

# Board of Review

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TO: ALSC MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

FROM: THOMAS D. SEARLES

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2013

SUBJ: BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES

Attached are the final minutes of the January 30, 2013 Board of Review meeting.

**The next Board of Review meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2013.**

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Attachment

cc: ALS Staff  
Board of Review  
Counsel  
Other Interested Parties

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
**January 30, 2013**

The Board of Review met on January 30, 2013, at the offices of Venable LLP, 575 7<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC. The Board members present were Messrs. Parrish, Ethington and Hawks. Mr. Parrish chaired the meeting. Mr. Searles was present as Manager. Mr. Landry of Venable LLP was present as Counsel to the Board of Review. Messrs. McDaniel and Reck of the ALS staff were present.

Present and participating for parts of the meeting were:

Mr. David Kretschmann	US Forest Products Laboratory
Mr. Don DeVisser	West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau
Dr. Kevin Cheung	Western Wood Products Association
Mr. Rich Coster	Lumber Merchandising Corporation
Ms. Cathy Kaake	Southern Forest Products Association
Mr. Steve Conwell	Southern Forest Products Association
Mr. Jeff Fantozzi	Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau
Mr. Al Rozek	National Lumber Grades Authority
Mr. Randy Kaardal	National Lumber Grades Authority
Mr. David Conner	Timber Products Inspection
Mr. Jeff Easterling	Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Mr. Randy Caron	Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Ms. Helen Griffin	Canadian Wood Council
Mr. Jim Loy	Southern Pine Inspection Bureau
Mr. Bob Browder	Southern Pine Inspection Bureau
Mr. Kirk Grundahl	Structural Building Components Association
Mr. Francois Beaudoin	Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board
Mr. Chuck Dentelbeck	Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board
Dr. Mark Rey	Travis Lumber Company
Mr. Gary Ehrlich	National Home Builders Association
Ms. Felicia Watson	National Home Builders Association
Mr. Edgar Deomano	National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
Mr. Dave Dixon	Package Research Laboratory

Present and participating for parts of the meeting by telephone were:

Mr. Hubert Sager	American Lumber Standard Committee Treasurer
Dr. James Evan	US Forest Products Laboratory
Dr. Don Bender	ALSC Consumer Representative
Ms. Linda Brown	Southern Pine Inspection Bureau
Mr. Dan Wheat	ALSC Engineer Representative
Mr. Ed Dougal	Texas Forest Service
Mr. Chris Brandt	Weyerhaeuser Company
Dr. Frank Woeste	ALSC Consumer Representative

Mr. Tim Cochran	Random Lengths
Mr. Brad Douglas	American Wood Council
Mr. Lon Sibert	Renewable Resource Associates
Mr. John Simon	Forge Lumber Company
Mr. Kerlin Drake	Anthony Forest Products
Mr. Michael Klein	Mitek Industries

### **HEARING ON SOUTHERN PINE INSPECTION BUREAU (SPIB) FULL MATRIX FOR SOUTHERN PINE**

Pursuant to Notice dated December 12, 2012 and Section 10.10 of the American Softwood Lumber Standard-PS 20, Chairman Richard Parrish called to order the Hearing of the Board of Review.

Thirty people attended the Board hearing with an additional twelve people joining by telephone. A list of attendees is shown above. During the hearing, the Board received comments and concerns from all that wished to speak or pose questions. A transcript was taken and will be available from Planet Depo within a few weeks (888-433-3767).

The Board reviewed and considered the SPIB proposal for the Full In-Grade Assigned Design Values Submission for Southern Pine as submitted in the SPIB letters dated December 11, 2012 and January 11, 2013 (actually received and distributed to interested parties on January 10, 2013). Additionally the Board considered six letters previously received from various parties concerning the submission. The Board accepted the resubmission of positions previously furnished to the Board from Dr. Rey and Ms. Kaake.

Mr. Grundahl expressed concern with specific language in the Appendix A portion of the SPIB submittal, which provided information on the derivation of design values, stating that he felt the language could be more clearly stated and asked for additional time for the evaluation of the submitted text of Appendix A by his legal counsel. The group had an in depth discussion of his concern and it was suggested that the language could be amended to delete the sentence: "Designers of wood structures....and grade grouping." SPIB agreed to this modification in its submission.

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned.

The Board in Executive Session reviewed the SPIB proposal.

The Board discussed the request of Mr. Grundahl for additional time. On motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously denied the request of Mr. Grundahl to extend the proceedings for further input, noting that the SPIB submission had been available since January 10, 2013.

The Board then discussed the SPIB proposal and considered the recommendation to amend Appendix A by deleting the sentence "Designers of wood structures....and grade grouping." On a motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the SPIB submissions of

December 11, 2012 and January 11, 2013 as amended by deleting the sentence "Designers of wood structures....and grade grouping" in Appendix A. The Board recommended an effective date of June 1, 2013 to allow for an orderly transition to the new values.

### **REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW**

Chairman Parrish convened the regular meeting of the Board of Review and welcomed attendees.

#### **I. ANTITRUST STATEMENT**

Mr. Landry advised participants of their responsibilities under the antitrust laws.

#### **II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Chairman Parrish noted the minutes of the last meetings had been previously approved and distributed.

#### **III. CONTINUED REVIEW OF SAMPLING AND TESTING PLAN RESULTS FOR DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH**

Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. DeVisser. Mr. DeVisser stated that the results of the sampling and testing plan for Douglas Fir-Larch had been submitted for review at the October 18, 2012 Board of Review meeting by Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Redwood Inspection Service, Timber Products Inspection, West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau and Western Wood Products Association. He indicated the Forest Products Laboratory has completed its review of the data noting the January 16, 2013 FPL letter that indicated there appears to be no downward shift in the allowable properties for Douglas Fir-Larch. He stated that the FPL letter noted some minor differences in the tabulated data that have since been resolved and that the western agencies would furnish a clean copy of the report that included the resolution of the differences. The Board in Executive Session reviewed the status on this submission and noted that there appears to be no downward shift in the allowable properties for Douglas Fir-Larch as indicated in the FPL letter of January 16, 2013.

#### **IV. CONTINUED REVIEW OF SPF-S SAMPLING AND TESTING PLAN**

Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. DeVisser. Mr. DeVisser reviewed the status of the sampling and testing of SPF(S) noting that the sampling and testing of SPF(S) in the northeast region and lake states region had been completed. He stated that the sampling of the western species SPF(S) grouping had been partially completed and that testing will commence in February 2013. Mr. DeVisser stated that the group hoped to complete the test data analysis and submit a report to the Board by the end of 2013.

**V. CONTINUED REVIEW OF NATIONAL LUMBER GRADES AUTHORITY (NLGA) DESIGN VALUE DATA**

Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. Rozek. Mr. Rozek reviewed the status of the 2011 SPF Ramp-up Monitoring Study noting that the information had been submitted to the Board and FPL was in the process of reviewing the submission. He indicated that selection of the SPF samples from 2010 and 2011 has been completed and a report on that study will be forthcoming. He indicated that the collection of samples for the Douglas fir-Larch (N) and hem-fir (N) is almost complete.

**VI. NLGA SAMPLING AND TESTING PLAN FOR HEM FIR (NORTH) BEAMS & STRINGERS AND POSTS & TIMBERS**

Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. Rozek. Mr. Rozek indicated that additional information of the testing and sampling plan for hem-fir (N) Beams & Stringers and Posts & Timbers is being collected for submission at later date. The Board took no action on this item.

**VII. NORTHEASTERN LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NeLMA) REQUEST**

Chairman Parrish recognized Mr. Easterling. Mr. Easterling stated the NeLMA had amended paragraph 6.0 of its rules to delete the second paragraph in 6.0, add text to 6.0 to mention that interpretations are available from NELMA and are to be known as "General Definitions and Instructions for Grading Eastern White Pine", add text to 6.1.1 addressing assessment of the small knot and reverse side characteristics, add text into 6.1.2 addressing the assessment of the small knot and the assessment of the 5% cut, and add text to 6.1.3 addressing assessment of shakes extending from one wide face through the edge to the other wide face, assessment of edge cracks or breaks and reverse side characteristics. Those present discussed the proposal. The Board in Executive Session discussed the submission and unanimously approved the request as submitted in the NeLMA letter of January 16, 2013 and email of January 15, 2013.

**VIII. REVIEW OF LUMBER AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

The Board reviewed the performance of each agency accredited for lumber and HT only instructing the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

**IX. REVIEW OF TREATED AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

The Board reviewed the performance of each agency accredited for treated wood products and instructed the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

**X. REVIEW OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

The Board reviewed each agency accredited for wood packaging material and instructed the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

**XI. REVIEW OF PELLET PERFORMANCE**

The Board noted that it had accredited agencies and laboratories to supervise and analyze wood pellets under the ALSC procedures. It noted the program continues to develop and instructed the staff to continue its monitoring of the program.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. American Institute of Timber Construction Update**

The Board noted that the American Institute of Timber Construction (AITC) had dissolved and was no longer in business. The Board stated that because of the dissolution accreditation for grading lumber and labeling wood packaging material is being withdrawn from AITC. The Board also noted that AITC had transferred rights to the AITC trademark to the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau (WCLIB)

**B. Board of Review 2013 Meeting Date Change**

The Board has changed its scheduled April 18, 2013 meeting to May 1, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Searles  
Manager