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## **MEMORANDUM**

### **RE: AWPA Student Fellowship Fund Silent Auction**

Listening to discussions and concerns over the future of the industry and our Association, the Executive Committee has authorized the development of a permanent Student Fellowship Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide stipends which cover travel and lodging costs for university students in the field of in wood protection (or a related field) to AWPA's Annual Meetings and Fall Meetings. Currently, there is an annual request for financial contributions to cover the costs of students' travel to the Annual Meeting, but it is a variable stream of funds at best. Instead of providing a limited resource, it is hoped we can build an ongoing endowment to support the Student Fellowship Fund.

This second source of funding will be endowed by a silent auction to be held at each Annual Meeting. Tables will be set up in the registration area with donated items, or photographs/descriptions of the items to be auctioned. The winner of each item will be announced at the Awards Reception on the Tuesday evening of the Annual Meeting.

As of March 1, 2019, an Alabama Quail Hunt and several other items have been generously contributed by AWPA members. Please consider donating an item such as a handmade wooden sculpture or a unique vase. You could also donate several days at a beach condo or a hunting or fishing trip. All proceeds from the auction will go into a separate account for the Student Fellowship Fund use only.

To donate an item for the auction, contact AWPA by calling +1-205-733-4077 or by sending an email message to [email@awpa.com](mailto:email@awpa.com). AWPA staff will work with you to determine the best method of sending the item to the Annual meeting, whether that is sending directly to the hotel, sending to AWPA in advance of the meeting, or for large items, a photograph of the item. If your donation is not a physical item, a description of the trip or location should be sent to AWPA. **Ideally, all donations should be confirmed with AWPA staff by April 15, 2019.**

Thank you for your support and consideration.

**The AWPA Executive Committee's Silent Auction Task Group**