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IAM WOOD, PULP & PAPER CONFERENCE

DEADLINE APPROACHES—REGISTER NOW!

Register NOW for our 2017 Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Conference being held September 12-16th in Eugene, OR — our deadline for reservations at our reduced Conference rate is **August 21st**. Your participation in making our Conference a dynamic experience can position our Wood, Pulp and Paper Workers and Council as a group with solid organizing skills and connections amongst ourselves.

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and join us for an Agenda that offers breakouts by Employer to give ample opportunity for attendees to have interactive participation with each other to discuss common issues. Have the occasion to engage with experts in our industries, listen to international speakers, and tour Weyerhaeuser locations.

Don't overlook word of mouth among your Brothers and Sisters and talk to attendees from our previous Wood, Pulp & Paper Meetings about Registration.

District Lodge W24 Holds

Their Delegate Council Meeting

On June 3, 2017 District Lodge W24 held their Delegate Council Meeting. Directing Business Rep Noel Willet gave the oath of office to five new delegates: LL 63's Greg DeMars and Scott Lacey, LL W12 Michelle White, W38 Tim Timmreck and W364 Dan Warner and, Officers and Business Reps gave their reports.

Steve Cooper, Grand Lodge Representative—Western Territory Organizing presented HAWK (Have a Worker Know) Awards to A/DBR Britt Cornman and BR/ORG Brandon Bryant.

Western Territory General Vice President Gary Allen recognizes exceptional work by Representatives in the Territory on an annual basis for Organizing, Leadership, Servicing, Community Service and Political involvement.



DL W24 DBR Noel Willet, BR/ORG Brandon Bryant and Western Territory Organizing—Grand Lodge Representative Steve Cooper



Western Territory Organizing—Grand Lodge Representative Steve Cooper, DL W24 A/DBR Britt Cornman and DL W24 DBR Noel Willet

Southern States Conference of Machinists: WE ARE THE SOUTHERN VOICE



Delegates at the Southern States Conference.

'We Are the Southern Voice' was the theme that drew more than 200 delegates from the 14 Southern States, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to Nashville, TN.

Together, they sat with their union brothers and sisters to look at the challenges that lie ahead and the successes available to build upon. And reaffirmed the motto of We Are the Southern Voice, speaking for workers and their families in the South.

"We wanted this Southern States Conference to be different, and it was," said IAM Southern Territory General Vice President Mark Blondin. "Early on, we decided that power point presentations and a continuous stream of speakers was not the message we needed to send to our delegates. This time we needed to connect with each other about one thing, and that was organizing."

The lineup of speakers was impressive. IAM International President Bob Martinez spoke about right to work and how the South has been living and coping with that in every state. Jill Adkins-Simmons with the National Labor Relations Board explained the 'right and wrong' ways to use social media when it comes to labor disputes.

William W. Winpisinger Education Center Assistant Director Mary McHugh illustrated how important it was that we change the vernacular of the Machinists Union and how that's interpreted by the IAM Membership. But the key component of this conference was organizing. More specifically, what's working and what needs to be re-worked.

"If we don't change, we will die. It's as simple as that. So we made organizing the core of this meeting," said Blondin. "Not just emphasizing the reasons why it's needed, but talking about the real nuts and bolts. We had five of our top organizers from the territory sit on stage and take questions from the delegates for more than two hours. It was an impressive learning institution that I don't think anyone walked away from without some new information and energy for the future."

The IAM's international president agrees that organizing is priority number one for the Machinists Union and that more resources are needed. And he understands that the Southern Territory is taking on this task, even when the odds are in favor of those who don't want to see Working People succeed.

"Our members in the South are members because they want to be members. You know about right to work in the South. People should take a lesson from the Southern Territory," said Martinez.

The conference was especially poignant for a few that really embraced the idea of being part of the Southern Territory.

"We may have all been born in different places, but we come together in the South to speak for workers and their families. Collectively, we are the Southern Voice and we understand what that means," said Directing Business Representative and newly elected Machinists Southern States Conference President Craig Martin.

—WINPISINGER CENTER EDUCATION — FUTURE WOOD, PULP & PAPER LEADERS!

Shout out! We would like to recognize our Wood, Pulp and Paper Stewards who have the potential to be leaders in our union and our industries through their education experiences at the Winpisinger Center Education and Technology Center this year. We are inspired by these Brothers' efforts to improve and grow our wood, pulp and paper membership through education.

NAME	TITLE	TERRITORY	DL	LL	CLASS
Alfredo Gonzalez	Steward	Western	W24	W12	Leadership I Spanish
Norman Pritchett	Steward	Western	W24	W12	Leadership I
Steven Schwantes	Steward	Midwest	W3	1543	Leadership I
Shawn Vanderjack	Stew/Trustee	Western	W24	W12	Organizing I Program
Michael Wolloch	Steward	Midwest	W3	655	Leadership I

Pictured below: Local Lodge W12 Steward Shawn Vanderjack



When Local Lodge W12 Steward Shawn Vanderjack is not actively a Fighting Machinist on the job at Roseburg Forest Products in Weed, CA you might find him at the Winpisinger Center learning labor history, the role that unions play in our society and that we are part of a larger movement toward economic and social justice with dignity on the job. Over the years he has completed Leadership I and II, Collective Bargaining and the Organizing I Programs.

We'd like to recognize Stewards Norman Pritchett who completed Leadership I and Alfredo Gonzales for having completed Leadership I-Spanish this year—also from Local Lodge W12.

And from the Midwest Territory, District Lodge W3, Local Lodge 655 Steward Michael Wolloch and Local Lodge 1543 Steward Steven Schwantes have made strides to improve their Leadership skills this year.

TIMBER INTERESTS CHEER SENATE ENERGY BILL PROVISION

Energy legislation awaiting action in the Senate could boost timber interests trying to gain more business on federal construction projects.

The bill, [S. 1460](#), proposed in late June by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), calls on the Energy Department to honor four industry-sponsored certification systems for sustainable forestry in "green" construction.

That's more than U.S. EPA accepts for its green-building certification, and industry groups say the provision could help pave the way to much more timber becoming available for such projects.

At issue is a dispute that's been brewing since 2015, when EPA said it would accept only timber certified through the Forest Stewardship Council for its preferred green program.



Senators Urge Administration to Seek 'Real Relief' in Softwood Lumber Dispute with Canada

Seven members of the Senate Finance Committee are calling on the Trump administration to push for a resolution that will provide "real relief" for the U.S. softwood lumber sector in its continuing trade dispute with Canada.

In a [letter](#) to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, the bipartisan group said that "the American economy depends on a vibrant domestic lumber industry" and emphasized the need for close consultations with Congress throughout any negotiations.

"Any long-term agreement must stop the harmful effects of subsidized and unfairly traded Canadian lumber on fair competition with the U.S. producers," wrote the members, led by Sens. [Ron Wyden](#) (D-Ore.) and [Mike Crapo](#) (R-Idaho).

The two countries have been negotiating the issue for decades, and they are working toward a settlement after the Commerce Department imposed preliminary countervailing and anti-dumping duties on imports of the product earlier this year.

Senior-level officials [warned](#) late last month that although the two sides remained engaged on this issue, a deal on how to manage cross-border trade of softwood lumber was unlikely before NAFTA talks begin in mid-August.

In the letter, the senators pushed for an enforceable clean quota agreement that holds Canada to its June 2016 commitment. They also urged for a deal designed to "maintain Canadian exports at or below an agreed market share."

BIO-CORNER and —In Memoriam—

Brad Summers passed away on February 18, 2017 as President of Local Lodge 1034 after a hard fought battle with liver disease. Brad faced this battle as he faced every other problem he ever encountered; with honor, courage and integrity. He fought tirelessly for his members his entire career. His coworkers will tell you, "he was a Mountain of a man, and his heart was even bigger. He was a true example of a Trade Unionist." Brad will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him; but his legacy of selfless work for his Union will never be forgotten.



*Former LL1034 President
Brad Summers*



*LL 1034 President
Rick Hollar*

After the untimely passing of Brother Summers, Local Lodge 1034 is now in the very capable hands of Brad's Vice President Rick Hollar. Brother Hollar began his Union career in June 1976 when he joined Boilermakers Local 26 in Savannah, GA as an apprentice and became a Journeyman Boilermaker in June 1980. In February 1990 he became a Machinists Union member of Local Lodge 1034 in Macon, GA upon being hired at Graphic Packaging International.

Rick is cut from the same cloth as his friend and predecessor Brad Summers. Brother Hollar is a true Trade Unionist representing the members' interests first and always with honor and integrity. Just like Brad, Rick is a strong presence at any Bargaining table or grievance meeting. This has earned him respect from the membership and management alike. There is no doubt that Rick will have no problem living up to Brad Summers example—he is a consummate professional and we wish him nothing but success in the future. ♦

WOODWORKERS

ON-THE-JOB



The old Boise Cascade plywood mill, closed in 2006. The original mill complex on the Yakima River was started in 1903.



A rail line leaves Yakima through the gate of the old Boise Cascade plywood mill.

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