We are beginning the New Year with enthusiasm and expectation about what we can achieve together for our architectural woodwork family of AWI Members.

We Are One

Last year, our industry began coming together with the full integration of QCP into AWI and greater understanding of AWI's new Standards by woodworkers and design professionals—which suggests our theme for 2022: AWI Together! With the hurdles of the past behind us and major accomplishments realized last year, we will focus on the critical challenges of implementing QCP compliance and educating users about our new ANSI Standards.

As is customary, your AWI Officers and Board of Directors will follow the association's Strategic Plan as we begin the second of its three-year scope that commenced in 2021.

Off and Running

To hit the ground running on Jan. 1st, we appointed all of AWI's Committee Chairs and set goals for each entity in December. Our team of volunteers, including our Board of Directors, has a clear path forward with an approved 2022 budget. Our 2022 board will gather Jan. 20-21 for its first meeting, and I am excited and ready to go.

We are committed to delivering high value services to our membership. We invest in our programs and member resources according to AWI's three-year Strategic Plan which guides and controls our spending priorities.

I look forward to our team effort executing the following major goals for 2022.

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AWI CEO Doug Hague is pleased to announce the Officers and Directors who will represent your interests in 2022. These volunteer leaders are charged with executing AWI’s Strategic Plan, as they set policies and oversee programs, publications, and other services.

To reach these 2022 AWI leaders, visit www.awinet.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page>Board.

* Elected to a two-year term commencing Jan. 1, 2022. Note: The AWI Board of Directors also includes Officers.

**OFFICERS**

Mike Coticchio, Chair
Siteline Interior Carpentry, Inc.
Chicago, IL

Randy Lange, Chair-Elect
Lange Bros. Woodwork Company, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI

Skip Heidler, Treasurer
Heidler Hardwood Lumber Company
Chicago, IL

Philip Duvic, Director
Past President Delegate

**DIRECTORS**

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Giffin Interior & Fixture, Inc.
Bridgeville, PA

Tony Aubin*, Director
Aubin Woodworking, Inc.
Bow, NH

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Dickinson, ND

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**THANK YOU 2021 AWI PARTNERS**

AWI thanks these members whose additional support throughout 2021 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.
**Goals for 2022**

1. **Complete the AWI Suite of ANSI Standards by the end of the year.** Addendums will be issued thereafter, as needed.

2. **Include QCP in our Strategic Plan.** Although our Strategic Plan has two years left, we will spend some time incorporating the Quality Certification Program into our Plan, as they are now part of the AWI family. QCP will continue to be the compliance component of the AWI Standards.

3. **Revamp the AWI Speakers Bureau** with more user-friendly features and new education programs which will evolve along with new AWI Standards. The bureau’s website will be integrated fully into the robust AWI website revamped in late 2019.

4. **Devise training tools**, such as videos, to help Speakers Bureau members improve their presentation skills by examples of other highly successful speakers shown in action.

5. **Update the AWI History book** under the direction of our Past Presidents Committee. The book was published in 1994 to coincide with AWI’s 50th Anniversary. Going forward, it will be updated every 10 years.

6. **Enhance Chapter Support.** I personally plan to travel to each AWI Chapter this year to share the benefits and strategies I experienced while involved on the local level. I still gain tremendous value from my local AWI Chapter in Chicago. I want to help all of our Chapters become stronger and improve attendance at local events.

**Call to Action**

I encourage all members to get involved in AWI. Personally, I have been highly active in AWI on the local level, and have benefited from volunteering in the AWI Chicago Chapter. The more you are involved in AWI, the greater the return is on your investment of time. If you want to volunteer, reach out to AWI. We are always seeking to match talented people with tasks to tackle through Task Forces and Committees.

**MIKE COTICCHIO IS A 27-YEAR ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORK INDUSTRY VETERAN.**

After high school, Mike attended four years at the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprentice Program where he was instructed by master journeymen from all over the world. This was the start of more than two decades of hands-on experience in every department of production, followed by drafting, estimating and eventually project management. With his knowledge and experiences learning the trade and industry, Mike advanced into an operations role overseeing over 80 employees before coming to Siteline Interior Carpentry, Inc. as Director of Project Management. The millwork and interior carpentry firm is headquartered in Chicago with additional plants in Austin and Los Angeles.

A strong affiliation with AWI members on a local level began in 1994 when Mike became actively involved in the AWI Chicago Chapter. He is now in his 10th year as a member of the Chapter’s Board of Directors. During his four-year tenure as Chapter President, it earned “Chapter of the Year” honors for the first time. In 2021, the Chapter won the prestigious “Chapter of the Year” award for the third consecutive year.

Mike’s history of AWI National volunteerism began in 2017 with the Chapter Officer Council (COC) when he served as Vice Chair. In 2018, Mike chaired the COC and in 2019, was appointed COC Delegate to the AWI Board of Directors. In 2020, he was elected Vice President of the AWI Executive Committee, followed in 2021 by succession to AWI President-Elect, culminating in 2022 as AWI Chair (formerly titled AWI President).
AWI’s Technical Committee, chaired by Cory Bittner, and Standards Development Staff is meeting its own high standards for progress. The following update from AWI Technical Director Hunter Morrison is a quick reference to what Standards are advancing and where they are in the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) process.

• **1236 – Countertops:** The Public Comment and Canvass periods have closed. The AWI Technical Committee will review the comments and suggestions received and provide feedback and make any necessary changes. Next steps will be determined by any necessary changes.

• **400 – Factory Finishing:** The Public Comment and Canvass periods have closed. The technical Committee made modifications in response to the comments received. AWI Staff is working through harmonization efforts with another association in response to comments received. Next steps will be determined by the outcome of these efforts.

• **1232 – Manufactured Wood Casework:** The Public Comment and Canvass periods have closed. The Technical Committee made modifications in response to the comments received. AWI Staff is working through harmonization efforts with another association in response to comments received. Next steps will be determined by the outcome of these efforts.

• **0642 – Wood Paneling:** The Technical Committee is working through development of this Standard. Once complete, it will begin the ANSI process. Stay tuned for dates.

• **0622 – Millwork:** The Technical Committee is working through development of this Standard. Once complete, it will begin the ANSI process. Stay tuned for dates.

AWI is following American National Standards Institute (ANSI) procedures that require openness, balance, consensus, and due process.

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