

Florida LATH & PLASTER BUREAU



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The mission of the Florida Lath & Plaster Bureau shall be to preserve, promote and positively affect the quality of traditional Portland Cement-based Plastering in Florida by providing technical support and education for Contractors, Sub-contractors, Home Builders, Building Officials, Architects, Engineers, and producers; as well as to provide industry expertise to the development of Building Codes and Standards.

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Why FLAPB?

Support your industry. Today's construction environment is a fast-paced, ever-changing labyrinth of intersecting and often conflicting codes and standards that have long-ranging effects upon the manufacturers, plasterers, design professionals, building officials and contractors. As a member of FLAPB, you'll be able to stay ahead of the curve and keep your organization on track to provide the best, most current solutions for issues facing the plastering industry today.

Trainning and teaching. The FLAPB strives to provide up to date training in all aspects of the plastering trade except apprenticeship. The Stucco Workshop, a 4-hour continuing education session, has been delivered to hundreds of plasterers, contractors, architects, engineers and building officials over the last 10 years. This is a comprehensive, code & standards, best practice based training session aimed at improving the quality of plaster work in Florida. As a member of FLAPB you'll be able to contribute to the content or presentation of this and any future workshops.

The FLAPB is endorsed by the following organizations:



Unify. Your membership will afford your company the opportunity to discuss and develop agreed upon "best practices" for the industry. Many FLAPB members are also ASTM members. As a matter of course we discuss proposed changes to both the Standards and the Codes affecting plastering while endeavoring to come to a consensus as to the proper language and intent of these documents.

Coordination and clarification of requirements. In an ongoing effort to reduce confusion, the FLAPB is actively pursuing the coordination of specific clauses in both the Codes and Standards for the purposes of both clarification and conflict resolution between the documents. Additionally, members have direct input into the content of Technical Bulletins issued by FLAPB. These bulletins are available as free downloads from the FLAPB website: www.flapb.com.

Communication. FLAPB is aligned with and endorsed by the Florida Concrete & Products Association, the Masonry Association of Florida and the Florida Walls & Ceilings Contractors Association. We work closely with all these organizations to provide interactive communications between the trades.

Observe. FLAPB members keep a close watch on upcoming trends and regulations in the industry. Movements are discussed and a course of action agreed upon by consensus vote.

Florida Lath & Plaster Bureau MEMBERSHIP

Join the FLAPB

Membership in the FLAPB costs just \$100 per year. The membership year runs June 1 - May 31st. Applications and payments options are available on our website.

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In May of 2001 the Florida Concrete and Products Association held their normal monthly meeting in Orlando Florida. It was not a normal meeting as far as the state's stucco industry is concerned. During this meeting, member company representatives began to address this very important but historically neglected segment of our business. The results of their discussion included a commitment to the preservation and promotion of the stucco industry in Florida and the formation of the first FCPA Stucco Committee. Original members included cement company technical, sales and field representatives, FCPA staff consultants and several independent consulting firms. Since that time we have met on an "as needed" basis but at least four times per year.

We have worked hard usually behind the scenes, to promote and protect the integrity of our industry. Our many published tech bulletins are regularly referenced by contractors and designers. The four hour Advanced Stucco Seminar produced and instructed by our group offers CEU's to industry professionals and addresses the many issues we face daily. Our affiliation with the Florida Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association allows us the opportunity to reach out to our industry at regional meetings throughout the state. We have conducted testing on stucco systems at the University of Florida in Gainesville and at the Masonry Institute in Virginia resulting in well-written documentation about water intrusion issues.

As you can see, we have been extremely active during the last eleven years and we are not done yet. In March of 2012 the FCPA approved our request to transition the "Stucco Committee" into The Florida Lath and Plaster Bureau. This will allow us to exponentially expand our efforts to support and promote the industry. We have taken a structured approach and have developed by-laws which will govern our organization and its membership.

In the near future we will be actively seeking the membership and involvement of Contractors, Architects, Engineers, Consultants, Code Officials, Manufacturers and anyone else that is connected to the stucco industry in the state of Florida. Our industry is changing rapidly and we intend to be part of that change by addressing issues such as new technology, application techniques, government mandates, code changes, ASTM updates and the many other positive or negative topics that impact our livelihood.

We will communicate additional updates as they become available and in closing we ask you to remember that life is all about choices. You can choose to lead, to follow, or to get out of the way. We have chosen to lead.

All My Best,



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