Three important events took place during the week of September 17, 1990, in Atlanta, Georgia. In order of importance they were: AWCI of Georgia was formed and had its first annual membership meeting; Joe Baker and Steve Watkins took time from their busy schedules to attend; and the city of Atlanta was awarded the 1996 summer Olympic games.

All kidding aside, after three years of planning AWCI-Georgia was formed with 31 members on the roster and commitments from an additional five firms. The industry was well represented with a good cross section of contractors, suppliers and industry consultants.

Officers for the coming year are Urban G. Rump, President; Ron Mulkey, Vice President; Jim Davis, Secretary; and Charles Mahaffey, Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are Terry Anderson, Joe Dietrich and Ron McNeil in addition to the officers.

Committee chairmen are John Thompson, Legislative; Van McAlister, Technical; Mike DeMart, Membership; and Ed Hawthorne, Suppliers. Goals for the coming year were proposed and endorsed by the Board. They are 1) Training 2) Code Uniformity 3) Lien Law Review and 4) Contractor Licensing.

Buck Buchanan of STO informed everyone of the importance of the
attacks upon the EIFS industry by the Portland Cement Association and Masonry Association. He stressed the importance to contact representatives of the SBCCI and inform them about EIFS prior to their meeting in New Orleans the first part of October, during which they voted on revision B123-90 of the Southern Building Code. Informational printed hand-outs were distributed, and many assured Buck they would do their part. The Directors agreed to have the AWCI-Georgia Chapter contact SBCCI representatives and inform the Conference that AWCI-Georgia is against any revisions to the Code which would be detrimental to our industry.

As luck would have it, the attendance prize was won by Buck Buchanan and the 50/50 “Slush Fund” drawing was won by none other than Steven Watkins--shades of the WAC/PAC drawing in Toronto.

In spite of the soft economy, AWCI-Georgia has been well received indicating a high level of interest in the state and the city of Atlanta. With goals established, the Chapter looks forward to continued growth.

Joe Baker