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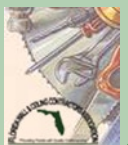


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**Message
from the
President
Neal Harris,
KHS&S Contractors**

It is hard to believe 2010 is coming to a close, but for many, including myself, it's a year that we are happy to have behind us. It has been a difficult time for our industry. We have faced postponed projects, downsizing and reduced profit margins. But finally, the construction outlook is beginning to look more positive. Although there are still challenges ahead, it appears that 2011 will be a better year for most of us.

As business owners and as employees, a major challenge will be staying focused and making the right decisions as the economy improves. This is not the time to relax, but rather the time to assess what we learned about ourselves and our company during the past year, and make improvements for the future. We must sharpen our skills so we can make the most of the opportunities that are slowly coming back to our marketplace.

This is where FWCCA can help. The primary purpose of FWCCA is to provide the tools and knowledge you need to be successful. Whether through our quality education programming or through our networking opportunities, FWCCA can help prepare you for a better 2011. We all gain from the collective knowledge and experience of others, but it takes all of us working together if this wisdom is to be shared. I encourage you to use all that FWCCA offers to help prepare you and your business for the brighter road ahead. Remember, the FWCCA provides the opportunity; but you make it happen.

On behalf of the FWCCA Board of Directors, I send you best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

- Neal

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Ocala, FL, Holiday Inn, I-75
- March 9 Regional Networking & Table Show, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Orlando, FL, Sonesta Orlando, 60 S. Ivanhoe Blvd.
- March 26 FWCCA Bill Williams Scholarship Foundation Awards
Gala, Sonesta Orlando, FL
- July 13-17 FWCCA Convention & Trade Show, Omni Champions
Gate, Champions Gate, FL
- August TBA Regional Networking & Table Show, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- October TBA Regional Networking & Table Show, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Tampa, FL

Executive Vice President's Report

BY JANICE FICAROTTO

It is amazing to me that 2010 is gone and we are working our way into 2011 so quickly! I want to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous New Year and hope we all see a drastic improvement in our economy by the end of the first quarter. I know you are all working twice as hard as in years past for any fragment of work you can secure. I've heard from many of you how difficult the past 2 years have been. Let's all think positively that 2011 will be the turning point for this terrible recession.

I'd like to bring you up to date on what's been happening at Headquarters since our last publication. As many of you know from the barrage of e-mails we send out, we are working on our Annual Awards Program which is being held this year in conjunction with the Foundation's Annual Gala and Fundraiser on March 26th here in Orlando at the Sonesta Hotel at Lake Ivanhoe Blvd. Even with this poor economy, I'm very happy to see so many of our manufacturer members sign up for major corporate sponsorships. Once again, without their continued support, events like the Gala would not be possible. We are currently trying to secure corporate tables and additional sponsorships so when you receive your mail, please plan on supporting this very worthwhile event. Remember the proceeds from this event go towards scholarship awards at the July Convention, being held this year at the Omni Hotel at Champion's Gate just outside Orlando. Needy students of FWCCA member employees can make application any time after March 1st for review by the Scholarship Trustees. If you can not purchase a table or do a sponsorship, please consider a tax deductible donation to support this great industry effort.

I currently am working on lining up speakers for our educational sessions at the convention on both Friday and Saturday. Last year's classes were very well received by our members and both the Board and I believe it would be helpful to continue with this educational process. So,

if you are a manufacturer member who has a new product or service you wish to expose our membership to, please contact me at the Association's office – 407-260-1313. Each class block is either a one or two hour segment. You would need to submit a program outline and a resume on the presenter for our review. This can be submitted at any time between now and April 1st. Please call me with any questions you may have on details.

Approximately 60% of the trade show is already sold out however, we have a number of exhibitors pending due to new budgeting for 2011. Hopefully, within the next month or so, many of those will commit and I will safely be able to report we are Sold Out – once again!

If you are a previous show exhibitor and have not secured your space yet, call me as soon as possible so we can hold something for your organization. I cannot promise that in 3 months, there will still be space available. I will begin making personal phone calls this month and that usually secures the remaining exhibitors.

Our next Regional meeting is planned for January 26th in Tampa at the Doubletree Hotel located at 4500 West Cypress in downtown. We have two great speakers lined-up so please be sure to make your reservations quickly. The next Regional will be in Orlando – details to follow around the first of February.

We are still in need of committee personnel to help fill spots on the Publication Committee and Technical Education Committee. If you think you might have an interest in serving, please call me. We need everyone's help! This is your organization – get involved.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Tampa at the end of the month and remember, call me even if it's just to say "hi" and get caught up on industry happenings.

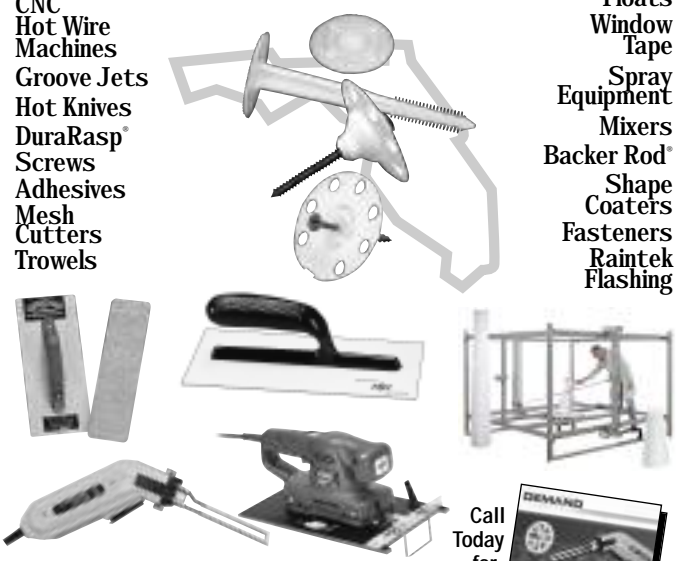


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Revising ASTM Standards - C926

At present there are a myriad of changes being proposed for the ASTM Standards that govern stucco in the Florida Building Code. There are two basic types of changes that are undertaken, editorial and content, and by far the most common are editorial. This involves things like making a term used in one section consistent with the term used in another section or in a referenced standard. Sometimes this is a daunting task as definitions must be checked in all the appropriate standards and then checked against definitions for the same term in the general committee. Mostly this type of change has little effect on the application of plaster. It is the content changes that can come back to bite you.

Rest assured that for the most part the members of the task group that recommend these changes are trying either to clarify the language currently in the standard, update current practices to accommodate new products or methods, or to assign responsibility to the best suited party. It would seem on the surface that this should be a fairly easy task to complete. However, it can take many years to actually change a content section. ASTMs are regarded as the premier standardization format in the world. They are recognized and used by many countries, though written and adapted by members throughout the U.S and Canada. Therein lies the rub. Content changes must be approved by everyone in both countries. Since plastering is done differently in different locations, finding common ground can be difficult. Consider the desert climate of the Southwest U.S versus the wet climate of the SE. For example, do they really need two layers of WRB (water-resistant barrier) over frame construction in an area where it rains once per century whether they need it or not? So, it takes time.

Here are some of the items currently being considered:

ASTM C926

- 1) Add definitions for "barrier wall" and "drainage wall" to help differentiate between requirements for direct applied stucco (over block, concrete, etc...) and stucco applied to a metal plaster base.
- 2) Add a definition for "nominal thickness." This one is an obvious problem to any stucco contractor. The proposed definition is, "a thickness to which a variation is to be expected and anticipated due to



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Proposed New ASTM Standard to Facilitate Design and Installation of Firestop Systems

W. CONSHOCKEN, PA., December 29, 2010 -- A proposed new ASTM International standard will facilitate coordination between designers and installers of firestop systems in construction projects.

ASTM WK30772, Guide for Installation of Firestop Systems, is being developed by Subcommittee E06.21 on Serviceability, part of ASTM International Committee E06 on Performance of Buildings.

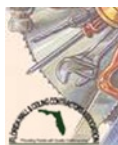
"The goal is to have an ASTM document that can become a standard to reference during the process of planning and later installing firestopping systems," says James P. Stahl, Jr., vice president of engineering, Specified Technologies, Inc., and a member of E06. "ASTM WK30772 will provide background about the properties of the materials, as this is a key consideration on many construction projects."

In addition to being used by those who design projects where firestopping is required and those who install firestopping systems, the proposed new standard will be a useful reference document for those who supply firestopping products to the construction industry.

Stahl encourages an all-encompassing cross section of experts to join in the development of ASTM WK30772.

"Bridging the gap between the technical minds that develop and formulate the products and those who install the products on a daily basis is going to be the key to our task group's success," says Stahl, "We are looking for manufacturers, contractors, installers, suppliers, architects, engineers and other interested parties."

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the nature of the application process and the allowable variation of the plane tolerance of the base.” There are, however, two sides to this argument. One the one hand, leaving the term open, as in this definition, can be viewed as protecting the sub from the problem of substrate abnormalities or as giving the sub a way to skimp on the coverage. On the other hand defining an acceptable depth tolerance factor could help as well. The problem lies in what is an acceptable factor for plus and minus. Some have suggested percentages, but how do you measure 10% +/- while applying a finish coat of 1/8 in? How about a factor of 1/8- to 1/4+? How do you allow a 1/8- to a 1/8 finish? It becomes too convoluted to attach specific tolerance to specific coats. My personal opinion is that any specific requirement is just feed for the legal profession. After all a nominal 2 X 4 isn't; it's 1 1/2 X 3 1/2 and I don't hear lawyers griping about that.

3) Add definition of “solid substrate.” This is for clarification purposes to differentiate between concrete, masonry, brick, stone, precast, etc... and sheathing, wood, gypsum or any other. This term may get changed to “solid base” but either way, the rest of the standard will change to reflect the new definition.

4) Add to General Information
A1.6.2 The plane tolerance of the substrate shall be not more than 1/4 in. in 10 ft (3.1 mm/m).

To clarify that substrates out-of plane by more than this are subject to rejection by the sub as unfit for plastering.

5) Add to A2.3 Relief from Stresses
A2.3.1 For information on the requirements for control joints and perimeter relief, where a metal plaster base is employed, see the Installation Section of Specification C 1063. Solid plaster bases are exempt from these criteria, except as stated in Section 5.2.2.

To clarify that control joints are not necessary in direct applied stucco.

6) Re-write Section 5.2.3. and add Section 5.2.4
5.2 Surfaces of solid bases to receive plaster, such as masonry, stone, cast-in-place or precast concrete shall be straight and true within 1/4 in. in 10 ft (2.1 mm/m) and shall be free of form oil or other elements, which would interfere with bonding. Conditions where the surfaces are out of tolerance shall be corrected prior to the application of the plaster. Form ties or other obstructions shall be removed or trimmed back even with the surface of the solid base.

Separates bond issues due to substrate abnormalities from thickness issues due to out-of-plane substrates. Thickness issues frequently relate to out of tolerance shells as it is not uncommon to encounter concrete construction that does not comply with ACI 117. Hence the approach to remedy should be contained in the standard. The solution should be addressed by several parties including the designers, contractors and owners and not dictated by the sub.

Add new Section 5.2.4

5.2.4 Where total plaster thickness will exceed the values specified in Table 1, a furred or self-furring metal plaster base system shall be installed in accordance with Specification

Specifically addresses thickness issues due to rustications or other specified instances while separating the issue from both bond and out-of-plane issues. At the same time, it doesn't limit the system to metal in order to accommodate pvc accessories used to create rustications.

These are just some of the proposals being considered at present. There are at least as many in C1063 as well. Bear in mind that this language is merely proposed at this point. It is likely that each item will change somewhat in its' final format, if they pass at all.

Some of these changes can have far-reaching consequences. Knowing the content of the standards can help keep you out of court and save time and money on call-backs. Copies of the current standards are available for a small fee at www.astm.org.