

Awning Task Group Notes NFRC Spring Meeting

John Gant Called meeting to order and referenced the Anti-Trust reminder

The first item reviewed was the proposed product line.

Willie DuPont noted the first example of drop arm awning has several variations not listed like the “Italian awning”.

Michael Ceinian inquired about the number of members in the task group, John Gant responded with approximately 8-10 names currently registered.

The next item put up for discussion was the responses to awning rating feasibility, there were two negatives and two positive comments.

Willie DuPont recommends developing a strategy to approach the two negatives.

The first negative from Associated labs was deemed to be non-persuasive and could not be supported.

The second negative from Polar did not include comments and will be deemed non germane as a result.

The next item put up for discussion by John Gant was to ask what rating the group wanted.

Steve Selkowitz-The key is to clarify who the information is intended for and what their needs are. The challenge is to find a series of solutions that will meet all needs. If the answer is the consumer history shows that they would like an annual energy rating, something the NFRC has been unable to provide historically. The solution should include options for code officials as well as consumers.

Ross suggests developing terminology such as “shading effectiveness”. What will be measured? SHGC at normal incidence with single number rating would be worthless.

Willie DuPont suggested that tubular daylighting devices use a single number rating system and may provide some guidance and stated we are looking to the NFRC for direction.

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