



Biographies of Members of the PFS TECO Research Report Committee

The PFS TECO Research Report Committee is comprised of professionals with more than 300 years of combined experience in the development, certification, testing, inspection, and approval of new and innovative building products. The knowledge, experience, and expertise of this collective gives building code officials, product manufacturers, and other stakeholders confidence that the subjects of PFS TECO Research Reports have been thoroughly evaluated for compliance to the applicable codes and standards.

Larry A. Beineke, PE, PhD

Vice President, PFS TECO (retired)

Dr. Beineke earned a PhD in structural engineering from Purdue University with an emphasis on engineered wood-based materials. He has more than 45 years of experience in R&D, engineering, quality assurance, and management in industry and academia. He retired from PFS Corporation after 31 years as Vice President of the Southeast Region. Prior to joining PFS, he developed a wood I-joint as Director of Engineering and Manufacturing for Alpine Structures. He has also been an Associate Professor of Building Construction at Michigan State University; a peer reviewer for the *Forest Products Journal*; a research proposal reviewer for the USDA State Research, Education, and Extension Service; and a member of the Editorial Board of *Wood Design Focus*. Larry has authored a dozen book chapters, articles, and papers having to do with engineered wood products, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin.

James J. Husom

CEO and President, PFS TECO

Jim earned a BA in Architectural Technology Administration from Lakeland College. He has more than 40 years of experience in the testing, certification and inspection of building products, including 20 years with Intertek and 20 years with PFS and PFS TECO. Jim has been a committee member of several standards writing organizations, including ASTM (D08 – Roofing, E05 – Fire) and NFPA (Fire Doors), as well as several association technical committees. Currently, Jim serves on HUD's Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), IAS's Technical Advisory Council for Inspection Agencies, and the Pellet Fuel Institute's Standards Committee.

J. Robert Nelson, PE

Senior Vice President, PFS TECO

Bob has been involved in code compliance, certification, inspection and testing of building products for more than 45 years. He began his career with the Los Angeles County Building and Safety Division, and then worked for the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) where he became Senior Staff Engineer in their Research Report Division (which is now part of the ICC Evaluation Service). In 1984 Bob joined PFS as a Vice President, serving on the ASTM committee that wrote new standards for wood I-joists (D5055) and structural composite lumber (D5456). He is a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Fire Protection Engineer, both in California.



Ronald Reindl, R.A.

Vice President, PFS TECO

Ron has been involved in the construction industry for more than 40 years, engaged in design, inspection, marketing, testing, and product certification. As a Registered Architect, Ron has designed commercial and residential structures and maintains registration in eight states. He has served on several association committees as well as being a board member for code associations. Ron has managed multiple units within PFS TECO and currently manages PFS TECO's Research Report program.

James A. Rothman, PE

Senior Vice President, PFS TECO (retired)

Jim is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Jim has more than 45 years of experience in structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and structural testing reviews. He has extensive experience with and knowledge of the codes and standards for construction of products used in the US, Canada, and Europe, and has been an ISO 9000 provisional lead auditor. As Senior Vice President of Quality Control at PFS TECO, Jim had the primary responsibility for making certification decisions to ISO 17065 and PFS TECO listing programs.

Deepak Shrestha, PE, PhD

Director of Building Components / Senior Engineer, PFS TECO

Dr. Shrestha earned a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with an emphasis in structures. He has over 27 years of experience in R&D, testing, product evaluation and code certification of thermoplastic composite roofing shingles, siding and lumber, engineered wood products, metal plate connectors, and fasteners. Dr. Shrestha served as a Research Scientist in academia and the private sector, including with Washington State University, Teel Plastics, and Robbins Engineering. Deepak has published ten peer-reviewed technical articles, and currently serves as a subcommittee chair for ASTM E6.11.

Kurt Stochlia, PE

Principal Consultant, KSPE

Kurt has been involved with the code compliance and evaluation of construction products for more than 40 years. The majority of his experience was as a Vice President and technical expert with the ICC Evaluation Service, now headquartered in Brea, California. He helped in the development of most of the current library of ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria. Kurt has been a member of several ASTM Committees (including D07 for over 30 years) and a member of the Canadian Standards Association (for more than 25 years). He is now a consultant helping manufacturers navigate the code and regulatory compliance arena. Kurt has extensive experience with and knowledge of codes and standards for construction products used in the US, Canada, and Europe.

Steve G. Winistorfer, PE

Senior Vice President, PFS TECO

Steve has 35 years of experience in the certification, testing, marketing, design and application of structural wood products in the US and Canada, having worked for both public and private organizations such as the USDA FS Forest Products Laboratory, Champion International, Trus Joist Corporation, and Alpine Engineered Products. He is now Senior Vice President of PFS TECO's Building Products Division and represents PFS TECO on several industry committees including the American Wood Council and the Canadian Wood Council. He has authored or coauthored more than 25 papers and articles related to the design and application of engineered wood products and mechanical fasteners. Steve holds BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Engineering (timber engineering emphasis) and an MS in Business, all from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin and Florida.