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Record Attendance at PFS Seminar

PFS Seminar No. 73 held on January 19-20, 2006 in State College, PA recorded its largest attendance since 1990. Eighty-five industry individuals participated in the two-day Pennsylvania seminar.

At right, Clarence Probst of Haven Homes receives an award for 100+ professional development hours (PDH) from Rick Wenner, Vice President of the PFS Northeast Region, for participating in PFS Seminars. Tony Steimling of Professional Building Systems also received an award at the seminar for his 100+ PDH achievement.

Bob Hoffman of Muncy Homes commented, "I think this was one of the best PFS seminars in recent history. I learned some important things about Pennsylvania's adoption of the 2006 I-Codes."

"PFS has increasingly raised the bar in regard to topics covered and the quality of presentations," said Don Carpia of Customized Structures. "Being kept up to date on all the upcoming code changes is invaluable, because that gives us the opportunity to effectively plan and not be caught unaware."

Other seminar participants agree. Mike Hatcher, Engineering Manager of Westchester Homes told Encore, "The ongoing PFS seminar program is excellent. Numerous code changes occur almost every year, and the training seminars help us to stay on top of them."

With wind being a timely topic these days, most of the participants interviewed expressed their appreciation of the presentations that clarified braced wall requirements and the latest code updates addressing wind issues. The benefits of discussions concerning fire-rated assemblies and their uses, plan review requirements, and the opportunity to network with colleagues in the industry were also noted by several seminar participants.

PFS thanks Erin Barker, Greg Bundy and Norm Hall of Simpson Strong-Tie, and Don Surrena of International Code Consultants for their professional presentations that certainly enhanced the quality of PFS Seminar No. 73.

Alan Harmon of Avis America, who indicated Seminar No. 73 was by far the best seminar he had attended to date, asked Encore to recognize the folks in Bloomsburg along with Bob Gorleski and Angie Udelhofen, Corporate QC Department, for an outstanding job in topic selection, presentation, seminar location and accommodations.

Well done, seminar planners and presenters!



PFS Seminar No. 74 is scheduled for April 27-28, 2006. The seminar will run all day Thursday, April 27, and until noon on Friday, April 28th. Location to be determined. Check future Encores and the PFS website, www.pfscorporation.com. Click on Upcoming Events.

For details and to request a registration form, please contact: Angie Udelhofen: 608.224.5514, email audelhofen@pfscorporation.com. Or you may contact: Bob Gorleski, 608.224.5516, email rgorleski@pfscorporation.com.

Rothman Participates in MBSA Reconstruction Symposium

Jim Rothman, PE, PFS Executive Vice President and Sr. VP of Quality Control, participated in MBSA's January 6th Reconstruction Symposium held in Gulfport, MS. He served on a panel of experts along with Eric John of Ritz-Craft Corporation, David Gaffney of Starfleet and Robin Gamby of M&T Mortgage Corporation. Panel members presented information about modular housing that was unique to their respective fields.

Rothman told Encore, **“Local building officials, government agencies and the State Fire Marshall Office, Factory-Built Home Division were very receptive toward modular housing to fill the need for over 70,000 homes due to Hurricane Katrina.”**

For more information about the symposium held in Gulfport, MS, you may contact the Modular Building Systems Association (MBSA) at 717.238.9130, or on the web at www.modularhousing.com.

Daryl Weaver Accepts New Responsibility

“I’m pleased to announce that Daryl Weaver of our Northeast Region has accepted responsibility for Area Training Supervisor duties,” said Rick Wenner, PE, Vice President of the Northeast Region of PFS Corporation.

“Milt Stoltzfus, who has been handling ATS duties will now have more time to concentrate on quality control and audit issues along with document control.”

Congratulations, Daryl, and kudos to Milt on a job well done!



PFS' Own Father of the Bride



Jim Hopland, PE, Vice President of the PFS South Central Region in Dallas, TX, has notified Encore that **PFS Plan Reviewer, Jonathan Russell**, has a lead role in the upcoming production of “Father of the Bride.” Jonathan will play Stanley Banks, the Father of the Bride.

The show will run from February 10 to March 4 at the Artisan Center Theatre in Hurst, TX. Encore readers in the area may visit www.artisanCT.com for further details and to order tickets.

Jonathan calls Father of the Bride his “lucky number seven.” He has played in six shows previously at the Artisan Center Theatre.

Bravo, Jonathan!

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