

Exterior Attachments Task Group  
Monday, November 3, 2008

Task Group meeting was called to order by Fred Higgins who did the Anti-Trust and NFRC Meeting Guidelines reminders to the group.

Unfinished Business:

4a) Mike Cienian and Fred Higgins explained that the Interior Attachments and Exterior Attachments Task Groups had combined their efforts to establish technical procedures for rating both interior and exterior attachment products with a common set of procedures. This was to better leverage the time and effort of the expert resources that were supporting both groups.

Also, it is the expressed desire of both groups to have a common process that will serve the purposes of both groups, and simplify the amount of work in NFRC if possible. The philosophy that is guiding both groups is to utilize wherever possible existing NFRC data, references and procedures in the attachments work.

4b) Fred invited attendees to visit the NFRC website and Task Group meeting notes to find links to the daylighting websites provided by Marilyn Anderson of MIT. Mike Rubin of LBNL has introduced Ms. Anderson to the IATG and EATG. Mike Cienian has spoken with Marilyn and she has agreed to share some overviews of her interesting work during an upcoming NFRC sponsored "gotomeeting" session with the combined Task Groups. This meeting will be planned for early in 2009 and call-in information will be shared.

4c) Product Listing spreadsheet - This was covered in the earlier Interior Attachments Task Group meeting by Sanjiv Malkin.

4d) Fred explained the formation of a new Work Group that would report to the Attachments Task Groups that would be focused on creating a "Road Map" to insure that all critical elements are addressed for achieving ratings, certification and labeling procedures for Interior and Exterior Attachments products. Those people interested in participating in this Work Group should let Fred Higgins know.

New Business and Discussion:

Fred Higgins asked if the attendees would endorse further development of the current draft table so that the NFRC 100 and 200 technical procedures could also continue. It is intended that these items would all be presented in motions at the upcoming Spring membership meeting. The following comments came in response.

Dave Deblock asked that the Reference Base Case Windows Work Group reconsider its current draft table of Base Case Windows, and replace the Metal Residential Frames with

Wooden Frames. This table is still in draft form and will be reviewed in detail in an upcoming combined Interior/ Exterior Attachments Task Group meeting.

Jim Larsen asked that the same group consider operable base case windows (Double Hung) in its listing of Base Case Windows.

Darrell Smith asked that should a common set of Base Case windows be adopted for all attachments, any changes to the Applied Film Base Case windows be verified in some type of round-robin before they be approved. Fred Higgins agreed and noted that the Film base case windows are existing in the NFRC system, and the focus of the current work is to find common Base Case Reference Windows for Interior and Exterior attachment products.

Ross McCluney shared a preview of a possible future Research project to assess NFRC compatibility/interest of awning ratings systems.

Ross also shared an observation that the current membership meeting format is leaving some of the task groups strapped for time, and suggested that the meeting block format be extended in some manner.

Meeting was adjourned.  
Submitted by Mike Cienian