



Commercial Paint & Wallcovering Committee
 November 10, 2009
 Finishing Industries Forum #5
 Las Vegas, NV
 Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**—the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

<u>Committee Members</u>	
Paul Buzzin – Co-Chairman – LPC Limited	
Todd Nugent – Co-Chairman - T.F. Nugent Inc.	
<u>Guest Attendees</u>	
Mark Borgmann – Leach Painting Co.	Barry Law – Master Painters & Decorators Association (CN)
Marian Bourboulis – City Painting CA	Mike Mullins – Northern CA Painting/Finishing Contractors
Clifford Burg – Western Conference PDCA Councils	Robert Porto – FTI (Eastern Region ATR)
Pete Cafiero – Island Painting Inc.	Jeff Smith – PaintSmiths of St. Louis, Inc.
Todd Fauchald - Long Painting Co.	Owen Smith - Anzalone & Associates Inc.
Ray Fujii – PDCA of Hawaii	Keith Stay – Theodore Stay & Sons
Doug Hampton – Wilson & Hampton	Mark Switzer – Switzer & Associates Painting Co.
Leo Hart – National Decorating Service	Don Vulich – Endurance Painting Inc.
Tim Klotz - IUPAT	
<u>FCA Staff</u>	
Jay Weaver	

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Commercial Painting & Wallcovering Committee Minutes (June 19, 2009)** – approved as written.
- B. **Labor Productivity Study**—the Committee members were given hard copies of our “Labor Productivity Survey” to complete, and our awards program was unveiled.
- C. **LEED Training**—LEED Training was discussed in light of FCA’s new LEED training curriculum: “Introduction to Sustainability” (90-minute webinars [2 sessions]), “Reading Green Specs/LEED Paperwork” (8-hour, in-person instruction), and “LEED Green Associates Exam Prep (8-hour, in-person instruction). There was some confusion about comments heard during the FIF#5 workshops concerning Green Star Generals #s 1, 2, and 3, but Kristin Bromberg provided clarification for the attendees by explaining they do not count for LEED credentialing.
- D. **Liaison for PDCA Standards**—the Board of Directors during their September 16, 2009, conference call appointed Doug Hampton to serve as FCA’s liaison to PDCA regarding the development of industry standards for painting and wallcovering. Mr. Hampton at that time was also appointed to the Commercial Painting & Wallcovering Advisory Committee. At this Committee meeting, both appointments were announced, and Doug’s position and responsibilities on the PDCA Standards Committee were discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trade Specific Training**—it was decided the Committee would develop proposed training requirements for commercial painters and wallcoverers, using the national training curriculum as the baseline and comparing it to their local training curricula. From the results of that comparison, the Committee would then recommend to the FTI a universal training curriculum.
- B. Hawaii Special Agreement**—the Committee discussed Hawaii’s “Special Agreement in the wake of the economic downturn. Mr. Ray Fuji, Executive Director of the PDCA of Hawaii, summarized his special agreement as follows: this is a one-year special offer labor agreement (effective November 1, 2009, through October 31, 2010) that contractors are free to use on private-sector, non-Davis-Bacon work/non-prevailing wage projects. There is another agreement that covers Federal, State, and/or County projects. Under the special agreement, employers must notify the Union prior to the bid and request that this Agreement be allowed for that particular project. Contractors must also furnish information on the other bidders and their bid prices, if available. The wages have been reduced (e.g., a foreman’s wage/fringe package is \$32.55 with a journeypersons set at \$32.05) because labor and management felt they would be more competitive at that rate. The initial evaluation of the agreement’s results will take place the end of December. In the past it was felt that labor would not work for such a reduced rate, but with this economic downturn, both labor and management feel that if this work is the only work available, the workers will work for the lesser rate because there are just too many guys on the bench.
- C. Committee Conference Calls**—the Committee saw no problem with holding two such meetings per year.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION—the Committee discussed breakthroughs in technology, both with equipment and tools.

Firstly, they discussed Benjamin Moore’s environment friendly paints. Their Green Promise® paints are some of the finest paints you can find because of the combination of both the base paint and the colorant. For example, **Eco Spec** Waterborne paint is the greenest paint for commercial projects available in the market. It has zero VOCs in both its base and colorant, so it remains zero VOC even after tinting. Its quick drying formula has minimal odor for same day return-to-service efficiency, ideal for facilities such as healthcare, educational, food service, assisted living and more, where odor sensitivity can be a concern. Eco Spec Waterborne paint is available in any color with premium performance capabilities. Incidentally, Eco Spec Waterborne paint qualifies for LEED credit. Secondly, they discussed Benjamin Moore’s product called **Aura**. Aura Interior paint provides their best interior coating. With its proprietary Color Lock® Technology, Aura Interior paint delivers remarkable durability and exceptional color with hues that are richer, truer and retain their color integrity even after repeated washings. Aura interior paint is washable in any sheen, so you can use the sheen of your choice in any room. With its superior hide properties, Aura Interior paint never needs more than a second coat in even the deepest colors. Eco-friendly Aura Interior paint is low VOC and low odor and is available in any color. It applies easily and dries quickly for seamless touch-ups. However, this product is expensive, about \$50 per gallon. Thirdly, they discussed a new “wash tank” that was being used in Hawaii. This tank separates the solids from the liquids when chemicals are added, thereby cleaning the dirty water.

6. ADJOURNMENT—the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.