

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the seventh annual general meeting of the Canadian Wood Preservation Association.

Over the past years this association has attempted to present to you, the members, technical papers covering a broad spectrum of topics in the wood preservation industry. The authors of these papers are considered to be foremost in their various field of expertise. The Canadian Wood Preservation Association and its directors have attempted to provide you with an informative agenda and I believe today's agenda is just that.

I would like to open this meeting today by quoting from the proceedings of the third annual meeting of the Association. This statement deals with the brief history of the Canadian Wood Preservation Association and I believe it worth repeating: "On November 10, 1979 the Inaugural Meeting of C.W.P.A. was held in Vancouver, B.C. At that meeting a decision was made by the participants to proceed with the formation of the Canadian Wood Preservation Association. This Association was formed to provide a forum and focal point for all people interested in the various aspects of wood preservation, from the producer of pressure treated poles to the remedial pest control operator concerned with the outbreak of dry rot in a house. All are dedicated to the conservation of Canada's greatest and most valuable naturally renewable resources, its forest products. With Canada's expanding interests and diversification in wood products and with its human expertise in research and development, the C.W.P.A. will provide a common meeting ground for professional and social discussion.

The Canadian Wood Preservation Industry has grown considerably from that which it was when this Association was formed in 1979. Now, approaching 10 years later we have seen many changes, new products, new opportunities and new challenges.

I believe now, more than ever, this Association can provide a valuable service to the wood preservation industry.

In choosing a topic for my address to you this morning I must confess that it was rather difficult. In looking back over the years of C.W.P.A. meetings and seeing the caliber of technical papers presented I will humbly refrain from giving you my views.

I realize that as president of this Association one of my tasks was to promote membership and more importantly,

involvement by members on the executive. To do this it is necessary to convince people of the value of the C.W.P.A. to its members. I realized that this would be an easy job because of what my involvement in the Association has given me. I have served on the executive since 1979 and as a result have gained immeasurably. Meeting the many speakers and having the opportunity to discuss different ideas with them has been, to say the least, educational. Working with my fellow directors and most importantly the opportunity to meet all of you, the members, has been both rewarding and enjoyable and for that I thank you.

Please, I would encourage all members to get involved.

Thank you,