The stage is just about set for the international association of Wall and Ceiling Contractors, of Washington, D.C., and the Gypsum Drywall Contractors International, of Reston, Va., to merge effective July 2, 1976.

Semi-final approval for the long-sought merger between the two largest and most influential management organizations in the wall and ceiling industry came at the iaWCC’s 59th Annual Convention in London, England.

A member ballot on bylaws changes has been sent to all Active iaWCC members with a return deadline of mid-May. If this ballot results in a favorable two-thirds vote, the merger will take effect on the 2nd of July, 1976.

GDCI had earlier approved the plan for merger worked out by both associations during the drywall contractors’ annual membership meeting in San Diego on March 11, 1976. Once this was done, the merger plan went before the iaWCC Board of Directors at their annual meeting on March 20 in London. The iaWCC Directors’ approval was endorsed by the assembled convention.

Full details on this late breaking industry development will be published in the May, 1976, edition of CONSTRUCTION DIMENSIONS.