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Upcoming Meetings

CLMA 2016 Annual Meeting
November 9 - 10, 2016
Madison, Wisconsin

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CLMA President's Update

Peter Kotiadis, Fiberon LLC

Fellow CLMA Members,

It is my honor and pleasure to communicate with you in this Composite Lumber Manufacturers Association's e-newsletter as your President. CLMA has worked hard to further our industry's recognition, and brings a unified voice on common issues and concerns important to our respective companies.

We have some great initiatives underway, including our [2016 Annual Meeting](#) this November 9 -10 in Madison, Wisconsin. Open to both CLMA members and non-members alike, the meeting will provide attendees with great educational and networking opportunities. The Forest Products Laboratory will be hosting our meeting, and will be offering a comprehensive tour of its research facilities and testing programs. CLMA staff will also be facilitating discussions about the codes, standards, and regulatory environment that governs our products, and industry speakers will present topics on the science and technology of composite lumber.

CLMA staff have also put together several terrific networking opportunities, including a reception and dinner the night prior to the meeting. This is an excellent chance for our industry to get together, discuss critical issues, develop strategies for advancing our product sector, and enjoy each other's company. If you have not already done so, I urge you to register for the CLMA 2016 Annual Meeting and encourage others in your organization to attend.

I am excited about what's ahead for CLMA - our membership is growing and we have a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm for what's to come. Thank you for your continued support of the Association, we continue to rely on your engagement to advance CLMA's activities and advocacy efforts.

I look forward to seeing you this fall at the Annual Meeting in Madison.

Best Regards,
Peter



CLMA President
Fiberon LLC

CLMA Committee Updates

Codes & Standards Committee

International Code Council:

Since the conclusion of ICC Committee Action Hearings in April, CLMA staff has been working diligently to develop public comment strategies for its code proposals.

CLMA has been working with the American Wood Council (AWC) in an effort to move forward AWC proposals to revise the ICC International Wildland Urban Interface Code requirements to be consistent with California's requirements. And this month, CLMA again hosted a Deck Codes Coalition meeting to develop consensus positions on ICC public comments affecting guard post attachment and deck structure strengthening code requirements.

ICC Public Comment Hearings are scheduled for October 19-25, 2016, in Kansas City, MO. After the public comment monograph is released in September, CLMA will be reviewing submissions by other industry stakeholders and developing positions and public testimony in response.

California OSFM:

CLMA staff and members have participated in the Wildfire Protection Building Construction Task Force, organized by the California Office of the State Fire Marshall. The Task Force - composed of representatives from fire services, building officials, industry, and state agencies - is considering revisions to California's Wildland Urban Interface fire code requirements, Chapter 7A, which includes requirements for decks. CLMA has participated in identifying relevant differences in SFM and ASTM standards and appropriate updates to the California state fire code.

Communications Committee

CLMA Technical Bulletins:

Read CLMA's latest technical bulletins:

- ["Care & Maintenance Guidelines for Composite Deck & Railing"](#)
- ["2015 IRC Requirements for Composite Deck and Railing Systems"](#)

CLMA Associate Member E-Blasts:

Learn more about CLMA's Associate Members, the

Industry News

[Global Manufacturing Update: August 2016](#)

[Manufacturing Activity Up 5th Straight Month in July](#)

[Industrial Output, Home Building Could Allow Fed Interest Rate Hike](#)

[U.S. Worker Productivity Falls in 2Q16](#)

[Confidence Rises Among U.S. Home Builders](#)

[U.S. Industrial Production Up 0.7%](#)

material suppliers of composite lumber:

- [Aurora Plastics](#)
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Member News & Updates



TAMKO Aligns Decking Operation to Drive Growth for Envision and Evergrain

TAMKO Building Products Inc. has aligned management of its composite decking operation and created new positions to drive growth for its decking business. TAMKO's Executive Vice President Tim Whelan will now lead all aspects of the composite decking operation. He will be assisted by the newly promoted Senior Director Decking Brian Lowry and General Sales Manager Decking Matt Shaner.

Lowry will be responsible for all aspects of TAMKO's decking operations, including sales, marketing, manufacturing and R&D. Lowry has been with TAMKO since 1996. He and Whelan were involved with TAMKO's initial entry into the decking market in 2001, including the inaugural launch of EverGrain decking. Whelan was even the original president of the CLMA in its first year of existence.

Shaner will be responsible for the day-to-day sales efforts and managing TAMKO's dedicated decking sales team. Shaner joined TAMKO in 2013 as a contractor sales specialist, and has risen quickly through the sales ranks, being promoted to territory manager for Austin and Central Texas and then, to his most recent position, as field sales manager for the southwest district.

Both Lowry and Shaner will be located at TAMKO's corporate office in Joplin, Missouri.

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