

## Message from the President

Dear WMMA Members.

Let me assure you that two years as President of WMMA go by blindingly fast!

I came into the office at the time of a brand new and exciting structure for the ownership of IWF - the tradeshow ownership is now shared equally with our good friends at WMIA rather than three ways as it had been for decades.

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Brian, Chuck (Granger), John Schultz, Kenny Moffatt

## Ready to Fly South this Spring?

As I make hotel and airline reservations for the upcoming WIC, the excitement sets in. Winter will be over and I'll be heading for a week-long conference in a warm sunny tropical setting with great friends --what could be better?

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## New Industry Sponsorship Program

Want to consolidate your advertising dollars and invest them where they'll do the most good? WMMA has great opportunities with its sponsorship program. The new sponsorship initiative, which allows industry members to select from a range of packages, will not only support high-profile industry activities (including WIC and other meetings) but publications and programs (the Cutting Edge, WMMA website, etc). This will allow for heightened publicity throughout the year. For more information, see the [attached form](#).

## WIC 2014 Registration is Now Open!



Ready to soak up some of the best contacts and knowledge the wood industry has available? Get registered to attend the Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC).

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## Thank you to our WIC 2014 Sponsors!

WMMA would like to acknowledge the following sponsors whose support of WIC was instrumental:

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## Industry Calendar of Events

**April 28-May 2, 2014**

**Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)  
Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort  
Rio Grande, PR**

Use [this link](#) to learn more and register.

**May 5, 2014**

**Meeting: Update on EU's Key  
Environmental Directives  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC**

**Free admission, runs 9:15 a.m. - Noon  
[robert.straetz@trade.gov](mailto:robert.straetz@trade.gov) or 202-482-4496**

**August 20-23, 2014**

**International Woodworking Fair (IWF)  
Georgia World Congress Center  
Atlanta, GA**

[www.iwfatlanta.com](http://www.iwfatlanta.com)

**September 17, 2014**

**WMMA DC Fly-In  
Washington, DC  
[www.wmma.org](http://www.wmma.org)**

**October 8-9, 2014**

**Cabinetmaker - Wood Pro Expo  
Baltimore, MD - Maryland State  
Fairgrounds**

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Woodworking Network, Div. of Vance Publishing

**April 21-24, 2015**  
**Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)**  
**Grand Hyatt San Antonio**  
**San Antonio, TX**

**May 11-15, 2015**  
**LIGNA**  
**Hannover, Germany**  
[www.ligna.de/home](http://www.ligna.de/home)

**July 22-25, 2015**  
**AWFS Fair**  
**Las Vegas, NV**  
<http://awfsfair.org/>

## IWF Corner

What's the latest on IWF 2014? Find out here!

IWF Corner is an ongoing feature in The Cutting Edge. From now until showtime, here is where you'll find out all the latest information, plans, offers and more, in updates direct from the show staff.



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## WMMA Member Profile



### Aiken Development

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One of WMMA's new members is Aiken Development of Lenoir, North Carolina.

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## Industry News

### The Housing Report: At Least One Positive Indicator

Several housing market indicators exhibited declines in January something that often occurs during winter months. A bright spot was "New" house sales - which, in future months, may be revised higher as private estimates recorded more sales than the reported United States DOC data. Construction spending data was also a positive indicator. The full report can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

### Upcoming Meeting: Update on the EU's Key Environmental Directives

There will be a free half-day meeting, "Update on the EU's Environmental Directives," to be held at the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. The meeting runs 9:15 a.m.-noon. For information, contact Robert Straetz, senior international trade specialist, at [Robert.Straetz@trade.gov](mailto:Robert.Straetz@trade.gov) or 202-482-4496.