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THE WOODWORKERS DEPARTMENT & THE WINPISINGER CENTER BRING CUSTOM TRAINING TO YOU

Woodworkers Department Special Representative Billy Barnwell, along with Winpisinger Center Education Representative Dee Colbert, will be delivering the Woodworkers Field Training Program to our members in Local W298 in North Little Rock, AR, October 7 – 9. These members work for Koppers making railroad ties. Later in the year, the Department will facilitate this training for our Koppers members in Local W77 in Florence, SC, and will focus heavily on coordination between common employers.

The program has been held previously in District 243, where multiple paper mill locals attended, and in District W24, where several Locals in both dimensional lumber production and the logging industries were present. The needs of both were different, which is why each program is put together to fit the needs of the members receiving training.

Since starting this program last year, the Woodworkers Department has been able to deliver valuable training in Local administration, officer roles and responsibilities, organizing, grievance handling, bylaws review, and sound local financial planning. This program is important to our sector and any local desiring training should reach out to their business representative to request a program that will be designed around each local and district's particular needs.

2024 MWPPC 'Chillin' & Grillin' Virtual BBQ Fundraiser for GDA & TLC

EVERYONE'S A WINNER — AND SOME ARE CHAMPIONS

The Machinists Wood, Pulp, and Paper Council (MWPPC) held its fifth annual 'Chillin' & Grillin' virtual barbecue competition to support Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines. Seventeen teams and over 30 cooks around North America barbecued and raised more than \$20,000 for the IAM's charity of choice.



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of America



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Canines

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2024 Winners

Grand Champion – 1st Place
Jon Irvine

Grand Champion – 2nd Place
Billy Barnwell

Grand Champion – 3rd Place
Brandon Bryant

Chicken Champion- 1st Place
James Little

Pork Rib Champion – 1st Place
Don Barker

Cook's Choice Champion - 1st Place
Brandon Bryant, Peach Cobbler

The International Labor Organization (ILO) Meeting of Experts Adopts Conclusions to Promote Safety & Health in Forestry

Woodworkers COS Bob Walls attended the ILO Meeting of Experts in Geneva, Switzerland, along with a delegation from BWI and over 80 other international participants representing governments, employers and workers. The May 6-10, 2024, Expert Meeting's key topics were updated and adopted in the 1998 ILO code of practice on safety and health in forestry work. Despite progress made in the past decades, working in forests remains dangerous. The updates adopted included safety measures, health guidelines, and best practices related to forestry work. Experts revised the existing code to enhance occupational safety and promote decent work in the forestry sector. The meeting attendees provided concrete recommendations for future action in the sector by the ILO as well as by governments and employers' and workers' organizations.

Sustainable forestry can be a driver of decent jobs, economic growth and development of rural areas worldwide. In recent years a lot has been said on the role of forests in combatting climate change and their key contribution for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Less focus has been placed on employment and decent work aspects related to forests and forestry. Work deficits such as poor and unsafe working conditions, absence of a voice at work and obstacles to the right to organize, inadequate OSH measures, low productivity, low wages and lack of access to social protection continue to exist in the sector.

Reflecting on this, Bob Walls noted that the progress in the sector had been slow, and accident rates remained elevated, including in comparison to other sectors such as road transport or construction. Good examples of safe work in forestry were often the result of robust national laws and their enforcement, and with workers participating in safety decisions as equal partners.



May 6-10, 2024—International Labor Organization, Geneva, Switzerland—Experts Meeting on Forestry
Inset picture: Woodworkers COS Bob Walls with delegation from Building & Wood Worker's Union (BWI)

2024 SOUTHERN PULP & PAPER COUNCIL CONFERENCE

President: Jerome Dyal

Vice President: Dewayne Holloway

Secretary Treasurer/ Recording: Andrew Bennet

Sentinel/MNPL Director: Earnest Champion

Mayor Bradley Bean welcomed the 2024 Southern Pulp and Paper (SPP) Council Conference delegates and guests to Fernandina Beach, FL, and shared a bit of the city's history.

Host Lodge 40 and SPP Council President Jerome Dyal followed to open the Conference and introduce the first speaker, Brother Russell Harper from the North Florida CLC.

Brother Harper spoke of the difficulty getting bills passed and reviewed some of the more important bills to our pulp and paper sector that have been rejected. All of this information has been shared with the delegates via email.

Updates from the Woodworkers Department were given by Special Representative Billy Barnwell. He touched on:

- ♦ the fatality that occurred in Rome, GA, and that if any workers need help with grief counseling to contact Sean March with IAM's EAP & Mental Health Resources Department at 203-695-4862 or contact the 24 hour line at 888-250-4IAM (4426);
- ♦ the new field training program developed in partnership by the Woodworkers Department and W3. Training is given onsite and structured to meet lodges' specific needs. Reach out to your DBR, BR or local president to arrange for training;
- ♦ districts with pulp or paper locals have been sent a standardized OSHA 300 information request to share with business reps that service this sector's paper mills and return them to the Woodworkers Department. The department is working with the law firm of Schwarz & Schwarz who have a new, cutting-edge digital OSHA Log Reporting System. They will compile all safety related data in the interest of safeguarding our members from avoidable injuries;
- ♦ and, DL 112 and DL 131 merged into new DL 243. It has a good team of reps headed by PR/DBR Matt Murdaugh.

DL W2021 PR/DBR Chuck Bennett took the podium and encouraged the delegates to use the support offered by the IAM Woodworkers Department, Machinists Southern Pulp & Paper and the Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Councils for sharing information and common interests, goals and issues.

IAM Leadership Meets with Weyerhaeuser

August 7, 2024— IAM Woodworkers Department Special Representative Billy Barnwell, District Lodge W24's PR/DBR Brandon Bryant and Business Representative Jeff Wagoner, and local lodge presidents met with Weyerhaeuser management to discuss the state of the company, and issues impacting our members in the logging and sawmill industry working for them. Safety issues were discussed in depth.

This comprehensive Labor-Management Meeting is the beginning of an effort to enhance communication between the parties as we prepare for negotiations in a little over a year. The last negotiation was only settled after a lengthy strike at close to a dozen sites as our membership demanded a fair contract. While the members of District W24 would be prepared if it came to that again, leadership is attempting to avoid that necessity by ensuring that the company more clearly understands the needs of membership.

The Woodworkers Department supports this effort, and others like it, by bringing a global perspective to conversations with our employers. By discussing with them some of the behind the scenes work we are doing to support and grow their industries, we increase the understanding that labor and management have significant common interests. If you or your local would like our assistance with similar discussions, please reach out to your Districts and Territories.

BIO-CORNER



*Rebecca Joslyn, Chief Steward
IAM Local Lodge W33*

In 2008, Sister Rebecca Joslyn began her career as a Machinist when she took a job at Boise Paper Mill, now Packaging Corporation of America (PCA,) in International Falls, MN.

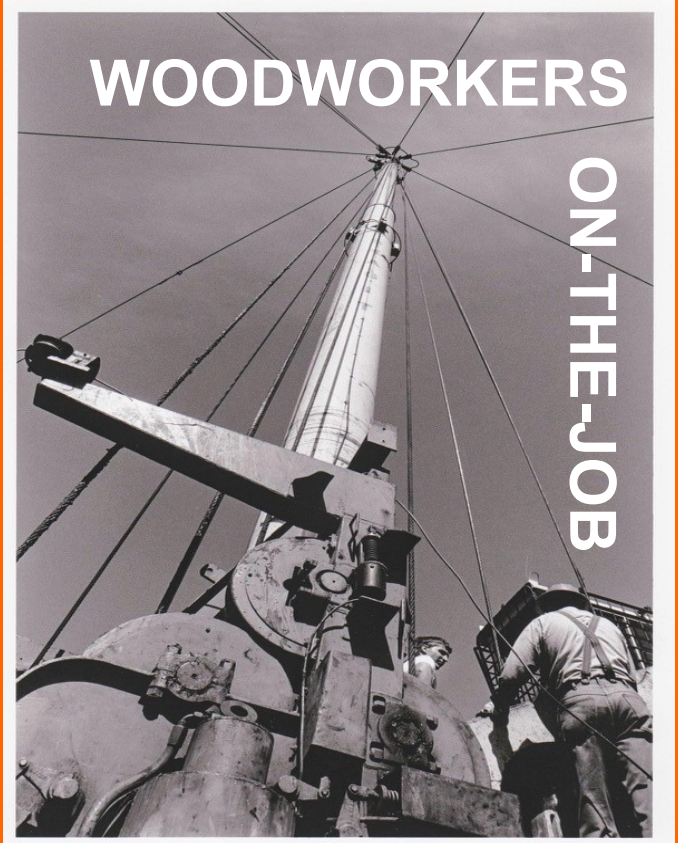
Rebecca has held a number of positions at PCA and still holds all of her

qualifications in PCA's Finishing/Shipping Department. And from the beginning of Rebecca's IAM membership, she has been supported by her coworkers and been elected to IAM's leadership positions as Shop Steward, Chief Shop Steward, and Trustee for Local Lodge W33—all positions she still holds today, 16 years later.

In addition to raising her three adult sons with her husband Steve, (Jacob, 33; Christopher, 28; and Kevin, 22,) Sister Joslyn has always found time to stay involved in our Union community by engaging in organizing drives, election campaigns by 'door knocking,' and joining in many of the opportunities to participate in Guide Dogs of America & Tender Loving Canines fundraising events through Local Lodge W33.

Most recently, Sister Joslyn has signed on as a member of the Veterans Committee. They are working with the local VSO office to assist our local veterans.

Thank you for your service to the IAM, Sister Joslyn!



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