The Annual Convention & Trade Show is returning to Austin after 16 years. The 66th Convention will be held June 13—15, 2018 at the Westin Domain Austin. The Domain is steps away from the Westin and features upscale shopping, dining and entertainment. Enjoy the shops with complimentary self-parking at the hotel during your stay. The Domain is pedestrian friendly with parks and jogging trails with entertainment options including the iPic Theaters, Topgolf, escape room interactive experience, a bowling alley and more. The Austin Metro Rail is also conveniently located at the Domain.

This year’s convention promises to be fun and educational. Keep in mind the registration deadline of May 23rd is quickly approaching to register for the golf Tournament, Exhibitor’s Trade Show and the Annual Design Awards Competition. The hotel cut-off date is May 23rd.

AIA-CES Opportunities are available again this year and free to Architects and the design community. The education program is scheduled Friday, June 15th.

**EDUCATION SESSIONS**

**9:30—10:30 a.m.**

Respirable Silica: Competent Person Training  
· Mark Fowler, Executive Director, SMA

**10:30—11:30 a.m.**

Proper Window Pressure Design: Water Intrusion Prevention (Round Table Discussion)  
· Mark Fowler, Executive Director, SMA

**11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Lunch with Exhibitors**

**12:45—1:45 p.m.**

Stucco Wall Assemblies with Continuous Insulation  
· Tina Cannedy, Parex USA, Dallas, TX

**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

EIFS Drainage Systems: Installation & Components  
· Ricci Woods, Senergy, BASF Corp. Wall Systems

Enter your winning project in the 18th Annual Design Awards Competition to be held Friday, June 15th at the Westin Domain Austin. Any plaster, stucco, EIFS or drywall/acoustical project completed between December 2016 and January 2018 and submitted by a TLPCA member in good standing is eligible for this awards competition. This competition honors architects and designers of outstanding TLPCA Contractor members in the following categories:

**Scaffolding and Access**
- Residential: Exterior Stucco or EIFS
- Commercial: Exterior Stucco, Exterior EIFS, Veneer Stone

**Interior**
- plaster—Commercial or Residential
- drywall—Commercial or Residential

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***May 23, 2018 Deadlines***

Convention Attendance Registration
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It’s hard to believe we have put another year in the books and the 66th Convention and Trade Show is just around the corner. This year the convention will be held at the Westin Domain in Austin. The Domain offers an amazing venue with upscale shopping, dining and entertainment within a few footsteps of their front door. We have a great schedule of events. This year the association would like to provide a new opportunity to sponsors for the generosity they have shown the association throughout the years. Beyond the trade show, we are providing to four sponsors the platform to present their product during a 15-minute presentation to the attendees before dinner on Thursday night. (Please see conditions for presenting and a detailed list of activities and times attached with the registration form and sponsorship forms). Without their generosity, the association could not survive.

The TLPCA continues to strive in being at the top of the plastering industry. Members and volunteers spend countless hours promoting and educating the public to insure the best available installation practices and craftsmanship available in the great state of Texas. We continue to advance the industry with the updating of requirements by utilizing the vast knowledge from our members and associate members. As we advance, so does the need for support from our members as well financially. Having committees in place and handling the role of Executive Director has allowed the association the ability to create a plan of expansion through advertising in multiple publications promoting the direction and advantages of being a member of the TLPCA.

This year I’m pleased to announce the scholarship participation was at an all-time high with eight recipients receiving scholarships. Donations were made through the year from the 50/50 raffles, last year’s silent action and from members earmarking specifically for the scholarship fund. A special thanks to Joe Kerlee for continuing to spearhead the program helping out fellow members and families with their education.

Fall and spring weekend continues to grow becoming a major role of support for the TLPCA. Thank you to all the sponsors who have helped throughout the year making the association an honor to be part of, particularly Cole Hord, for heading up the Spring Golf Tournament and Todd Hunt for the Clay Shooting event. It was my first time to attend the Larry Trusty Memorial Fishing Tournament. Although not even close to winning, Charlie Meador and Randy Newman continue to make this weekend a blast to attend. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the TLPCA.

I would also like to personally thank Yvonne for all the hard work she provides keeping the association heading in a positive and prosperous direction. She continues to do an amazing job with the changing faces of a rotating door of the Board of Directors and the association. Thank you. Couldn’t have done it without you.

As my tenure draws to a close, I reflect on the amazing experience it has provided. The knowledge learned is not read in a book or seen on TV, it’s being blessed enough to know you were valued by your peers who put you in the position in the first place. Thanks again for having the faith and giving me the courage to lead such a great association and being a part of the rich Texas Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association’s history.

God Bless,

Chad Dupree (Diversified Plastering Inc.)
TLPCA President 2017-2018

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Charles C. Johnson, President
Thank you to those who participated in the Annual Spring Golf Tournament held April 5th at the Coyote Ridge Golf Club, Carrollton, TX.

The Annual Luncheon was prior to the golf tournament. Ninety-five were in attendance this year making it a success. Rick Duham (EZ Wall Concentrate) was the winner of a raffle drawing for a Bass Pro Shop gift card. Thank you to David Mouton (Tobin & Rooney) won the 50/50 Raffle benefiting the TLP-CA Scholarship program and donated his portion back to the scholarship fund. A total of $1,710.00 was raised at the luncheon for the scholar program.

A total of 48 golfers along with twelve hole sign sponsors made it a great golf event. RONPARCO sponsored the beverage cart.

Hole Sponsors were: Adams Supply of Dallas, Amerimix, Coronado Stone Products, Galindo & Boyd Wall Systems, Griesenbeck Distribution Group, K-Lath/Tree Island Steel, Quikrete Companies, Silver Star Plastering, SPEC Mix, Specified Products, StarRfoam Mfg., and Texas Stucco Supply.

Cole Hord (WPL / Keene Building Products) was the Spring Golf Tournament chairperson.

1st Place Team—Triangle Plastering
David Long, James Sockwell, Quinton Hayden

2nd Place Team—Adams Supply of Dallas
George Adams, John Burton, Cole Hord, Jason Moyer

Closest to the Pin—Quinton Hayden
Longest Drive—Matt Olsen
WATER TESTING – Stucco & Windows

The world of water testing is complex and confusing. Water testing of windows and doors has been done for many years. Walls are another issue. Water testing cement stucco walls is relatively new. There is no prescribed water test for stucco walls, this opens the door to interpretations. Cement stucco has been in the code since its inception and even the current International code Chapter 14 requires no water testing needs to be done if the wall has a secondary moisture protection with flashings and a means of drainage. Walls with no drainage provisions or not specially listed in the code require testing per ASTM E 331.

Water testing is almost always done with negative pressure. This is because in real life we have negative pressures and even a small hole can be a conduit for water entry when the pressure is drawing in air that is moisture laden. However, all buildings are not the same. Consider a high-rise structure in Houston compared to a single-story home in Dallas: they would have drastically different pressures. The code knows and accounts for that. A little knowledge in this area can be helpful to plastering contractors who can be attacked for things beyond their control. Windows are rated by a Performance Grade which is derived around the Design Pressure of the building or structure. AAMA (American Architectural Manufacturers Association) puts out a basic Grade chart to help us. R is Residential, LC is Light Commercial, C is Commercial, HC Heavy Commercial and AW is Architectural Windows. The house in Dallas would likely fall in the R and the High-Rise in Houston would be an HC or AW. The psf is the Design Pressure and noted in pounds per square foot of negative pressure. AAMA hold labels verify the window has been independently tested to insure performance. Structural performance is 150% of the Design Pressure (DP) and Water Resistance is 15% of the DP. When water testing is done in the field, the DP is to be further reduced by 2/3 rds.

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When water testing is done by plaintiffs, they should use ASTM E 1105 as the test method and follow one of the AAMA protocols for how to administer the test. Some consultants like to use ASTM E 2128 for testing. This standard allows them to go beyond the Design Pressures listed in the code. Some will go as high as 120 psf and use ASTM 2128 as justification, or they can use the standard that the code is only a minimum and they reach to a higher standard. Both arguments have caveats.
1. ASTM E 2128 does allow the tester to increase pressure beyond the code. However, this is only to recreate a “known” leak. Not to create a leak to verify litigation.

2. The code is indeed the minimum. But the code is also very strong and buildings do not fail that are built to code. If this argument is used, they specifier needs to also increase all other related aspects to water testing. This includes increased flashing legs per the new “established” test criteria.

Having a basic working knowledge of how testing is done and what the code requires can help contractors prepare better bids and contracts to protect them from unscrupulous consultants. Most consultants are fair and just, but a few are counting on the general lack of knowledge to build a case against even good contractors. The plaster industry needs to come together, educate, train and defend on good practices. The Texas Lath and Plastering Contractors Association and the Stucco Manufacturers Association are working closely together to better the plastering industry and increase stucco market share. We are under siege from other claddings and need to better educate ourselves and come together as a united front to protect quality stucco. The round table discussion on June 15 will help us unify on accepted water testing practices for windows and doors in cement stucco clad structures.

-Mark Fowler, SMA
THURSDAY MANUFACTURER’S RECEPTION AND DINNER

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