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'We're only going to pay X,' " they have engaged in price fixing, he said.

Burton gave examples of price-fixing cases in industries such as blueberry growing and tobacco. Fines cost the companies involved hundreds of millions of dollars, he said.

Burton's presentation was followed by SPIDA technical director Bob Reid. He gave a presentation on "The Cost of Cheap Duct," where he said too many engineers were accepting HVAC construction systems that wasted almost a third of the air flowing through them.

"It seems amazing to me that people can write off 30 percent leakage in a system and not think it's a big deal," Reid said. "We've not been getting the point across" regarding the cost savings of using spiral duct.

In other meeting news, former SPIDA President Reid Boydstun of Spiral Pipe of Texas was given the SPIDA President's Award.

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