



2012 Structural
Building Components
Association
Annual Report

SBCATM

Enhancing Building Protecting Expanding



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In 2012, SBCA focused on
market share of structural

SBCRI –
Enhancing through
Sound Science and
Empirical Data

The SBC Research Institute (SBCRI)
gives our industry and the compa-
nies that make it up the opportunity
to accurately research and test its
ideas.

The unique
ability of
our facility,



equipment and staff to evaluate load
transfer through structural elements
allowed us to create the data and
analysis that conclusively show that
the International Residential Code
(IRC) prescriptive OSB design value
when used in shear walls is over-
stated by a factor of 1.8.

Knowledge gained through SBCRI
industry testing of truss assemblies
was crucial to demonstrating that
emergency implementation of the
SPIB's proposed 25-30% reduction in
Southern Pine design values was not
necessary and that an orderly transi-
tion could be effected.

sed on supporting our membership in protecting and expanding structural building components. Here are some highlights:

WorkForce Development – *Building* through Technical Schools and Online Resources

Most economic and real estate indicators are pointing in the right direction, and builder confidence is at its highest level since 2006, so it is time to start planning for growth. One way SBCA is working to help grow the industry is through its WorkForce Development (WFD) website (wfd.sbcindustry.com).

This website is the career clearing-house for the structural components industry, and it provides a place for employers to post job openings and for applicants to build and post their resumes. SBCA is working to partner with national and local community and technical colleges to inform them of the rewarding careers in the components industry.

The WFD website also contains numerous tools for component manufacturers to use to promote their company to prospective pools of applicants, including presentations, brochures and recruiting roadmaps.



Lumber – *Protecting* through Advocacy and Cooperation

For component manufacturers, it all comes down to the strength properties, or design values, of each piece of lumber. Through the leadership efforts of SBCA and the association's work with other affected parties, a coalition of lumber users was successful in communicating with the lumber industry how important

design values were, and how an immediate, across-the-board reduction in Southern Pine lumber values would have disastrous downstream consequences.

This communication paved the way for an inaugural summit of the Lumber in Components Council (LCC), where 71 participants, including key lumber industry leaders, the top five lumber producers in North America, and component manufacturers representing approximately 700 million board feet of U.S. structural lumber purchases, attended.

The long-term goal of the LCC is to build strong lines of communication between the two industries and eliminate the possibility of future surprises regarding lumber design value changes, as well as improve business-working relationships for both parties.



Advanced Framing – *Expanding* through Tools to Promote Components compared with Conventional Framing

Construction and installation of structural framing members in today's homes requires a good understanding of the load paths through the building and of the strengths of materials and fasteners. As a consequence, SBCA has created a Technical Evaluation Report (TER) and a Component Technology Workshop (CTW) presentation to help component manufacturers inform and educate building officials on structurally sound framing practices in residential construction.



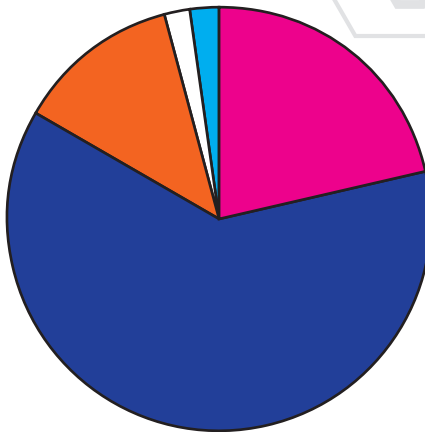
The CTW and TER examine some field examples of common problems with conventional framing, i.e., traditional joist and rafter construction and site-built walls, and how many of these issues can be resolved by using structural building components.

These educational resources also explore key aspects of the building code and cover the industry's best practices for handling, installing, restraining and bracing components taken from Building Component Safety Information (BCSI).

SBCA Financial Picture

2012 Income

- Publication Sales [63%]
- Membership Dues [21%]
- Education [12%]
- QC Program [2%]
- Other [2%]

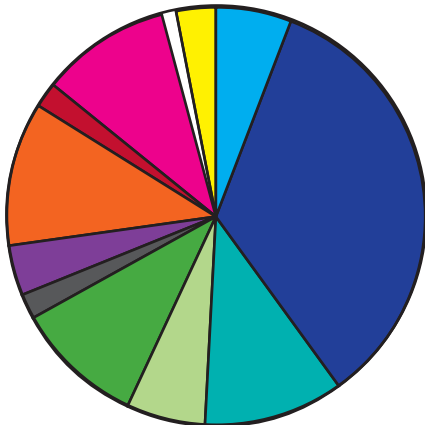


The mission and accomplishments of SBCRI on behalf of our industry are truly impressive. I strongly believe all component manufacturers need to learn more about what this unique institution is doing on our behalf.

Gary Weaver, President
Timber Tech Texas, Inc.

2012 Expenses

- Publications [34%]
- Marketing Committee [11%]
- Engineering & Technology [11%]
- Membership & Chapters [10%]
- Research [10%]
- Operations [6%]
- Meetings [6%]
- Education/TKO [4%]
- Special Projects [3%]
- Management [2%]
- QC Program [2%]
- Cold-Formed Steel Council [1%]



By staying informed of industry developments, trends and tools, members are better able to guide their business development in any economic climate. Remember to communicate with SBCA staff on any problems or questions you are facing – a solution for this issue may have been developed for someone else!

We're here for you – make your first call be to SBCA.