

# MSR COUNCIL MATTERS

**January 2009**

## 2009 Council Officers

At the Board of Directors meeting held on January 14, the 2009 officers were chosen.

**President:**

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The Board is committed to bringing you value for your membership and taking on projects that will support our members. We seek to promote the benefits of using MSR lumber and expand the markets for its use.

If you have any issues or specific projects that you would like the Board to consider, [please let us know](#). We'd love to hear from you! Thank you for your participation in and support of the MSR Lumber Producers Council.

## BSLC Update

We're pleased to report that a meeting has been scheduled with Cees de Jager of the Binational Softwood Lumber Council (BSLC). Our Board members in Vancouver – Steve Hardy, Craig Stuart and Griffin Jones – will be meeting with Mr. de Jager in February to discuss the MSR Lumber Producers Council and possible projects that would benefit lumber industry producers and end users. We are looking forward to having a productive meeting.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Undoubtedly the most frequently asked question received by MSR producers is how machine stress-rated lumber (MSR) differs from machine evaluated lumber (MEL). In short:

The main differences between MSR and MEL lumber are the grade designations and the strength and stiffness properties that are assigned to each grade. As our [MSR Technical Note No. 1](#) indicates, MSR and MEL are both examples of machine graded lumber. Both can be produced by measuring stiffness or density as the predictor property. The machine measures the predictor property for each piece, computes the strength and stiffness using the best available algorithms, and labels the board with a grade indicator. The algorithms are developed through research and testing. If you are using a Continuous Lumber Tester, then the predictor property measured is stiffness. If you are using an XLG machine, then the predictor property measured is density.

Please let us know the most frequently asked questions that customers ask you! We'll be compiling this information and making it available on our website, so please submit your questions, and answers, to [info@msrlumber.org](mailto:info@msrlumber.org).

### MSR Quick Poll: Green Certifications

If you have not done so already, please take the MSR [Quick Poll on Green Certifications](#). Compiling this information will be helpful when answering questions from potential customers, so please let us know more about your company's approach to the Green Building marketplace – **thank you!**