

**What Has SBCA
Done for Its
Members Lately?**

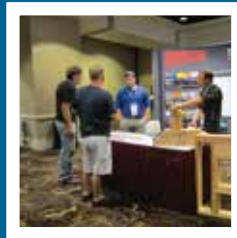
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Business Support:

- Worked with OSHA to create an approved step-by-step approach to installing roof trusses while complying with their residential fall protection requirements.
- Compiled industry trends, housing market analysis, economic impacts and association announcements into weekly Industry News emails.
- Developed industry-specific resources to help members establish a strong culture of safety and meet ongoing changes in OSHA's workplace laws.
- Formed eight Business Solutions Groups – a place where non-competing CMs can discuss business challenges.
- Created Financial Performance and Wage & Benefit surveys.
- Monitored ongoing changes to various green building standards, and created tools to use in educating the marketplace on how components fit into these standards.



- Developed a WorkForce Development website to provide a one-stop-shop for manufacturers to connect with individuals looking to pursue a career in this industry.
- Created a process for companies to follow industry best practices through SCORE (Structural Component Operations Reaching for Excellence). This allows members to benchmark their performance, improve operations in key areas and protect their businesses.
- Held annual BCMC tradeshow.
- Published *SBC Magazine* nine times per year and redesigned the website (sbcmag.info) so readers can more easily navigate both current and archived information.



Online Training:

- Supported manufacturer members with online training/certification tools: Truss Technician Training, Basic Training, Operation Safety, Truck Driver Training, Quality Control and ORisk.
- Created Component Technology Workshop programs, an extensive series of online training classes whose market audience includes specifiers, building officials, builders, framers and fire officials.

Technical/Code:

- Provided comprehensive code compliance support and tools for members through the use of Technical Evaluation Reports (TERs) to assess the code compliance of specific structural building component products.
- Learned more about the performance of various raw material combinations and overall assembly performance through SBCRI industry testing.
- Created a new SBCRI website (sbcri.info) that clearly displays the work being accomplished by this state-of-the-art facility and the unique ways it is changing the future of framing.



Advocacy:

- Acted to protect component manufacturers' interests when the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau announced that the design properties of Southern Pine lumber should be reduced immediately by 25-30%.
- Paved the way for more thorough testing, which resulted in more accurate values, as well as a six-month implementation period so CMs would not be left with large inventories of less valuable lumber.
- Raised awareness in the market about the importance of reliable design values in engineering accurate resistance to loads, as well as uniform enforcement so that CMs are not competing at a disadvantage against conventional framing.
- Created the Lumber in Components Council to bring CMs and lumber manufacturers together to discuss design values, machine rated lumber and other issues of importance to both industries.
- Advocated for Universal Sheathing/Sprinkling so that stick framing/solid sawn construction doesn't have a competitive advantage over components, specifically floor trusses.
- Worked closely with chapters using the Carbeck Structural Components Institute's (CSCI) Wood Truss Construction and Fire Performance education program to provide firefighters with facts about the fire performance of wood trusses and information needed to more safely fight fires in structures built with structural building components.
- Held Legislative Conferences in Washington, DC, providing grassroots tools for members to advocate with their lawmakers on labor, tax, regulatory and small business issues.



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Technical Publications:

- Released the updated 2013 edition of the Building Component Safety Information (BSCI) booklet, which provides the most current recommendations for framing crews, including OSHA guidelines and fall protection information.
- Created a full line-up of publications including Jobsite Packages (roof, long span, floor and steel) that provide industry best practices and are proven risk management tools.

Educational Presentations:

- Created an educational program and a Technical Evaluation Report to assist members in conveying the benefits of components versus stick framing from a code compliance perspective.
- Provided over 30 online workshops and presentations through Annual Workshops and Conferences that covered various topics from technical to management/sales.
- Introduced Industry Dialogues with Kirk as a way for members to talk about the latest news and issues in the industry marketplace.



Supports 33 SBCA Chapters Across the United States:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Capital Area – Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia
- Carolinas – North and South
- Colorado
- Florida – Central, North, South, Southwest
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Inland Empire – Idaho and Eastern Washington
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Mid Atlantic – Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Northern Maryland, Northern Delaware
- Mid-South – Mississippi & Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- New York
- Northeast – Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Northwest – Northern Washington
- Ohio
- Rio Grande – New Mexico & Western Texas
- Southern Nevada
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Western – Oregon and Southern Washington
- Wisconsin



Significant Projects Currently in the Works:

- Developing a brand new website (sbcindustry.com) to allow members to more easily find and benefit from the vast resources SBCA provides.
- Revamping the WTCAQC software to be more user-friendly and web-based, allowing for quicker and easier synchronization of information.
- Updating SBCA's Truss Technician Training Course to reflect all of the latest codes and standards.
- Revising the Financial Performance Survey to improve participating members' knowledge about their company's performance compared to industry benchmarks.
- Working through the industry testing subcommittee on a SBCRI test plan for top chord bearing for floor trusses to provide useful data to all members.

Council Support:

- Cold-Formed Steel Council
- Lumber in Components Council
- National Framers Council
- SBCA Truss Plate Council
- SBCA Wood Panel Council
- Truss Plate Institute
- Wood Truss Council

