter which in turn, started mentoring the Colorado Chapter to help them regain their active status.

**Chapter Feedback**

“Nearly all participants appreciated how the Distinguished Chapter program was restructured into categories as it helped them focus on their Chapter’s goals in areas where they needed to do more to realize the **Purpose Statement of their AWI Chapter Bylaws**, noted AWI Chapter Liaison Margaret Fisher. More than anything, in the closing questionnaire, Chapter point submitters remarked that the year presented many learning opportunities. Some things Chapter volunteer leaders discovered were: it was easier to attract members to attend meetings because they were online, and consequently, hosting preparations were less work; spontaneity and camaraderie of Face-to-Face gatherings were missed very much and that helped them understand what their members really value about being part of an AWI Chapter.

Some Chapters used the time to grow their membership. Several Chapters paid more attention to their Successor Generation points and offered more assistance to the SkillsUSA Competition as hundreds of woodwork students moved into an online competition.

**2021-2022 DC Program**

The AWI Distinguished Chapter program for 2021-2022 is underway and ends July 31, 2022. Chapters will strive to improve their score from the previous year as they use the DC points list to make plans for their Chapter members that meet their Bylaws Purpose statement.

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**2021 AWI PARTNERS**

AWI thanks these members listed at right and below 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.

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**CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT**

**Thank You to Our 2021 Convention Sponsors**

The AWI Chicago Chapter also stepped up to sponsor the President’s Dinner during the 69th AWI Annual Convention. The dinner recognized the work of 2021 President/Chair* Sebastien DesMarais and welcomed in 2022 Chair Mike Coticchio. Chair Coticchio is a proud member and past president of the AWI Chicago Chapter.

We thank Federated Insurance and SJ Morse, the sponsors of the 2021 convention closing event. This event honored past QCC Executive Director Randy Estabrook and benefited the AWI Education Foundation.

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* The term “President” was changed to “Chair” per the AWI Bylaws in effect Aug. 5, 2021.
Two Proposed AWI Standards Advance in Final Draft Stage

In Late August, the Public Comment period for the Proposed American National Standard AWI 1232 – Manufactured Wood Casework was opened and will remain open through Oct. 11, 2021. As you read this edition of NewsBriefs, the period for commenting on AWI 1232 is likely closed. Previously, canvass group participants completed balloting on this standard on Sept. 26.

Next, the AWI Technical Committee will review the comments that were received and will respond to the participants regarding their AWI 1232 suggestions. AWI sought participation in these ANSI processes by members of the industry who are directly and materially affected by this Standard. In conformance with American National Standards Institute requirements for standards development, AWI is following procedures that require openness, balance, consensus, and due process.

The Scope of Proposed AWI 1232 provides aesthetic and performance standards for Manufactured Wood Casework and related interior finishes designed and manufactured/supplied for specific construction projects. Such casework is typically produced in stock, incremental measurements and typically available by manufacturer/supplier’s product line catalog. To review the Proposed AWI 1232 Manufactured Wood Casework Standard, visit http://gotoawi.com/standards/awi1232.html.

In August, the AWI Technical Committee met at TMI Systems Corporation in Dickinson, ND, to continue its ongoing work on the Draft AWI 0642 Wood Paneling Standard. When work is completed in the near future, the draft document will be available and open for public review and comment in keeping with AWI’s standards writing protocols as required by ANSI Standards Developer Organizations (SDO).

Watch for announcements in AWI e-briefs inviting feedback about AWI 0642 during the Public Comment period when it opens. Participation, comments and recommendations are invited from all interested parties. For additional information contact Hunter Morrison (hunter@awinet.org) or Cheri Dermyre (cdermyre@awinet.org).

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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AWI NEWS

New AWI Members

MANUFACTURERS

CHATEAU INDUSTRIES
NASHVILLE, TN

JPK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ROSEDALE, MD

WOODMARK
NEW CANEY, TX

NOTE: THESE NEW MEMBERS JOINED AWI IN AUGUST 2021.

DID YOU KNOW?

 Individuals who do not qualify for membership in AWI as an organization may join AWI as an Associate Member? Examples of such members include architects, academic professors, general contractors and students. Please encourage eligible individuals to join the AWI community. Membership Benefits may be viewed under “Membership” at www.awinet.org. This membership category was previously titled “Affiliate” Membership prior to AWI’s Bylaws revisions that became effective on Aug. 5, 2021.