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## Dana Point California 91<sup>st</sup> AGM & Convention Recap

For those of you that were unable to attend the PCWHDA 91<sup>st</sup> AGM and convention this year, here is a brief recap of the events held at the magnificent **St Regis Monarch Beach Resort and Spa** in Dana Point California.



The first event was the **President's Cocktail Reception** held on the observation deck at the St Regis at 7:00 PM Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event was catered with a full bar service and hot and cold appetizers and provided a great opportunity for members and their spouses to socialize in a relaxed, private atmosphere and get caught up on the years events.

The morning of Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> was left open for members to relax, explore the beautiful grounds or go to the nearby beach. Some members played tennis and there was also a beautiful golf course available at the resort. The next official event was the **Business Meeting** held from 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at the Motif private dining room. See the minutes for an official report, but here are a few highlights. We reviewed financial statements and reaffirmed our officers for the coming year. Our table officers are now in the second year of their 2 year terms: Chip Spellman of Spellman Hardwoods, President; Lance Blanco of Hardwoods Specialty Products, Vice President; Connie Smales of Plywood Hawaii; Secretary and Jim Price of Emerson Hardwoods; Treasurer. We took this opportunity to thank them for their service.





This year, we returned to our tradition of having a guest speaker at our business meeting. A presentation relevant to our business members is a way of adding even more value to the association meeting. We were joined by Ed Freiermuth who presented his lecture, “Economic, Political and Banking Outlook for 2014 and Beyond: Getting Ready to Ride the Next Economic Ripple”. Ed has over 40 years experience financing and advising businesses of all sizes during his time as a banker and business consultant. The presentation was informative and entertaining.



**The Annual Regatta** this year was a spirited game of bocce held on the main lawn of the hotel in the courtyard area. Although we had permission to play there, the game came close to being shut down by an overzealous hotel employee with liability concerns. In the end, the game was a lot of fun, and, as has become tradition, the powerhouse north team soundly thrashed the hapless south once again!







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The Formal Dinner was held Friday evening beginning with cocktails on the Wine Terrace at 6:00 PM and an amazing dinner in the chilly but opulent wine room surrounded by thousands of bottles of the world's best wines. A fine meal was served and full cocktail service was provided. This

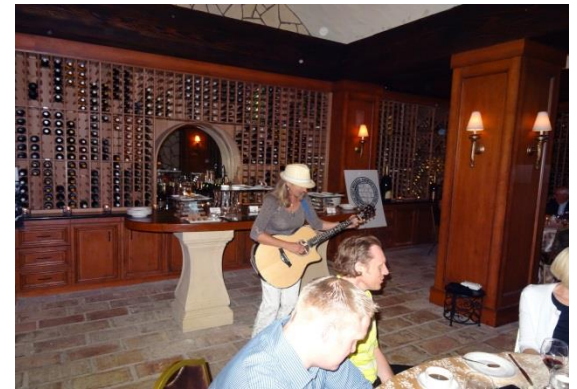
excellent evening of food and conversation was enjoyed by all. As Jim Price was unable to attend, the resolutions committee report was



delivered by designate Randy Porter and his able assistant Jim Frost. This report is always a highlight of the evening, and this year was no exception. Fun is poked at members of the group, our

industry and anything else that comes to mind, yet somehow, they always manage to finish with a positive and complimentary tone. That is quite an accomplishment! Well Done! Kim Frost also serenaded the group with

several upbeat numbers from her amazing repertoire, what a talented lady!



**President Chip Spellman** said a few final words and reminded us all how important it is to support this institution by maintaining membership and attending the annual conventions. As has become our practice, the next convention will be held in Las Vegas in conjunction with the AWFS in July of 2015. We hope to see you there!





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After dinner, the Annual Poker Tournament took place in the wine room. As always, the play was spirited yet friendly. Apparently no one participating questioned the wisdom of playing poker well into the night in a room chock full of wine. In spite of the temptation, fun was had by all and no one lost their business. This was the last event of a great convention, thank you to all who attended.

The announcement of the venue and date of the 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM will be coming soon. Please continue to support the PCWHDA by attending the 2015 festivities.

### **PCWHDA Group Photo 91<sup>st</sup> AGM Dana Point California 2014**

