Another Record is Set

**iaWCC/GDCI’s Annual Committee Week and Board Meeting Continued the Association’s Record-Breaking Ways**

Once upon a past, lower numbered time, iaWCC/GDCI’s annual Committee Week and Board Meeting was a small, pleasant affair where the wall and ceiling industry’s acknowledged leaders got together to decide where their industry was going.

Not so anymore.

The leaders of the wall and ceiling industry got together in September at Tamarron Resort in Durango, Colorado — and it had all the earmarks of another explosive growth record.

One thing was certain. The wall and ceiling industry if it ever was . . . is no longer in the hands of a small group of contractors.

With nearly 300 people at the annual meeting, the week-long planning and work session was virtually a mini-convention and a clear signal that the wall and ceiling industry is finally getting its act together. The attendance, of course, marked the highest turnout for a Committee Week in industry history.

Despite all the accomplishments that various committees compiled, not all was work. There were receptions, banquets, outdoor Western-style cookouts, Blue Grass music, narrow gauge railroad rides through the majestic Rocky Mountains, golf and tennis, horse back riding. in short, just about all the activities and amenities made available by that section of Colorado’s old Wild West country.

“Every time we schedule an event these days,” admitted iaWCC/GDCI

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Co-President Dick Connor, “some kind of record is clearly in danger of falling . . . or clearly off to a new, higher level.

“We saw committee attendance at an all-time high, the number of achievements greater than ever before, the amount of planning and goal-setting at record-breaking levels. All in all, it was the kind of week that an annual planning-work session like this should be,” he said.

In the five-day period starting Tuesday, September 12, more than 40 meetings were conducted, representing the entire spectrum of association activities from technical to bylaw changes to future proposals.

The meetings culminated with the Saturday all-day session of the iaWCC/GDCI Board of Directors. There the efforts of the committees were reported and then action taken. When the Board meeting finished, the association had a new name recommendation for the association and which will need ratification by the entire membership, a series of new technical/educational manuals, new educational programs and plans, breakthrough developments in both union and non-union types of operations.

All in all, it was a rather dynamic week. Or, as iaWCC/GDCI’s Co-President Jack Craig explained it: “The habit is getting strong because it was more than ever before . . . and uniformly better.”