



WINTER MEETING 2025 JANUARY 14-15

I have written before about wishing your life away, and as I get older, that seems more and more risky. But I can't help but to look forward to 2025 and pray and hope for better times for our industry. As our membership is painfully aware, the forest products industry in Missouri is suffering in just about all markets, as it is across the country. It will be incredibly interesting to see where we are politically in January and the speculation will begin on the potential impacts on our industry. Political intrigue alone will hopefully draw a crowd to Jefferson City in January, there will be many new faces after the November election.

The newly elected Missouri lawmakers will only be on the job for two days when we meet them in the Capitol rotunda for breakfast the morning of January 15. I say it every year, but must say it again, we need your presence in the Capitol! Elected officials show up at events to meet their constituents and talk to you about MFPA's legislative agenda. They want to thank you for your support during the campaign and they want you to know they support our industry. PLEASE, show up and support your own company and our industry, it's actually pretty fun and interesting.

MFPA will be working to maintain our promotional campaign, the wood energy tax credit, and will be launching new proposed legislation that prevents products from being marketed as wood, unless they are actually wood. Novel concept I know, but the beef industry had to do it, and I believe the wood industry needs to follow suit. Many consumers are buying products, such as flooring and cabinets, because they think it is wood, but it only looks like wood, it is plastic.

Put it on your calendar and take the plunge to attend the Winter Meeting! Granted, it's not quite as fun as the Summer Meeting, but we still have a good time and there will be plenty of opportunities to visit with friends and colleagues.

Tough times make it challenging to keep fighting the good fight and hoping for a better day, but that's what we do! See you in January.



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WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBERS

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Our Mission

Missouri Forest Products Association is dedicated to serving and promoting the forest products industry of Missouri. Founded in 1970, MFPA has over 300 members representing primary and secondary wood industry, supplier and service industries, loggers and landowners. MFPA advocates sustainable management and sound stewardship of Missouri's forests to benefit current and future generations.

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John Deere 1910G Forwarder Demonstration

McCoy Construction and Forestry

1421 South West End Blvd. Cape Girardeau

September 27, 2024 at 8:30 AM

McCoy Construction and Forestry in Cape Girardeau will be providing MFPA members an opportunity to see, feel, touch and operate (on a parking lot) a new 1910G Forwarder. Logs will be on site so members can get a feel for loading and unloading if you wish.

McCoy will be providing lunch so please RSVP NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 TO mark@moforest.org or call him at 573-634-3252 if you can attend the event.

We appreciate McCoy Construction and Forestry making this opportunity available to MFPA members.



Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority Announces Show-Me Entrepreneurial Grants for Agriculture

The deadline to apply for funding is Oct. 4, 2024

The Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA) is now accepting applications for funding through the Show-Me Entrepreneurial Grants for Agriculture (SEGA) Innovation Grant Program. Missouri entities seeking to add value to agricultural products may submit applications until Oct. 4, 2024.

The SEGA Innovation Grant Program was created in 2019 by the Missouri Food, Beverage, and Forest Products Manufacturing Task Force, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe. Grants are funded by an appropriation from the Missouri General Assembly to encourage value-added agriculture innovation in the state.

The program provides funding in the form of grants to producers, businesses, organizations and cooperatives for facilities, equipment, upgrades, services, coordinated efforts and cooperative marketing directly related to increasing value-added agriculture.

The minimum grant award is \$50,000 and the maximum grant award is \$250,000. Recipients are required to meet a minimum 25% cash match for funded projects.

Applications must be submitted to MASBDA by 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 2024. Grant program application forms and evaluation criteria are available online at www.masbda.com. For more information on the SEGA Innovation Grant Program, or other financial assistance offered by the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, please visit masbda.com.

To contact a member of the MASBDA team, call (573) 751-2129 or email masbda@mda.mo.gov.

To learn more about the Department and its programs, visit agriculture.mo.gov.

CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



Let's talk about the Winter Meeting. Wait, Mark, it feels like we just finished the Summer Meeting. Well, we did...waaaay back in July. A lot has happened with the industry since then. While we've had fewer accidents than in recent years, the woods can never be too safe. Despite what local weather people say, we have yet to come up with a way to 100% accurately forecast the weather, or manipulate it. Technology continues to march forward, and at times in a different direction than the industry. And, of course the markets are still suffering. What is a good forest products industry representative do? Well, that's why I want to talk about the Winter Meeting...and the Summer Meeting as well. Don't wait to hear from others what is coming down the pike, get in front of the curve. Actively participate in the Missouri Forest Products Association. Join a committee and get involved. There are several great ones to join...the Educations and Technical Services Committee, Forest Health, the Governmental Affairs Committee, and the PAC, Be a part of charting the course for the future. Speak up and be heard. Anyone can just wait till the news comes...but you have a chance to change the news. It really isn't that hard. Just show an interest, ask to join the committee, and stay active. Don't let others chart your course.

Make things happen. The more you stay active, the more you help the industry we all love. Be a part of your future.

And speaking of future...don't forget to get your Continuing Education credit to maintain your PTH certification. It only takes one credit, but it needs to be completed by the end of December. Don't be late.

PTH Classes available for the rest of 2024

EMINENCE -
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COMPANY NAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

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TOTAL ATTENDING:

#_____ WINTER MEETING RECEPTION & DINNER

REGISTRATION FEE: \$120.00 PER PERSON

#_____ LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST (STATE CAPITOL)

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Credit card: _____

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LODGING

Lodging is **not included** in the meeting registration fee. Hotel reservations are made directly with the Courtyard Jefferson City by calling Marriott reservations at (800) 321-2211 or (573) 761-1400 and ask for the special rate of \$ 145+tax for MFPA.

**Please reserve your room by December 13th
to receive MFPA rate.**

THE HOTEL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CAPITOL.

Winter Meeting & Legislative Breakfast

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This event that we prepare for our members is important to our industry and serves as an opportunity to exchange information, build partnerships, gain awareness on matters facing the industry, and promote our industry legislatively. We are most effective in these efforts through your support and sponsorships. Please consider supporting the Winter Meeting by sponsoring an event outlined below.

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