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issues, advances and trends.

As we head into the final quarter of a year that was one of the most difficult economic times that many of us have ever seen, we wanted to make you aware of an unfortunate change that will come with the new year. After a long and very successful tenure, the Louisville Manufactured Housing Show will not be held in 2010. This marks the end of an era for a show that offered numerous economic benefits and leading industry expertise to many people and businesses in the Midwest. The show was long viewed as the best way to show industry product within the region to the retailers, builder developers and community owner/operators.

The show had a significant economic impact for not only the show's five Midwest State Association sponsors but also for the city of Louisville which graciously served as the host city. The economic profits generated from our show helped to support the efforts of the sponsoring state organizations. These organizations include: Illinois Manufactured Housing Association, Indiana Manufactured Housing Association, Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute, Michigan Manufactured Housing Association and Ohio Manufactured Homes Association.

During its many years in operation, the Louisville show had wonderful cooperation from many people whose involvement helped to make it a success. This cooperation extended to numerous people affiliated with the show and its sponsors.

The present economic situation that has impacted businesses across our nation and specifically in the Midwest has led us to conclude that the show can not proceed in 2010. We look forward to improved economic outlooks for both our nation and the Midwest region and we know that everyone shares in this positive hope. The board is very proud of the Louisville Manufactured Housing Show as an event that has had enormous impact in the region and the nation for the manufactured housing industry. Thank you for your part in making the Louisville show one we will all remember.

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Timeless Mountain Homes Owner Becomes Western North Carolina's First Builder to be Granted the Green Professional Accreditation

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC—Bill Fagan, owner of Timeless Mountain Homes here has been awarded the prestigious Green Professional Accreditation certification by the Western North Carolina Building Council. The Accreditation comes after a lengthy schooling and a challenging exam process, of which Fagan was the first non-instructor to pass. With this accreditation Fagan distinguishes himself and Timeless Mountain Homes as the only accredited HealthyBuilt Home and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) builder in Western North Carolina with the Green Professional Accreditation.

Fagan and his company Timeless Mountain Homes are

one of the leading companies in the green building effort in the North Carolina market through their commitment to sustainable building practices. Timeless Mountain Homes is also a representative of True North Log Homes, which further demonstrates their environmental dedication. True North Log Homes, from Bracebridge, ON makes some of the most technologically advanced log homes in the industry. True North's logs are harvested from Forest Stewardship Council-managed forests and True North also has met the difficult challenge of receiving log building systems approval from the United Kingdom for their patented wall system.

For more information on Timeless Mountain Homes call 877.669.5557 or visit www.timelessmountainhomes.com or circle Reader Service No. 182.

For more on the Western North Carolina Building Council and the Green Professional Accreditation visit <http://wncgbc.org/green-accredited.php> or circle Reader Service No. 183.

Spradlin Inducted as SBCA President

MADISON, WI—Steven Spradlin was named president of the Structural Building Components Association (SBCA) at its Annual Meeting October 1, 2009. The meeting was held in conjunction with the BCMC Show in Phoenix.

Spradlin is the President of Capital Structures in Fort Smith, AR. The business was started 20 years ago by his younger brother. Spradlin became a partner in the business in 1989, and is now the owner. He initially became involved in SBCA at the urging of SBCA Past President Dan Holland. "I have found my involvement in the SBCA to be an invaluable tool in the development of Capital Structures," he said.

Spradlin's goals for the year are two-fold. The first is to ensure members are aware of all the benefits of SBCA, such as using training programs and connecting through channels like SBC Connection. The second is to use the Structural Building Components Research Institute (SBCRI) to test the performance of site framing versus components. "SBCRI gives us the opportunity to provide test data on stick frame performance and compare it to the equivalent component framing. I am confident that we can use this information to convert areas of the country that use conventional framing to components," he said.

As 2009 president Ben Hershey passed the gavel to Spradlin, Hershey underscored the new president's message. "Ask yourself this: Are you using the tools from SBCA to help you to be successful and allow you to incorporate industry best practices into your company?" Hershey said.

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Former SBCA President Ben Hershey hands the gavel to incoming President Steven Spradlin at SBCA's annual meeting in October.