



Professional Development

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Frame for Success

ICC Preferred Provider Course
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Based on hundreds of job site inspections, APA staff have identified the most common wood construction framing and sheathing errors found in today's construction market. This session examines the consequences of these common errors and provides practical solutions for avoiding them. APA resources for recommended installation techniques and code compliance will be highlighted.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand how the material properties of wood can affect construction in order to resolve common framing challenges and code compliance.
2. Understand how the consistency of design and building practices can impact the quality of wood structures, and how to use consistency and proper installation to improve construction and meet code requirements.
3. Understand how wind or seismic forces impact the roof, walls, floors, foundation, and connections of a structure; the concept of a continuous load path; and its importance in structural integrity.
4. Learn how moisture affects wood products and how to prevent some of the common challenges arising from moisture exposure.
5. Briefly review the proper design of portal frames and common errors seen in the field.

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Presenter Bio:

Van Wilfinger, CBO, CFM is an Engineered Wood Specialist with APA – The Engineered Wood Association. Van’s designated territory is the Pacific Northwest, where he works to promote engineered wood product growth for APA member companies. He has a diverse background in both construction and code compliance plan review and inspection. Prior to joining APA, Van was a building inspector and building official for 25 years in Oregon, California, and Nevada. Van is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and has enjoyed a lifelong love of the water. Van lives on the north coast of Oregon where he and his wife, Denise, maintain this connection to life by the ocean.

APA’s Vision and Operation Status:

APA's vision is to maintain their position as the leader in creating engineered wood product growth for North American member companies.

APA is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit trade association that represents both US and Canadian manufacturers of structural engineered wood products, including plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), glued-laminated timber (glulam), wood I-joists, cross laminated timber, and structural composite lumber. Its primary functions are product certification and testing, applied research, and market support and development. As a 501(c)(6) association, APA does not engage in lobbying activities.

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