

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER AIA
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm at Strawjet located in Phoenix, Oregon. Members Steve Ennis, Jac Nickels, Bruce Richey, James Roemer, Robert Seibert, Doug Snider, Dave Straus and associate members Adam Miller and Jason Zook were present.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Steve Ennis noted that the alternate Yellow Book ad left out most of the architectural firms in the listing.

Bruce Richey gave a Design Awards reminder to those participating.

Program: Alternative Building Systems
presented by Mark Weir - CEO of Strawjet

Weir described the process used to create cables from agricultural waste.

A multi-wrapper machine produces multiple shapes and configurations.

A bobbin winder allows different types of string to be used for wrapping the cables.

Natural material over 24 inches in length are suitable for making the cables.

Curved walls can be designed using the correct natural material.

Developing world applications were described and the Strawjet Foundation was explained.

Questions and answers followed the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Richey, AIA, Chapter Secretary.