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WOODWORKERS ENERGIZED BY INAUGURAL WOOD, PULP & PAPER COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Our first ever Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Conference was well attended by over 80 eager delegates, exceptional speakers and international guests. This event took place in Eugene, Oregon on September 12-16, 2018.

The fast paced Agenda included a variety of speakers that included addresses from International President Bob Martinez, Jr., General Secretary-Treasurer Dora Cervantes and General Vice President Rickey Wallace, along with IAM headquarters presentations from the Winpisinger Center, Strategic Resources, Communications and Political Action Departments who were all there to assist our wood, pulp and paper leadership in any way possible making



Left to right: International President Bob Martinez swears in the new Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Officers: Council President and DL 131 PR/DBR William Barnwell, Council Vice President and LL W130 PR Jon Irvine and Council Sentinel and LL W33 PR Brian Witchner.

their respective resources and information available.

Heartfelt and enthusiastic presentations relating to our members and industries were given by Oregon District 31 Representative and long-time Local Lodge W261 Member Brad Witt, Oregon Senator James Manning and Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain. There were many other speakers, as well as, time spent for Committee Reports, Employer Breakout sessions and Officer Elections.

International guests came from Byggnads, a Swedish building trades union and from the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) whose headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland. BWI's General Secretary Ambet Yuson spoke at the Conference Banquet and in solidarity committed \$5000 to IAM's Disaster Relief fund for hurricane victims.



Top left, clockwise: Organizing Committee—LL 63 Paul Nance, Apprentice Organizer Jake Merkel, LL W246 Don Turner, LL W12 Mike Gamble, LL W246 Tom Thede, LL W130 Jeff Wagner, LL W246 Shawn Olson, LL I460 Chris Bell, LL 63 Shirley Sedra, and LL 63 Duane Longtain

Continued—CONFERENCE

The final day of the Conference was spent touring a Weyerhaeuser Springfield logging site in the morning and Cottage Grove sawmill in the afternoon. The Weyerhaeuser team proudly displayed our members skills.

For more from Woodworkers Chief of Staff Mike Rose about our Conference, please see the attached video. You can view this on the Woodworkers Department webpage or on YouTube:

<https://www.goiam.org/departments/headquarters/woodworkers/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X9OZ30lbVQ>

Pictured right: Wood, Pulp and Paper Workers 'in the woods' while touring a Weyerhaeuser Springfield logging site



STAY CONNECTED WITH BWI —

The IAM is a member of the Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) a global union federation representing more 12 million trade unionists in over 132 countries in the construction, wood, forestry, furniture, building materials, and allied industries. The BWI is committed to building and strengthening the global trade union movement through innovative campaigns to organize and mobilize to build workers power and trade union power.

If you are interested in getting regular information and news about BWI's work as well as those of BWI affiliates, please forward your details including your email to info@bwint.org. In addition if you wish to link the BWI web-site to your local lodge's local web-site, you can do so by going to the BWI website at www.bwint.org or contact info@bwint.org for more details.

IAM VISIT to IKEA—DANVILLE, VIRGINIA



Photo taken by Organizing DIR Don Barker

Left to right: Southern Territory GLR Joe Greaser, IKEA-LL W727 2nd Shift Ch. Steward Curtis Walker, WW SR Bob Walls, IKEA-LL W727 Ch. Steward 3rd Shift Johnny Mayo, DL 74 P/DBR Larry Battle, LL W727 PR Vicki Pettiford and WW COS Mike Rose .

IAM and Woodworkers Representatives took to the opportunity to visit the Danville, Virginia IKEA with Local Lodge W727 members in advance of upcoming bargaining. Chief Stewards from all shifts, LL W727 members and PR Vicki Pettiford had the chance to voice their concerns and ideas with them. IKEA sponsored a tour of their entire facility— from how their goods are made, processed, packaged and shipped—and the delegation had time to meet with IKEA Human Resources Department to represent our members.

FIRE SEASON HAS ENDED FOR ALL OREGON FOREST DEPARTMENT FIRE PROTECTED DISTRICTS

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) officially ended fire season with the last district - Southwest Oregon - lifting fire restrictions at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 20, while cooler temperatures and moister conditions settle over the state. With the end of wildfire season in Oregon, several crews were dispatched to California to assist with the devastating wildfires there.

ODF firefighters suppressed over a thousand fires this year. The great majority were quickly contained at less than 10 acres. Invaluable to that effort was the help of private landowners, private contractors, local fire agencies, and state and federal partners, including out-of-state resources, some from as far away as North Carolina and Alberta, Canada. This year was also notable for the mobilization of the Oregon National Guard, hundreds of whom were dispatched to help on wildfires. Two Oregon Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopters loaned to the firefighting effort dropped more than 1.2 million gallons of liquid on Oregon fires during their mobilization.



Each fall, many forest landowners deliberately set fires - controlled burns - to remove excess woody debris and prepare logged sites for replanting with young trees. These burns also reduce the risk of wildfires during the summer.

BUSY BARGAINING YEAR AHEAD

FOR DISTRICT LODGE W24

District Lodge W24 is looking ahead to a very busy year in 2018 as they prepare for a number of wood, pulp and paper contracts to open for bargaining.

Contracts expiring May 31, 2018

Weyerhaeuser

Timber Products

#4 Boiler/Clearwater Paper

Roseburg Forest Products

Contract expires June 1, 2018

Rabey Trucking

The plans to develop constructive approaches to negotiations will be key—and, all of the Grand Lodge resources—from Info Systems and Communications to Strategic Resources — will be used to support these efforts. Collectively, all of the above contracts represent approximately 1800 IAM members.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BWI and Affiliates Submit Motion 50 to Assembly

During the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) General Assembly held October 8-14th in Vancouver, British Columbia, 3 BWI staff members and 16 affiliate representatives, including Woodworkers SR Bob Walls, proposed Motion 50 (M50) to the FSC General Assembly.

M50 aims to strengthen the social dimension within the Chain of Custody (CoC). This would mean that that FSC Certificate holders would respect ILO Core Conventions with provisions for gender, health and safety.



Pictured right: The BWI delegation and Woodworkers Special Representative Bob Walls proudly display BWI's union rallying cry, "Amandla—Power to the People" while taking a moment for a picture during the Forest Stewardship Council's General Assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia.

BIO-CORNER



Melvin 'Big Dog' Jordan, Jr., President
Local Lodge W433

Melvin 'Big Dog' Jordan, Jr., is a proud Machinist Union member and has been since 1981 when he began his career at Masonite International.

Almost all of Brother Jordan's 37 years—33 years to be exact— have been spent representing his fellow workers at Masonite for Local Lodge W433. Melvin has been the Shop Steward for 22 years, was elected President of his lodge 11 years ago and holds that position today. He is active in his union and works on the VPP Team and Safety Team, too.

'Big Dog' is a church-going, family man with 3 kids—one son and two daughters. Melvin finds time to enjoy his love of baseball, football and basketball.

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ON-THE-JOB



Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Conference delegates watch as tress are cut down during Weyerhaeuser's Springfield woods tour.

CONTINUED—FSC

BWI's main goal is to embed labor standards in the process from the saw mills to the factories, through processing until it reaches the retailer. If workers' rights are included in this CoC, consumers can be certain that the wood and paper products that are FSC certified respect the workers that made these products possible. This would be an important milestone.

Over the course of several days meetings were had to promote, debate, argue and counter-argue and reword the Motion among BWI and affiliates and the Social, Economic and Environmental Chambers of the Assembly.

While the motion did not pass, it received tremendous support for members of the Social and Environmental Chambers and commendable support from the Economic Chamber.

The IAM will continue to promote Motion 50 along with BWI and all affiliates taking into account all insight gained and recommendations made at this General Assembly.

