



June 2003

PFS Participates in Summer Meetings



Michael J. Slifka, PE
PFS Director & President

NFPA —“A draft document was prepared for dealing with proper siting of manufactured homes in flood-prone areas, at our NFPA 225 Flood Task Group meeting,” reported Mike Slifka, PFS President. NFPA 225 is the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standard of the National Fire Protection Association.

A registered fire protection engineer, Mike Slifka is an active participant on the NFPA 225 committee, NFPA 501 Standard on Manufactured Housing, and 501a Standard for Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installation, Sites and Communities. Visit www.nfpa.org for more information.

MHI — Both Mike Slifka and Dick Reinhard, PFS Manager of Manufactured Home Operations, attended the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) summer meetings in Washington, D.C. June 8-10. Of particular interest were:

- * MHI's Technical Activities Committee Meeting that provided updates on the various research activities that MHI and the industry are either sponsoring or supporting, and
- * The discussion on manufactured home standards currently under development by HUD and/or NFPA.

Al Kuehl, PFS Vice President of Sales and Marketing, joined Mike Slifka for MHI's Modular Housing Committee Meeting. Updates on modular building codes and transportation regulations were the main items of interest discussed at the meeting.

You might wish to visit MHI's website at www.manufacturedhousing.org, or call Mike Slifka (608.221.3361) or Al Kuehl (256.634.4071) for further information.

IBC-RDC — Jim Rothman, Chairman of the Rules Development Committee (RDC) of the Industrialized Buildings Commission (IBC), will chair the next meeting of the RDC on July 16, 2003 in Herndon, VA. Items of interest on the agenda are:

- *Electronic submission of “As-Built” floor plans
- *Kentucky agreement with the IBC
- *Certification of Compliance Assurance documents to the new codes.

If you wish to make your views known in advance of the meeting, you can reach Jim Rothman at 608.221.3361, or email jrothman@pfscorporation.com.



James A. Rothman, PE,
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ICC-ES Task Group Writing AC 202

A new acceptance criteria for wood based studs (AC 202) is the focus of the International Code Council's Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) task group meeting in Chicago on June 26-27. Bob Nelson of PFS, an active participant in that meeting suggests, "I encourage those interested in following the progress of AC 202 to visit www.ICC-es.org to learn more about it."

Nelson is Chairman of the ASTM Section on Wood I-Joists (D5055). He works with the Section on Structural Composite Lumber (SCL) (D5456), and the Committee on wood (D7). He is a member of ASTM D5 on Fire Standards, as well.

His efforts are also directed to a number of working task groups: writing quality assurance policies for SCL, and writing definitions for products to be considered under the name of SCL. "Two new wood products added under SCL are Oriented Strand Lumber (OSL) and Steam-Pressed Scrim Lumber (SPSL)," Nelson reports.

Bob Nelson is a member of the Wood I-Joist Manufacturers Association (WIJMA), and is currently working with the Canadian Construction Materials Center (CCMC) to write a small-scale high temperature test for wood adhesives.



J. Robert Nelson, PE, PFS Director
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Bob Gorleski, Field
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Accreditation Criteria Discussed at IAS Meeting

Bob Gorleski, PFS Field Service Representative, attended the IAS Accreditation Committee meeting in Rosemont, IL on June 25, 2003.

Proposed revisions to AC196 (Accreditation Criteria for Fabricator Inspection Programs for Wood Wall Systems), AC89 (Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories), and AC172 (Accreditation Criteria for Fabricator Inspection Programs for Structural Steel) were passed with an implementation date of July 1, 2003.

Participants focused on the Accreditation Criteria for Testing Laboratories (AC89) as Raj Nathan, IAS staff member, presented General Requirements for the Competence of Calibration and Testing Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:1999). This standard includes all the requirements for laboratories such as developing a quality system, being technically competent, and generating technically valid results.

For more information you may visit the IAS website at www.iasonline.org, or call Bob Gorleski at 608.221.3361.

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