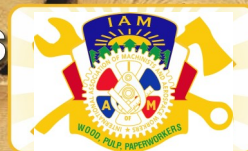


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MACHINISTS WOOD, PULP & PAPER COUNCIL CONFERENCE IN SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

THERE IS STILL TIME—REGISTER NOW!

There is still time to register for the 2022 Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Council (MWPPC) Conference. **The deadline for reservations has been extended to Saturday, April 30th.**

The conference is scheduled for May 9-13, 2022 at the Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront in Saint Paul, MN. A registration form and all the details about the conference can be found in this [conference call letter](#).

You can make your reservation by calling the hotel's in-house reservations department at **651-292-1900** and identify yourself as a participant of the **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers** or make your reservation online with this link: [Intl Assn of Machinists & Aerospace Workers](#).

Finally– In-Person!

The Machinists Southern Pulp & Paper Conference



Southern Territory GVP Rickey Wallace swears in the newly elected Council Officers. Left to right: DeWayne Holloway, Vice President; Earnest Champion, Conductor-Sentinel/MNPL Director; Jerome Dyal, President; Andrew Bennet, Secretary-Treasurer.

The 69th Machinists Southern Pulp & Paper Conference (MSP&PC) was held, in-person, in Macon, GA, on March 3-4, 2022, after a 2 year dormant period due to the pandemic.

With a full Agenda, Council president Mike Mauldin started the Conference off with introductions from all delegates. He informed everyone that because they hadn't met in 2020 and 2021, this year elections would be held for all officers' positions and moving forward, to maintain the normal rotation in accordance with MSP&PC bylaws, the President and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected for one (1) year, while Vice President and Conductor Sentinel/MNPL Director will be elected for two (2) years.

Secretary-Treasurer Steve Hernandez thanked International President Bob Martinez for his continuing support of this Conference; the southern pulp and paper sector has benefitted by his advocacy.

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Pictured above: Vasyl Andreyev, President of PROFBUD – the Building Workers’ Union of Ukraine. He stated: “While struggling now together with all people in Ukraine against military aggression East of the country, workers also have to fight attempts by the Ukrainian Parliament of taking away their rights; deteriorating the level of their labor and social guarantees; depriving unions of their authorities and possibilities in the labor market, in social security bodies, in negotiating rights and strikes; of confiscating offices and prosecuting union officials. This is not what our country needs in the existential crisis we are experiencing.”

IAM SUPPORTS OUR COMMON GOOD

Weeks ago, Vasyl Andreyev would have described his working days as primarily supporting workers rights in his position as the president for Construction and Building Materials Industry Workers Union (PROFBUD.) He would finish his days to return home to his wife Anna Andreeva, also a lifetime labor activist as the Building and Wood Worker’s International (BWI) campaign officer. Together they are raising their 5 year old son, Gherman.

Vasyl is a block layer by trade but is interested in government resolution and obtained a PhD in state administration in 2018. He likes to repair cars and enjoys residential remodeling work. He has many other interests from being an avid reader, long distance running, skiing to his newest hobby as of 2021-- surfing!

Did we mention that Vasyl is President of the union PROFBUD representing workers in Ukraine? Their headquarters office was located in Kyiv and his wife, Anna, is originally from Russia. Nothing common here, given the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine. But what is common, is that our affiliation with our sisters and brothers in Ukraine allow us to fight together for labor and human rights every day. Many of the issues and fights that Vasyl affects for workers in Ukraine are the same issues that we fight for workers here in the U.S. As affiliates together, and through BWI, we work in solidarity for workers globally, always remembering that an injury to one is an injury to all of us in the most profound ways.

President Andreyev has moved their union HQ from Kyiv to Lviv in western Ukraine and is maintaining a kind of skeleton infrastructure to help his organizers and the union members. The IAM, through our affiliation with BWI, has made a financial donation to Ukraine and BWI continues to send support through goods and money to aid the evacuated and displaced people with help from our affiliates in Poland, Romania and Moldova.

Vasyl reports that during this invasion the union has entered into a new round of negotiations on their National Collective Agreement for construction and building materials industry. The primary issue has become temporary unemployment coverage.

“We are trying to support our members in complicated circumstances, especially those who are at the border line in eastern Ukraine. The situation is very tense. People are afraid of the war escalating which also means economic downturn and jobs vanishing, especially in construction. It will take enormous efforts and time from us. But there is no other option or chance for workers to survive in this turmoil.”



In solidarity, the Ukraine flag flies along-side of the American and Canadian flags in front of the IAM Grand Lodge in Upper Marlboro, MD.

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Distinguished speakers included Southern Territory GVP Rickey Wallace and COS Craig Martin, Woodworkers COS Mike Rose, EBS President Jeff Grim and Georgia AFL-CIO President Charlie Flemming. Important points centered around the collective work we do together, whether through this Conference discussing common issues and exchanging ideas, or working with our global partners, like the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) to strengthen labor rights here and around the world. Each Local Lodge gave status reports of their respective mill(s) and provided updates on their current negotiated benefits. Also, by bringing resources together, the GA AFL-CIO played a major role helping to get labor friendly politicians elected. The sharing of information and organizing strengthens our membership and bargaining power, and impresses the importance of this Conference.



Pictured: Machinists Southern Pulp & Paper Council Conference delegates and guests.



NEW YORK CASCADES WORKERS WIN A VERY LONG BATTLE

More than 100 workers at the Cascades Containerboard facility in Niagara Falls, N.Y. have overwhelmingly ratified a strong first collective bargaining agreement.

The facility's group of more than 100 workers **voted to join the Machinists Union** in April 2019 and have been attempting to bargain for a fair contract for nearly three years. Cascades Containerboard, a Canadian-owned company, **failed to listen to U.S. lawmakers**, labor leaders, or their workers as they called on the company to bargain a fair contract.

"I could not be more proud of these members for their solidarity, courage, and dedication to get the first contract for each other," said IAM Eastern Territory General Vice President Brian Bryant. "This has been a long time coming, and there aren't many groups that could continue to display the solidarity and patience these members have. The longer the process has gone on, the more resolve these members have shown. I want to thank IAM Canadian General Vice President David Chartrand and his staff for their work putting pressure on this Québec-based manufacturer, helping us achieve this long-awaited victory."

WATCH: Cascades Containerboard Workers Demand Contract

"Our members at Cascades are the major reason for the company's success. They earned and fought for the right to vote on a fair first contract," said **IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr.** "This opportunity will give these dedicated individuals a voice in the workplace. I commend them for their focus in obtaining a contract that will make life better for their families and the Niagara Falls community."

"The Canadian Territory is thankful that our Brothers and Sisters at Cascades in New York were able to secure a first contract," said **IAM Canadian General Vice President David Chartrand.** "The IAM stood strong across the borders because all workers deserve respect and fairness. That's what a team does—when you hurt one, you hurt all. We hope that this struggle is behind us, and we can move forward toward creating a better workplace."

BIO-CORNER



Wade Istre, Business Representative

District Lodge W2021

This is Wade Istre, Business Representative at our relatively new District Lodge W2021 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Wade became a Machinist in Local Lodge 470 when he started working at Westlake Chemical Company in 2007. During the course of his 14 years on the job as a garage mechanic for the company he spent 7 years as an apprentice communicator for the lodge. This led to becoming Local Lodge 470's vice president for 2 years until he became LL president. He served as lodge president for 4 years until in 2021 the new DL W2021 was formed where he is currently serving the membership as a business representative across his district territory.

In Brother Istre's spare time he breeds and raises show cattle. He attended a 2 year program at Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Houston, Texas, to learn his trade. Wade has 2 daughters and one granddaughter he loves to spend time with when he can.

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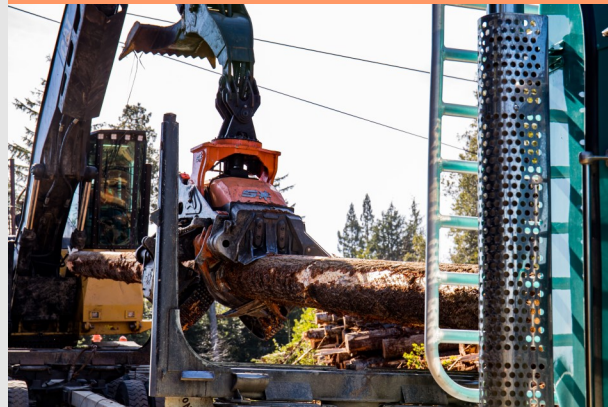
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