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Organizing Global Multinational Corporations

IAM Wood, Pulp and Paper Workers across the U.S. are also part of the global labor movement and have an important role to play to improve workers' rights, working conditions and terms of employment for all. Working with our union sisters and brothers—and those who want to be in unions—our concerns cannot be limited to the nation's borders. As American woodworkers in a global economy, our lives and struggles are connected to workers across the world. For example, woodworkers in Danville, Virginia, are part of the same global workplace as their counterpart furniture makers in Sweden, Russia and China.

Multinational corporations threaten the rights of workers worldwide as we face stagnant or shrinking wages, weaker social protections and greater job insecurity. As multinationals employ more and more of the global workforce and increase their power, workers and the labor movement face continuing attacks and new challenges. That is why it becomes increasingly more important to focus our organizing efforts here at home to include organizing multi-national corporations.

The Woodworkers Department is committed to comprehensive organizing campaigns and building alliances with all unions and partners worldwide. Organizing strategies may be implemented to build worker power from the community and national levels, to the global workplace. We will ensure that the ILO core labor standards, including the right to freedom of association, will help to establish the foundation of our global efforts. To understand how work is organized globally, we recognize that our Wood, Pulp and Paper Workers are often connected to the same supply chain and working for common multinational corporations.

PEFC COUNCIL BOARD NOMINATION

Woodworkers Chief of Staff Mike Rose's name has been submitted to the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Nomination Committee by the Building and Wood Worker's International (BWI) to fill a Council Board position.

The Nominations Committee is carefully considering the current composition of the Board and the challenges facing the PEFC Council. It is also mindful of the debate on balanced representation in relation to a civil society as defined in the UN and Agenda 21. PEFC is seeking candidates with emphasis on strategic thinking and leadership skills in addition to experience in labor and conservation to complement and strengthen the current Board.





Building and Wood Worker's International World Board Meeting

The Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI), representing 350 Trade Unions in 130 countries, conducted their World Board Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on November 28-30, 2016. In attendance from the IAM were BWI Board Member and Woodworkers Chief of Staff Mike Rose, along with Organizing Director Don Barker.

Topics for discussion were the planning and strategizing for organizing multinational companies and, the outlook on the worldwide economic and political situations. The surprise Trump election will have an impact on achieving BWI's objectives for improving living and working conditions for all U.S. allied companies' members.

It remains a priority for BWI and IAM Wood, Pulp and Paper Workers to implement the International Labor Organization's (ILO) defined core labor standards as they relate to social standards, freedom of association and the right to collectively bargain in all of our framework agreements. There are plans for continued dialogue with U.S. companies to campaign and promote fundamental trade union rights and not to compromise these ILO core standards.

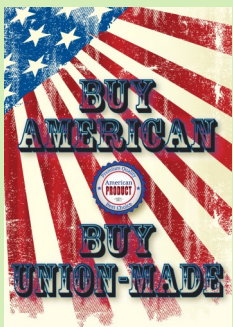


Organizing Director Don Barker and Woodworkers Chief of Staff Mike Rose spend time with Panamanian union Brothers while attending BWI's World Board Meetings.



BWI World Board Meeting in session in Geneva, Switzerland.

REMEMBER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON — TO SUPPORT AMERICAN MADE—UNION-MADE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



Use this list of resources as a guide to purchasing your holiday gifts and, products and services that are union-made and made in America.

Also keep PEFC, SFI and FSC certified wood products on your list to support your Woodworking Brothers and Sisters this holiday season!

<https://www.howtobuyamerican.com/content/db/b-db-american-union-made.shtml>

DISTRICT LODGE W24 HOSTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



District Lodge W24 in Gladstone, Oregon

District Lodge W24 in Gladstone, Oregon hosted their Executive Board Meeting on Friday, December 2, 2016 followed by a Local Lodge Presidents Meeting led by President/Directing Business Representative Noel Willet. The Delegate Council met at the W24 offices Saturday morning, December 3rd. Among the guest speakers were the President of the Oregon AFL-CIO Tom Chamberlain, Employee Benefits Systems Vice President of Field Operations and Sales Ray Moore, and Boeing Joint Program Administrator Stacy James.

Organizing was a topic for discussion as P/DBR Willet shared General Vice President Gary Allen's congratulations with the Lodge for their organizing successes. District W24 was the leading district in the Western Territory for organizing victories in 2016. And in keeping with this momentum, District Organizer Will Lukens gave a presentation emphasizing the extreme urgency and importance of continued organizing.

In addition to conducting general District business, it was noted that the Council raised \$944 for MNPL.

Finally, with due respect, a moment of silence was observed for the passing of two W24 members, Kyle Cline and Duane Solanka.

GDA 36TH ANNUAL CHARITY BENEFIT HELD IN LAS VEGAS



Guide Dogs of America held their William W. Winpisinger Charity Banquet this year marking the 36th Annual benefit. To honor its fundraisers "The Gift of Sight Award" was presented to Western Territory General Vice President Gary Allen who accepted on behalf of all Local and District Lodges in the Western Territory and U.S. Sugar Corporation President and CEO Robert Buker for their extraordinary commitments to supporting GDA. "One purpose it exists to make other peoples lives better," said Buker about GDA.

Woodworkers Chief of Staff Mike Rose and Special Representative Bob Walls participated along with 1000 people in attendance. The successful weekend of fundraisers included the charity banquet, a golf outing with 250 golfers, the Hawgs for Dogs motorcycle poker ride with over 100 participants and a sporting clay event with more than 60 participants.

As 2016 comes to an end, we send best wishes to Dale Hartford, who is retiring after serving seven years as GDA's President. Under his management and oversight there have been many changes and enhancements to the GDA campus as well as the program. His leadership has taken GDA to a new level of excellence.



Left to right: International President Bob Martinez, Jr., Western Territory General Vice President Gary Allen and GDA Director Dale Hartford

BIO—CORNER

Local Lodge W130 Secretary-Treasurer Jon Irvine grew up in a small northwest timber town, the son of a mill manager. He started his working career in the “Rigging”, setting chokers during the winter and fighting wildland fires in the summer.

In 2000, after three years of college studying Forestry Management, he was hired at Columbia River Scaling Bureau as an apprentice Log Scaler and has scaled logs from northern California, west to Montana and, all the way north to Alaska. That was until 2009 when after a year of being laid-off he took a job at Weyerhaeuser and became a Machinist Union member.

In May 2016 Brother Irvine was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Local Lodge W130 and says, “Since that appointment I’ve had the opportunity to participate in life changing events such as, the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention.”

Jon is a proud single father and his son graduates high school this year. He enjoys snowboarding, San So Kung Fu, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity projects and is a long time Toast Master.



Jon Irvine is a Log Scaler at Weyerhaeuser in Olympia, Washington and Secretary-Treasurer of Local Lodge W130

WOODWORKERS

ON-THE-JOB



Weyerhaeuser log yard in The Cascades.

**BEST WISHES FROM THE
WOODWORKERS DEPARTMENT
FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY
AND HAPPY and HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!**

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Bob Walls and

Torri Kenealy

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