

WMIA NEWS

Woodworking Machinery Industry Association

June 2021 Newsletter

The mission of the Woodworking Machinery Industry Association (WMIA) is to establish a platform for its members to network and present the best global technology, services, and information to the North American marketplace.

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2021 WMIA Scholarship Winners Announced!

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2021 WMIA Scholarship Recipients Announced

Earlier this year, WMIA's Educational Foundation awarded a total of \$26,000 in scholarships to help 24 college students continue their education in the woodworking industry.

[Meet this Year's Recipients](#)



Get Involved!

Join a committee and make a difference in WMIA

Call for Volunteers!

Member involvement is crucial to the success of WMIA. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved! See below for a synopsis of each committee. **Contact Olivia Mueting at omueting@wmia.org to join a committee.**

Education Committee

The education committee reviews WMIA Educational Foundation scholarship applications, makes specific scholarship recommendations for consideration by WMIA Educational Foundation Trustees, and serves as mentors to scholarship recipients. The committee also serves as a resource for WoodLINKS USA to disseminate information to WMIA members.

Chair: Jessica Freeseaman

Marketing Committee

The marketing committee aims to convince our customers of the need to retool and to invest in technology. The committee forms strategic alliances with other industry associations and works with advertising agencies and industry publications to promote WMIA. The committee selects the WMIA's Innovator, Commitment to Excellence Through Technology, Educator of the Year, and Partner of the Year award winners.

Chair: Mike Johnson

Membership Committee

The membership committee is responsible for the overall coordination of the association membership program. The committee works to maintain membership and actively recruit new qualified members to sustain and grow WMIA.

Chair: Rick Braun

Joint Technology Committee

The technology review committee updates members on technological advances, participates in joint technological review with other associations, and is responsible for technical contents of the WMIA Shop Guide.

Chair: Jason Dingess

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

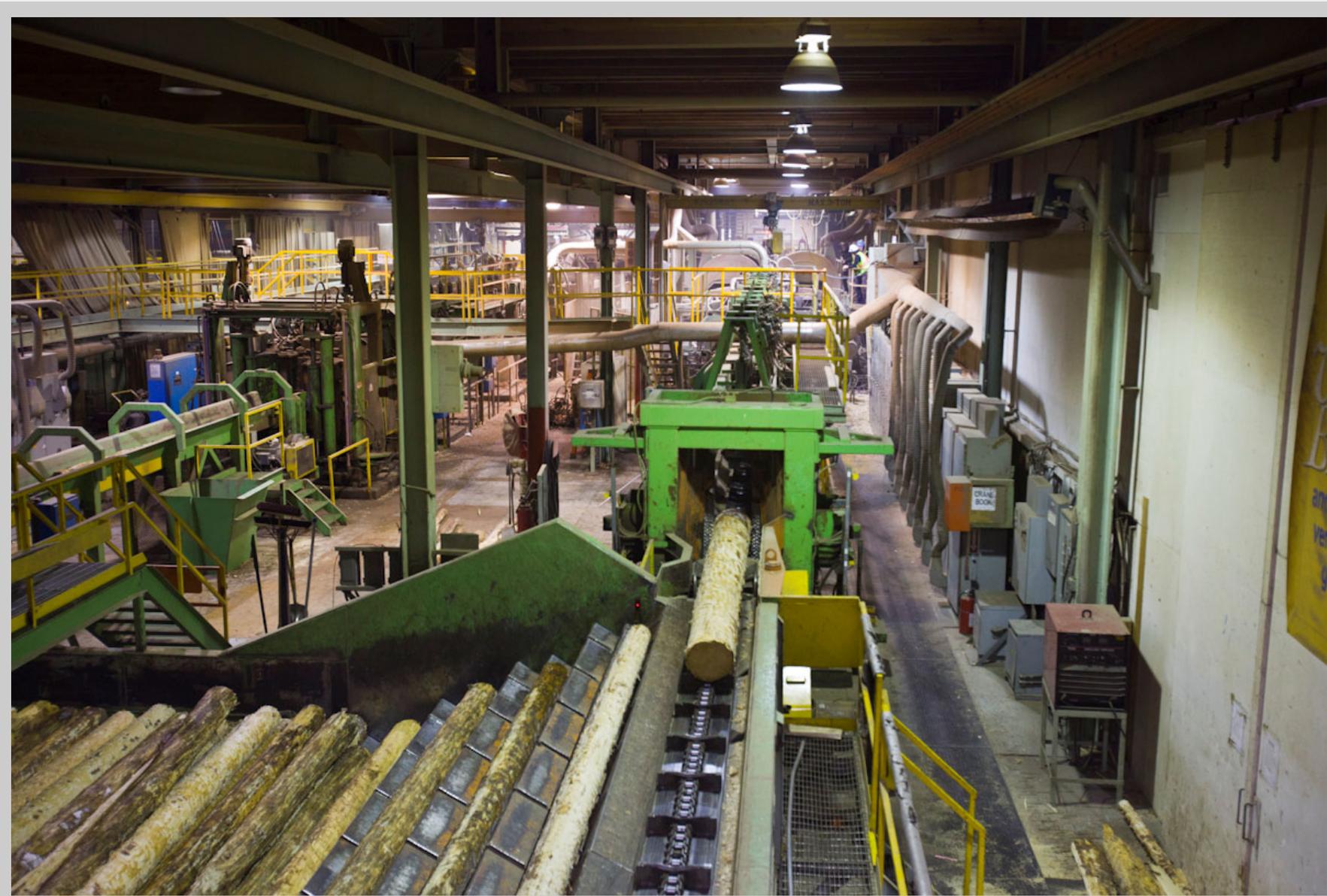
The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private, non-profit federation of standards developing organizations and standard users. The TAG helps ANSI coordinate the U.S. voluntary standards system and helps approve American National Standards.

Chair: Bruce Rosenthal

National Affairs Task Force

The national affairs task force's goal is to increase awareness and grassroots and tort reform. The task force monitors national legislation and informs members about government activity and advocates for the WMIA through public policy forums.

Chair: Volker Schmitz



Canada's Canfor invests \$160 million to build first Louisiana lumber mill

BEAUREGARD PARISH, La. – Canadian lumber giant Canfor has announced its entrance into the state of Louisiana with a new \$160 million sawmill.

The mill would create 130 direct jobs with an average salary of \$59,921, plus benefits. The Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project also would result in 386 new indirect jobs, for a total of 516 new jobs for the region.

Located on an LED-certified site, the sawmill would process yellow pine from Louisiana forests, Start-up is expected to begin late in the third quarter of 2022.

[Read the Full Article](#)

Virginia Tech Housing Report – April 2021

Virginia Tech – U.S. Forest Service has published its housing market commentaries for April 2021. These commentaries contain in-depth data and comments on the U.S. housing market.

The housing report is a free service of Virginia Tech, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the U.S. Forest Service. The reports are intended to help you gauge future business activity. All past housing reports are archived [here](#).

[Read the Main Report](#)

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