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Message from the President

As we close out 2010, I write to you for the last time as AWI Chicago Chapter President. It has been an honor and an enjoyable experience these past two years. While my term has ended, the 2011-2012 board was recently nominated, elected and approved. I'd like to introduce them:

President	Chris Farrell, Inter Ocean Cabinet Company
Vice President	Kevin Forestal, Great Lakes Wood Products
Secretary	Skip McFarland, McFarland & Assoc.
Treasurer	Mark Jardon, Roger Shaw & Associates
Director	Kevin Mack, Holzkraft
Director	Joe Ventimiglia, Sierra Forest Products
Director	Jason Horn, Charles Horn Lumber
Past President	Paul Kelly, Barsanti Woodwork Corp
Union Liaison	John Farrell, Inter Ocean Cabinet Company
National Rep	Tom Gleason, Gleason Woodwork, Inc

A couple names that are noticeably missing from above are Ed Schavitz, Ken Kamien and Joe Binder. Combined, they have volunteered decades of their time to help build and sustain the Chicago Chapter of AWI. While they all have stated that they will continue to assist the chapter in any means necessary, their day-to-day effort and vision will be clearly missed. Thanks to all three for their years of dedicated service!!

As was announced at the AWI National Convention in Denver last month, the Chicago Chapter was named a "Distinguished Chapter" for the second year in a row. It is one of National's highest Chapter honors, and we are all proud to have achieved it again. Thanks to everyone for making it possible! Beyond achieving this award for the second straight year, we also won awards for Revitalization of Chapter Leadership, Honorable Mention for Best Newsletter and were presented with a Distinguished President ring.

The new board is very excited to begin the new year, and we have some tremendous programs planned. From materials, to machinery, to LEED, and Golf....There is something for everyone. The full schedule is listed within this Detailer.

Lastly, while we have grown our membership each of the last two years, we are encouraged and determined to continue the trend. Therefore, we are having a 2011 Membership Drive, and you can read the particulars offered in the Membership section. There are some great incentives to join, renew, or refer others to do so.

Thanks for a wonderful 2 years and good luck in 2011!

Paul Kelly
AWI Chicago Chapter President

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November 2010

2010 Board Members

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Paul Kelly
Barsanti Woodwork Corporation

Vice-President

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Inter Ocean Cabinet Company

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Ed Schavitz
Midwest Woodwork & Veneering

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Chicagoland Finishing Materials

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Featured AWI Chicago Chapter Company:
Great Lakes Wood Products Inc.

Great Lakes Wood Products manufactures architecturally matched, custom-sized doors, plywood and paneling for a variety of applications... from blueprint-matched wall panels to furniture components; from desk tops to inlaid conference table tops. Our experienced team will fulfill your unique needs from a world-wide selection of exotic and domestic veneers.

Established by owner/president Kevin Forrestal in 1991, Great Lakes Wood Products is striving to be your "go to" source for custom architectural plywood in Chicago and surrounding area. We pride ourselves in competitive pricing and personal service to meet all of your panel needs .

We are also proud to announce that starting December 1st we will be the exclusive distributor for the "LEVINEER" line of paper backed flexible veneer faces. The "Levineer" product line encompasses over 150 different veneer species of flexible veneer products with backers of 10,20,or 30mil paper as well as PSA, Polybak, Fabric WallWood and veneer backers.



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Upcoming Chicago Chapter Events

February 2011

Kevin Forrestal and Margaret Fisher will give an accredited CEU veneer seminar to area architects, designers and chapter members at Hafele's Chicago Showroom.

April 2011

John Wiley of Elipticon will give a presentation on Lean Manufacturing.

June 2011

The Annual Chicago Chapter Golf Outing will be held at St. Andrews.

August or September 2011

Joe Ventimiglia with Sierra Forrest Products will give a CEU accredited seminar to area architects, designers and chapter members at Hafele's Chicago Showroom.

November 2011

The latest on LEED and what it means for Chicago Chapter Members.

2011 Membership Drive

Reduced member fees for 2011!

SUPPLIER MEMBER

Now \$300.00 reduced from \$400.00

MANUFACTURING MEMBER

Annual Sales Under \$1,000,000.00

Now \$400.00 reduced from \$600.00

Annual Sales Over \$1,000,000.00

Now \$600.00 reduced from \$800.00

Discounted Dinner Coupons
For Ten Meetings

\$200.00 (\$250 value)

Referral Program!

Any current AWI Chicago Chapter member can earn \$200 towards annual dues by referring a new manufacturing member to the chapter!*

*Referral must join the AWI CH Chapter in order to earn bonus.

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