



MINUTES
of
TAPPI DECORATIVE AND INDUSTRIAL LAMINATES COMMITTEE
March 19, 2004
Held at TAPPI Headquarters, Atlanta, GA

Members Present: Linn Yeager, Lee Miller, Holbrook Platts, Michel Fortin, Joe Byrne, George Andrea, Karen Van Duran (TAPPI), Rob Haupt, Rhonda Nichols, Martha Quinlin (TAPPI), Kurt Gabrielson

Participating by Phone : Bruce Trethewey, Paul Marshall, Ben Walker

Members Absent: Beth Parent

I. Welcome and Statement of Antitrust Policy Compliance

The regular meeting of the Tappi Decorative and Industrial Laminates Committee was called to order at 8 am EST on March 19, 2004 by Linn Yeager. Linn reminded those present that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with TAPPI's antitrust policy and procedures:

TAPPI's aim is to promote research and education, and to arrange for the collection, dissemination and interchange of technical concepts and information in fields of interest to its members. TAPPI is not intended to, and may not, play any role in the competitive decisions of its members or their employers, or in any way restrict competition among companies.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2004 Meeting

The minutes of the January 29, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Tappi Staff Update –

A1. Table Tops - Ben initiated email contacts for list provided. **Karen** to send phone numbers to **Ben** to follow up. **Paul** to assist. CDM has signed up so far.

A2. Coffee Breaks – Wortz has signed up so far.

A3. Conference Bags – Agreed to go with \$8.50ea rolling bag.

A4. Promotional- Karen provided handout for review. Web link is setup from Tappi to IWF but not visa versa. Include Hall of Fame text in next press release April 5 (**Linn**).

A5. Abstracts are due to Martha **March 31**. Tutorial abstracts are due to Martha & **Rhonda** March 31.

B. Financial Tack Force (Paul & Karen) –Committee needs to confirm schedule of events before budget can be set. Determine fee structure for both Super Wednesday only and full three day attendance.

C. Laminate Industry Service Award – Proceeding as planned (Herb Day).



D. **Laminate Hall of Fame Award –Holbrook** will send summary of candidates to committee for review. **Beth** and **Lee** to complete sample plaques.

E. **2004 Program Update** – See Attachment 1.

V. **New Action Items**

- A. See **Bold Items** in minutes and in attached draft of symposium outline.
- B. Include presenter picture and bio in handouts (**Martha**).
- C. Send hotel comp information to Lee & Linn once available (**Karen**).

VI. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am EDT on May 5, 2004, 8am by conference call.

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am EST on March 19, 2004, with a tour of the Omni Atlanta facilities to follow.

Minutes submitted by: Bruce Trethewey

Approved by:



Attachment 1–Outline for 2004 Symposium - Draft 5

M1/M3 Monday 8:00am – 12:00 noon- Tutorial Session – Chairperson = Rhonda

1. Kraft, deco and print base paper (Rhonda & Paul)
2. Printing (Interprint declined). Michel has commitment from Arjo Wiggins.
3. Resin/Chemistry - James Wright of GP and Kirk Edwards of Bordon

9:45am-10:15am break

4. Impregnating Equipment & Methods (Rob)
5. Laminating HP (Richard Crow), LP (Michel & Lee)
6. Testing & Specifications (Holbrook)

Notes

- 30 minutes per session, each session repeated 6 times
- Everyone bring own laptops, projectors & handouts
- Pre-registration required for this session
- Use colored tickets with maximum of 30 attendees per group
- Martha indicated TAPPI will provide hardcopies upon request.
- Verify suppliers can handout CDs (Martha)
- Separate tutorial book to be printed (**in advance with presentation slides**)

M4 Monday 12:noon – 1:00pm – Opening Lunch – No Speaker

M5 Monday 1:30pm – End of Day Tours

- Toppan. – Two busses, 45 per bus, departing 1:00pm and 1:15pm. Max 90 attendees. **Bruce to send details to Karen. Add one table top comp for Toppan.**
- PICO (**Joe**) – One bus, departing 1:00pm
- Overall logistics. Consider impact on opening lunch and promotional literature (**Joe/Karen**)

T2 Tuesday 8:30am – 10:00am Raw Materials **Session Chair = George A**

- MUF resins & flooring board perf. - Pablo Dopico of GP will speak per Kurt.
- Analytical Information (Eric Kendall, Cure of phenolic resin & treated kraft) Wilsonart
- Laser Ramen Analysis of Impregnated papers – Kurt Steijnen of DSM will present.

T3 Tuesday Break 10:00am – 10:30am



T4 Tuesday 10:30am – noon New Products & Processes **Session Chair = Joe B**

- Prepreg / overlay dev.– dual speaker presentation per Michel. Louis Dumas, Mgr. Uniboard Impreg and Jack Morin, Pres. Uniboard Surfaces will speak.
- Digital Graphics Primer, Bill Hines Jr, Interprint
- Direct print HDF flooring (Hymmen)

T5 Tuesday Lunch noon – 1:30pm

T6 Tuesday 1:30pm – 2:30pm Process Development **Session Chair = Beth P**

- Pattern recognition software, positioning technology/equipment, QC applications, Shaw or Uniboard. **Michel** has commitment from Jean Biere at Shaw.
- Trends and developments in Registered Embossed (paper maker, printer, laminator, texture papers and plates, wet expansion). Thomas Scheck Technocell

Tuesday Break 2:30pm – 3:00pm

T8 Tuesday 3:00pm – 4:30pm Operations and Manufacturing **Session Chair = Lee M**

- Logistics of small orders & customization, Stiles
- Skill standards for the Wood process industry, Wood Digest
- Lean Manufacturing applied to Postform r presentation, VTI, Mark Clough and Chris Radford, Lean Manufacturing Solutions
- Possible addition: High impact laminates for storm shelter, Norplex.

T9 Tuesday Reception 4:30pm – 6:00pm with Table Tops

W2 Wednesday 8:30am – 10:00am Market Overview **Session Chair = Ben W**

- Cormac O’Conner, Global overview of laminated panels.
- Extend China 2003 virtual seminar. Marcel of DSM
- **Linn** pursuing CPA Panel Business Overview. GP/Borden as backup

W3 Wednesday Break 10:00am – 10:30am

W4 Wednesday 10:30am – noon Third Column **Session Chair = Kurt G**

- Design Effects and Trends – **Linn** to pursue Roxanne Sway of Display and Design Ideas Magazine. Store Planning.



- Architect perspective of Laminate Industry, Panel Discussion (AIA)

W5 Wednesday Lunch noon – 2:00pm with SPEAKER

- President of Federal Reserve Atlanta. Topic ideas are commercial & residential furniture, building products, import/export barriers and legislation, NAFTA, exchange rate forecasts for Japan & China, presidential election impacts on federal policies. Prepare 4-5 good questions in advance.

W6 Wednesday 2:00pm –4:00pm Competitive Market/ Industry Analysis

Session Chair = Linn Y

- Green Design, David Renard or Mike Kimmen, Steelcase (**Lee pursuing**). Greenguard on hold as backup (**Bruce**)
- CPA Marketing Presentation, HDTV video clips. Chris Leffel
- Sr. Management Panel, start name list (**Linn**) 30 minutes
- Add Sound-Off session before reception. **Lee** to determine time.
- Band & Beads

W7 Wednesday – Mardi Gras Reception 4:00pm 5:30pm

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