

## MARK ANTHONY ELECTED SLMA'S 2005 CHAIRMAN



**FOREST PARK, GA, August 8, 2005 - - Mark**

Anthony, vice president of business development of Anthony Forest Products, Inc. was elected chairman of the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA) last Saturday night at the association's Annual Conference in Avon, CO. Anthony served on SLMA's executive committee for the past three years as treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chairman, respectively.

As chairman, Anthony plans to ensure the association's preparedness for changes within the industry. "The landscape is changing in the forest products industry," said Anthony. "SLMA is a strong entity and is well-equipped to help independent lumber manufacturers adapt to these changes. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for this association and its members."

Anthony began his career in the lumber industry in 1972 after receiving his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University in 1968 and his Juris Doctor from LSU in 1971. He served as manager of Anthony Forest Products' Atlanta, TX mill from 1972 through 1999. In 1999, he assumed the responsibilities of vice president of the company.

"We are looking forward to working with Mark this year," said Steve Rountree, president of SLMA. "His knowledge and experience in this industry are extensive, and his ideas about the future of this association are very exciting."

Aside from his commitment to the lumber industry, Anthony is also actively involved in his community. He is a director for Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Springhill, LA, a position he has held since 1995. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Atlanta Memorial Hospital from 1993 to 2004 and chairman of the hospital from 2001 to 2004. Mark and his wife, Sharon Thurman Anthony, currently reside in Atlanta, TX. They have five daughters and five grandchildren.

The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association represents independent lumber manufacturers throughout the Southeastern United States. Members of the association produce an average of 4.5 billion board feet of quality hardwood and softwood lumber annually. SLMA represents over 200 member companies with the continued goal of helping perpetuate family-owned lumber businesses. As chairman, Anthony will provide the association with guidance and leadership on governmental, marketing/public relations and membership issues.