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PFS to Participate in PDF/E Standard Development

Dennis Newman, General Manager Information Technology at PFS Corporation, has been invited to participate in the AIIM/NPES project to develop an international standard for Portable Document Format (pdf) for engineering workflows.

Dennis will join key industry leaders, technical experts, document management authorities and engineering professionals in Florida later this month as the group works to develop and achieve consensus on a PDF/E standard. Once established, the standard will enable engineering professionals to reliably create, exchange and review large format documents. As document collaboration, print accuracy and engineering workflows are improved, the benefits resulting from such improved productivity will be realized in the marketplace.

The committee will also identify issues, propose solutions and develop a draft document to recommend to ISO for adoption as an International Standard.



Nevada Looks to Third Party Agencies

James A. Rothman, PE, PFS Executive Vice President, and **Dennis Newman**, met with officials from the State of Nevada, Gary Childers and Jerry Holmes, on March 26, 2004, along with manufacturers, dealers, leasing and transportation companies to discuss and recommend procedures for expediting plan approval and building inspections in Nevada. Although Nevada law allows for third party plan review and inspection, formal rules and regulations have not been set.

The Nevada Manufactured Home Division is looking to third party agencies to relieve the overloaded plan review schedule and improve turnaround time of plan documents. Gary Childers, Supervising Compliance Investigator, is in full support of the third party system. In his April 6th email to Encore, Mr. Childers states:

"I would like to thank Mr. Rothman and Mr. Newman for their participation in this workshop. Their input was extremely valuable. The Division is continually looking for time and money saving processes that benefit the Division and the Industry. Mr. Newman's presentation on electronic handling of documents gave us a whole new area to explore."

PFS President Appointed to NEC Panel

Michael J. Slifka, PE, PFS President, has been appointed to serve as MHI's alternate representative to NFPA NEC Panel 19. Mike also serves on several NFPA committees involved with the NFPA 501 Standard on Manufactured Housing.

Encore Congratulates Judy Smith



Pictured at left is one of several standing ovations **Judy Smith** received at the recent MBI Awards Banquet held at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida. Judy retired after 10 years of exemplary service to the Modular Building Institute as its Executive Director. During the awards ceremony, the current and all past presidents of MBI spoke enthusiastically of Judy's many accomplishments and contributions to MBI.

Presentation of MBI's Outstanding Achievement Award crowned the evening. Judy Smith was the deserving recipient. At left she and Encore publisher, Kathleen Blair, admire the award. **Congratulations, Judy!**

At right, Rick McClymont, Britco Structures, presents an award to PFS Vice President, **Richard L. "Rick" Wenner, PE**, for past service to the MBI Board of Directors.

During the Monday morning Breakfast with Exhibitors, **Kathleen Blair**, PFS Vice President of Administration, delivers a short message encouraging manufacturers to reap the benefits of Electronic Plan Review and timely turnaround of plan approvals.



Ohio Approves PFS Seminar #70

The Ohio Board of Building Standards has approved PFS' course submittal for continuing education. Plans Examiners (PE), Building Inspectors (BI), and Mechanical Inspectors (MI) may earn 3 hours credit for completing the course offered by PFS at its seminar for Inspectors, Trainees and In-Plant Inspectors. PFS Seminar #70 is being held on May 13-14, 2004 at The Heidel House, Green Lake, WI.

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