It wasn’t a record, but more than 240 wall and ceiling contractors manufacturers and suppliers, their spouses and guests showed up for AWCI’s Annual Committee Week in Salt Lake City in October.

What happened there was a comprehensive review of work that is finished and work that should be started by the men and women who run AWCI—the members. They engaged in more than 83 official meetings, ranging from the A’s of Asbestos abatement to the W’s of WAC/PAC.

The 5-day session was climaxed by the Board of Directors meeting with AWCI President Robert Whittle presiding. And what took place at these multi-meeting days was the business of the association. It went off with a pace and scheduling that has earned it the right to serve as the model for associations.

Committee Week, as AWCI members know, is a unique invention of AWCI. It has been so successful in getting its organizational leadership together for a week of meetings that more than 14 major national and international associations now follow AWCI’s lead with Committee Weeks of their own. And the “me too” organizations make no bones about it: They call their session Committee Week also.

For the most part, developments were on a decidedly upbeat trend. The association’s building, convention and magazine provided solid reflections of an improving economy, as AWCI approved of a budget of more than $1.5 million for fiscal 1983-84—and with intentions of operating in the black as usual.

In addition to that, the Foundation of the Wall and Ceiling Industry made annual expenditures with glowing developments in its technical library. A new Computer committee, designed to assist contractors in coming face-to-face with electronic technology, set up a complete program of activities for the year ahead—and the insurance and safety committee went ahead with a remarkable program that will see AWCI consummate the ownership of a captive, Bermuda-based, insurance company that will provide contractors with their own general liability, workers’ comp and other forms of insurance.

All in all, it was a special week, a hard working week... and a week that means another year in which the association is immediately responsive to industry needs.

AWCI Committee Week

In Salt Lake City the Association’s Leadership Conducted Some 83 Meetings—and Took Care of the Industry’s Business
Committee members met...

...an insurance program proposal...

...a California contractor speaks...

...as finances are reviewed...

...the AWCI President presides...

...and consider their actions...

...as Board members listen...