

Hard Work Counts! One among Nine Chapters Captures Top Honors

The AWI Distinguished Chapter Program was created to help AWI chapters develop direction and goals specific to their own respective chapter. This program allows individual chapters to direct their own success(es), as there is a good deal of flexibility in how accumulation of points and the point total may be accomplished.

“For 2012, we are delighted to report that nine of 23 chapters stepped up to earn the prestigious distinction of being a Distinguished Chapter. This is a marked increase over 2011. This accomplishment stands out even more when you consider that in 2012 ‘the bar’ to achieve AWI Distinguished Chapter status was raised to include additional prequalification requirements and include a new 50 point goal. Yet, In spite of the economy and demands on everyone’s time, chapter members pooled their talents to make this happen. If your chapter became ‘Distinguished’ this year, you are to be commended and have something extra special to celebrate,” AWI Chapter Coordinator Greg Bednar advised.

“Being a Distinguished Chapter requires some work...smart work, which entails direction, good sound planning, and execution. It’s similar to working through an *Architectural Woodwork Standards* project. The rewards include enhancing yours and the leadership skills of others involved in a chapter such as these. These chapters have done much throughout the year to achieve this distinction. More importantly, through their activities, they have directly helped us and our industry grow...and we are all made better for it.”

Congratulations to all who took on the challenge, exercised their leader-



- AWI Carolinas Chapter
- AWI Central Pennsylvania Chapter
- AWI Heart of America Chapter
- AWI Iowa / Nebraska Chapter
- AWI New England Chapter
- AWI Ohio Valley Chapter
- AWI Texas Chapter
- AWI Virginia Chapter
- AWI Washington Chapter



AWI Washington Chapter Executive Director Kirsten Ingham accepted the “Chapter of the Year” Award on behalf of Chapter President Jim Mammina. AWI Chapter Coordinator Greg Bednar made the presentation during the Chapter Awards luncheon.

ship and talents, and excelled. You are role models for the rest of us! AWI chapters have excelled at championing the added value each brings to their respective marketplace. “This year, AWI chapters have substantially raised the bar to help our industry grow,” Mr. Bednar said.

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While all of these chapters have done an exceptional job of promoting and creating the “AWI experience” in their respective market, unfortunately there can be only one Chapter of the Year – 2012.

Each year there is only one chapter that has the most points accumulated in the Distinguished Chapter Program. In addition to the accolades bestowed upon them at the 60th Annual Convention, the chapters will be a part of a rich history. The name of each Distinguished Chapter will be etched on the “Chapter of the Year” plaque at national headquarters, forever recognizing their contributions and achievements.

This year, for 2012, with a top score of 85 out of a possible 100 points, that honor goes to the AWI Western Washington Chapter! Chapter Executive Director Kirsten Ingham accepted the award on behalf of its board and membership. Congratulations!

To all who are a member of one or more of our AWI chapters, by your extra effort and those of your chapter leadership team – you won! •