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It seems like it has been forever since we had our last meeting. The entire country shifted to online meetings and other virtual learning events. While that has opened up many opportunities and created thousands of Zoom experts, there is no question that face-to-face events are still a valuable tool for learning. With that philosophy in mind the board of directors has set a date for a face-to-face Fall meeting this year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, with a tour at the Mathews International York Casket facility. There are a few things to note about this meeting.

First, there is limited parking at the tour facility so we will need to meet at 9:00 AM at the Hampton Inn-York located at 1550 Mount Zion Rd, York, PA. From there we will consolidate into a few vehicles to drive the 10 minutes to the tour. After the tour we will return to the Hampton Inn-York for the remainder of the meeting.

Second, we will be offering a table (for an additional fee) for vendors who would like a table to highlight their product or services. There will also be a few minutes where they can address the members about their product or service so if you are interested in that be sure to fill out the form to reflect that.

Third, at the Fall 2019 meeting the board proposed a by-law change that describes eligible members to the association. It was presented with the intention of voting on it at the spring meeting. The board discussed this further and opted to propose a slightly different wording for the by-law change. That change is presented below, and this notification will serve as presenting it to the members to review and we will plan to have discussion and a vote on it at the Fall 2021 meeting so please review this and come prepared with your thoughts.

Current by-law regarding membership eligibility (in part):

Anyone actively engaged or interested in the field of lumber dry kiln operation, lumber drying technology, or the drying of lumber in general is welcome and eligible for membership.

Proposed by-law change: (change is bold and italicized)

Anyone actively engaged or interested in the field of lumber dry kiln operation, lumber drying technology, or the drying of lumber in general “...*whose company has physical assets that generates revenue in North America...*” is welcome and eligible for membership.

Lastly, we are in need of 4 directors for the Board of Directors. We have 1 vacancy and 3 folks who are not eligible to run again as they have served 2 consecutive terms so, please reach out to Scott at sjw128@psu.edu if you are interested. It is a 2-year term.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting in November.

Scott Weikert
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President