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## Don't forget to register for our 2025 Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Conference in Niagara Falls, NY from September 15-19

A registration form and more information about the conference are enclosed in the conference call-letter. Please complete the form and return it to IAM Woodworkers Department, c/o Bailey Simonds at 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, or email [bsimonds@iamaw.org](mailto:bsimonds@iamaw.org)

Newly appointed MWPPPC President Matt Murdaugh will chair this meeting and direct the busy agenda. Council business will include Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Officer elections for Vice President and Conductor Sentinel, a host of great speakers, and a strong focus on organizing, educating, and empowering. Some of the highlights at the Conference will be a Guide Dogs of America/ Tender Loving Canines Fundraising Event. The conference registration fee will be \$125 per delegate and \$75 for each guest and can be paid upon arrival at the conference. This fee will help defray the cost of the Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Conference.

If you have any questions about this conference, please contact Woodworkers Department Chief of Staff Bob Walls at 301-967-4555.

### Chris Wagoner

#### Memorial Leadership Grant

Applications due November 30



IAM - WILLIAM W. WINPISINGER  
Education and Technology Center



### Applications for the 2026 Chris Wagoner Memorial Leadership Grant Due Nov. 30

The Winpisinger Center is soliciting entries for the [2026 Chris Wagoner Memorial Leadership Grant](#). The grant provides financial support for locals that want to send current and emerging leaders to Leadership training, but lack the resources to do so.

Official Circular 908, which established the grant, provides funding to one Local from each IAM Territory annually. As of 2025, this means the Eastern, Midwestern, Western, Southern, Canadian and Air Transport Territories, as well as Headquarters and vicinity, including the Rail Division. The grant will reimburse all incurred costs associated with the local sending a member to a Leadership program at the Winpisinger Center.

## Sharpening Skills and Building Strength with Local W33

Woodworkers Department International Representative Billy Barnwell was in International Falls, MN this month delivering training to Local W33. Facilitated by Barnwell and Education Representative Tim Hight, and assisted by Midwest Territory IR Kevin Murch, the shop stewards and executive board received instruction on Local Lodge administration, organizing, strategic planning, best practices in a multi-union environment, and shop steward training.

The training was three full days at the Bob Walls Memorial Union Hall, named for the father of Woodworkers Chief of Staff Bob Walls. This Local represents our members working for PCA Paper Millin International Falls, as well as the fire department and paramedics in the city and several other shops in the area in the health care industry.

Said District 5 Directing Business Representative Jeff Hoopman, “The members at the training were very engaged and came out of it understanding that they have work to do to get to where they want to be but knowing that they have the resources to get there.”

If your Local or District is interested in the Woodworkers Field Training Program, reach out to your Business Representative or Territory and we can develop and schedule a program to meet your needs.

Pictured below: members from W33 training



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The grant is renewable for each local selected, and the member chosen by the local may attend all four Leadership programs, one annually, provided they have satisfactorily completed the previous program and the local submits an accountability statement affirming that the member has participated in, and contributed to, the local's activities.

The Wagoner Grant was created by delegates to the 2024 IAM International Convention to honor the work and memory of **Chris Wagoner**, who served as Director of the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center before his passing in 2022. Brother Wagoner, a 30-year member of the IAM, believed that expanding opportunities for Leadership training was critical to our future growth and strength as a union.

## IAM Wood, Pulp & Paper Council Hosts 6th Annual Virtual BBQ, Raises over \$23,000 for Guide Dogs of America

The IAM Wood Pulp, & Paper Council (WPPC) fired up the grills online this year, hosting it's 6th Annual Chillin' & Grillin' for GDA Virtual BBQ Competition in support of the IAM's favorite charity, [Home - Guide Dogs of America](#) (GDA/TLC).

**Watch the video recap here:** [AM WPP GDA BBQ 2025 Report.m4v](#)

The excitement and spirit of community came through as 20 talented cooks and teams showcased their creativity and passion for barbeque. From pork ribs to cook's choice dishes, participants delivered flavor and fun—all while raising funds to change lives through guide and service dogs.

Contributions help provide guide dogs and service dogs to those who need them most.

"Our cooks, sponsors, donors, and judges made this event a true success," IAM Wood, Pulp and Paper Council President Matt Murdaugh. "The passion and generosity that makes this tradition so meaningful."

### WINNERS



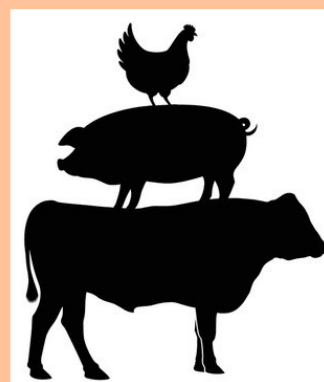
**Grand Champion:** Nina Flack

**Second Place:** Matt Murdaugh

**Third Place:** Don Barker

**Pork Rib Champion:** Dave Lehive

**Cook's Choice Champion:** Brandon Bryant



Best of each Territory winners include Nina Flack (Southern), Brandon Bryant (Western), Andrew Peltier (Midwest), and James Little (Headquarters).

### Sponsors & Support

A huge boost came from sponsors, including **\$5,000 Title Sponsor International President Brian Bryant**. Choice Sponsors at \$1,500 level included the IAM Wood, Pulp and Paper Council, IAM District W2021, IAM District W24, IAM Air Transport Territory, Employee Benefit Systems, and the IAM Southern Territory. Prime Sponsors, Select Sponsors, and Donors rounded out the effort, ensuring the fundraiser's success.

Judging the flavorful submissions were Yvette Sheehan (GDA/TLC), LJ Brown (GDA/TLC), and Laura Ewan (IAM Legal Department).

### Raffle & Community Spirit

All 33 raffle entrants walked away with prizes, including cutting boards, watches, GDA/TLC swag, and Union Sportsmen's Alliance merchandise.

With more than \$23,000 already raised and donations still coming in, the IAM WPPC continues to show the power of solidarity, community, and great barbeque—all in support of a life-changing cause.





## BIO CORNER



Terry Schultz, Store Keeper, Steward—VP W33

Meet Terry, our dedicated Store Keeper/Steward and current Vice President of W33. Terry began his career as a machinist on May 17, 2010, with Boise Inc., now known as PCA. Over the course of his 15 year journey with the company, he has worked across several departments— spending his first 8 years in the Process Center, followed by time in Pulp/Bleach as a Loader Operator, a month at the O2 Filter Plant, and the past 7 years in the Storeroom.

Throughout his career, Terry has taken on several leadership roles, serving as a Trustee, Steward and now VP. His commitment to his team and union is a reflection of his strong work ethic and leadership.

Outside of work, Terry has been happily married to his wife Treana for 36 years. They share two grown children, Andrew (37) and Nikki (34). When he's not on the job, Terry enjoys camping, ice fishing, and spending time at family gatherings— his favorite way to unwind and connect.

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