

SWST Annual Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2001
Wyndham Inner Harbor Hotel
Baltimore, MD

Technical Session - "Forest Products Education: Kids & Teachers"

- 8:00-8:15 Introduction and Welcome - *H. Michael Barnes*
8:15-8:45 Practical Considerations for Designing Successful, Child-centered Instruction - *Susan G. Magliaro*
8:45-9:15 Educating Teachers - *Kathy McGlaufflin*
9:15-9:45 Woods Walk – Woods Talk - *Allan Houston*
9:45-10:15 The Roots of Wood Magic - *Terry E. Conners, R. Daniel Seale, Amy Garrard*
10:15-10:45 Setting Learning Objectives and Measuring Outcomes for Wood Magic Programs, *Patricia D. Morrell, Jeffrey J. Morrell*

About 100 people attended the Technical Session.

Awards Ceremony 10:45-1:00

George Marra Awards

- 1st Place: Zhang, Jun and Pascal Kamdem,
"Interaction of copper-amine with southern pine: Retention and migration", Vol 32, No. 3, pp. 332-339.
2nd Place: Susan E. Anagnost, Richard E. Mark, and Robert B. Hanna.
"Utilization of soft-rot cavity orientation for the determination of microfibril angle - Part 1", Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 81-87.

Student Poster Competition

The following students participated in the competition:

Aldo G. Cisternas, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID "Engineering Requirements of Structural Wood Composites for use in Structures"

Keshava Datta, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD "A Mathematical Model for 90-0 Woodcutting"

Edgar C. Deomano, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA "Mechanism of Flake Drying and its Correlation to Quality"

David C. Hennington, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS “Using External Indicators in Southern Yellow Pine Species (specifically *Pinus taeda*) to Predict Lumber Quality”

Will Jones, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS “Calcium Borate Treated Waferboard”

Sang Yeob Lee, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID “Transcrystallization Initialized from Surface Characteristics of Thermomechanical Pulp (TMP) Fibers and its Influence in the Interfacial Strength”

Sunyoung Lee, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA “Leachability of Zinc Borate-Modified Oriented Strandboard (OSB) from Southern Wood Species”

Gan Li, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS “Static and Fatigue Strength of Dowel Joints Constructed of Pine Plywood”

Wei Li, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA “Technical Feasibility of Oriented Strandboard (OSB) Production from Recycled CCA-Treated Wood”

Yihai Liu, Clemson University, Clemson, SC “Statistical Evaluation on Selected Properties of Parallel Strand Lumber”

William Parsons, Washington State University, Pullman, WA “Energy-Based Modeling of Bolted Connection Performance in Hollow Sections”

Thaddeus J. Ryan, Washington State University, Pullman, WA “Inter-Story Shear Transfer in Wood-Frame Buildings”

Milan Sernek, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA “Characterization and Bonding Performance of Inactivated Wood Surface”

Jim Skipper, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS “Direct Withdrawal of Staples in Three Common Hardwoods”

Ronnia Y. Vun, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA “Through-Thickness Ultrasonic Characterization of Wood and Agri-Fiber Composites”

Thomas Williams, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN “A Modified Six Sigma Approach to Improving the Quality of Hardwood Flooring”

Jun Zheng, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA “Fundamental Studies of PF/pMDI Hybrid Adhesives”

Balazs G. Zombori, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA “Modeling the Transient Effects during the Hot-Compression of Wood-Based Composites”

Xiaoqiu Zuo, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC “Optimizing Gang Ripsaw Fixed-Blade Arbor Spacing to Improve Rough Mill Conversion Efficiency”

First Place - Milan Sernek, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA “Characterization and Bonding Performance of Inactivated Wood Surface”

Second Place - Thaddeus J. Ryan, Washington State University, Pullman, WA “Inter-Story Shear Transfer in Wood-Frame Buildings”

International Visiting Scientist Award

D. Earl Kline – Travel to Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany

Editor

Robert Youngs – Editor 1995 - 2001

Special Award

Plaque of appreciation to Alan Marra for his contributions to the George Marra Award each year.

Distinguished Service Award

Thomas M. Maloney

Annual Business Meeting

About 80 people attended the Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Ramsay Smith at 8:00 a.m.

A moment of silence was offered for Elvin Choong, Malcolm MacPeak, George Stern, and any other SWST member who may have died this past year.

Minutes of 2000 Meeting – The minutes of the 2000 Annual Meeting were published in the July-August 2000 Newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept these minutes.

Executive Director’s Report

Current Members as of June 1, 2001

Full members	293
Student members	73

Members as of June 1, 2000

Full Members	302
Student members	65

Retired members	56
Affiliate Member	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	425

Retired members	54
Affiliate Member	<u>1</u>
	422

USA members	332
Canada members	30
Mexico members	4
Overseas members	59

Subscribers as of June 1 2001

Subscribers	254
USA	118
Canada	13
Overseas	123

Subscribers as of June 1, 2000

Subscribers	273
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Delinquent Members

Delinquent members as of 6/1/01 for 2001 dues - 25 full; 22 student; 4 retired

Delinquent members for 2000 dues – 21 full; 26 student; 1 retired

Delinquent subscribers for 2001 as of 6/1/01 - 56

Delinquent subscribers for 2000 - 35

Compared to delinquent members as of June 1, 2000 – 54

Compared to delinquent subscribers as of June 1, 2000 - 47

Fidelity Spartan Money Market Fund and Vanguard Accounts

The Vanguard accounts were opened with a beginning balance of \$61,100.00 on February 3, 1998. \$10,000 was transferred back into checking on 8/27/99 due to a low balance, so the actual principle in the fund was \$51,100.00. The balance was \$55,498.78 on March 31, 2001 (the date of the last statement). This accounted for a net gain of \$4,398.78. The Student poster money was invested in November 1998 with an initial balance of \$4,750.00. An additional \$1,000 was invested on 8/13/99, \$1,050 was invested on 6/19/00, \$750 was invested on 12/22/00 and \$750 invested on May 14, 2001. The current balance in that account is \$8,757.03, for a total gain of \$457.03. Charts are attached.

Checking Account

The balance in the checking account as of June 1, 2001 is \$13,560.59.

Student Poster Competition Fund History and Status

Initial donations beginning in 1998 were \$4,750, which were invested in a Vanguard 500 Index Fund in November 1998. This fund is separate from our other investment funds. Another \$1,000 was received in September 1999, \$1,050 in June 2000, \$750 in December, and \$750 in May 2001 for a balance of \$ 8,757.03, which includes dividends earned. This is a net gain of \$457.03.

Contributors are: California Cedar Products, Virginia Tech, University of British Columbia, Mississippi State University, Oregon State University, APA – The Engineered Wood Association, Louisiana State University, University of Idaho, Willamette Industries, and Forintek Canada Corporation.

There are 22 participants in the 2001 Competition.

Miscellaneous

A Balance Sheet and Income Statement for January-December 2000 is attached, and also one for January-May 2001.

The Directory of Schools has been updated and put on the web. Copies were sent to school representatives and are available by contacting the Executive Office.

The 2000 Annual Meeting Proceedings was printed and mailed to participants. There are copies available for \$10.

The Member Handbook and Membership Directory were mailed to all members.

Our web server is now a secure server, so credit card numbers can be transmitted safely. There are several online forms that can be accessed and more are being developed.

Final 2002 Budget

Category	Income	Expenses	Net
W&FS	\$110,680	\$ 69,170	\$ 41,510
DUES	\$ 19,550		\$ 19,550
Interest & Dividend	\$ 300		300
Member Services/ Meeting Expenses/ Travel Expenses	\$ 11,870	\$ 16,500	\$(4,630)
Admin. Expenses		\$ 17,250	\$(17,250)
Salary & Taxes		\$ 24,585	\$(24,585)
TOTAL	\$142,400	\$127,505	\$ 14,895

2002 Budget Details

Inflows

Dues Income:

Certificates	\$50.00	
Contributions	\$0.00	
Dues-Full (280@\$60)	\$16,800.00	
Dues-Retired (50@\$30)	\$1,500.00	
Dues-Student (80@\$15)	\$1,200.00	
Total Dues Income:		\$19,550.00

Interest Income:

Interest Earned	\$300.00	
Total Interest Income		\$300.00

Member Services:

Annual Mtg Reg Fee (70@\$150)	\$10,500.00	
Career Brochure	\$0.00	
Marra Income	\$1,000.00	
Misc Income	\$0.00	
Student Poster	\$0.00	
Educational Materials	\$140.00	
VSP Income	\$200.00	
Total Member Services		\$11,840.00

Symposium Income

Proceedings	\$30.00	
Total Symposium Income		\$30.00

W&FS Income:

Back Issues	\$400.00	
Page Charges	\$67,500.00	(600 pages; 300@\$90, 300@\$135)
Prof Pages	\$2,700.00	
Reprints	\$4,000.00	
Royalty	\$80.00	
Subscriptions	\$36,000.00	
Total W&FS Income		\$110,680.00

Total Inflows

\$142,400.00

Outflows

Admin. Expense:

Bank Charges	\$150.00	
Bond	\$100.00	
Computer	\$500.00	
Credit Card Exp.	\$1,000.00	
Data Processing	\$500.00	
FPL Reim. Coop	\$4,000.00	
Misc Exp - General	\$300.00	
Office Supplies	\$200.00	
Postage-General	\$4,000.00	
Print-General	\$6,000.00	
www	\$500.00	
Total Admin Expense		\$17,250.00

Member Service Expenses:

Accreditation	\$500.00	
Career Brochure	\$100.00	
G. Marra Award Expense	\$1,300.00	
Public Liaison	\$0.00	
RNRF	\$750.00	
Teach Unit Exp.	\$0.00	
Video	\$0.00	
VSP Expense	\$1,500.00	
Total Misc. Member Services Expense		\$4,150.00

Meeting Expense:

Annual Meeting	\$7,000.00	
Fall Board Meeting	\$1,200.00	
Spring Board Meeting	\$1,200.00	
Total Meeting Expense		\$9,400.00

Travel:

NL Editor	\$900.00	
Public Liaison	\$250.00	
WFS Editor	\$1,800.00	
Total Travel		\$2,950.00

Salary:

Carol Ovens	\$13,728.00	
Vicki Herian	\$8,910.00	
Total Salary		\$22,638.00

Taxes Federal:

Carol Ovens	\$0.00		
Vicki Herian	\$0.00		
Total Federal Taxes		\$0.00	
Taxes-FICA:			
Carol Ovens	\$0.00		
SWST Match	\$1,403.56		
Vicki Herian	\$0.00		
Total Taxes-FICA		\$1,403.56	
Taxes-Medicare:			
Carol Ovens	\$0.00		
SWST Match	\$328.25		
Vicki Herian	\$0.00		
Total Taxes - Medicare		\$328.25	
Unemp. Comp			
Carol Ovens	\$131.79		
Vicki Herian	\$82.86		
Total Unemp. Comp.		\$214.65	\$24,584.46
W&FS Expense:			
Copyright Expense	\$120.00		
Editor Honorarium	\$5,000.00		
Misc Exp-W&FS	\$50.00		
Pg Chg. Grant	\$2,800.00		
Postage-WFS	\$4,500.00		
Print - WFS	\$48,000.00	600 pgs estimate	
Prof Pgs Exp	\$2,700.00		
Reprint Exp	\$3,500.00		
State-of-the-art	\$2,500.00		
Total W&FS Expense		\$69,170.00	
Total Outflows			\$127,504.46
Overall Total Profit			\$14,895.54

Auditor's Report – Ben Collins

At your request, I reviewed the SWST bank statements for the period June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001. Checks, deposits, VISA and MasterCard charges, interest charges and bank charges were verified against the corresponding statements. No discrepancies were found between the statements and the books in any area. The May 31, 2001 checkbook balance of \$13,560.59 corresponds with the checking balance on the May 31, 2001 balance sheet. The \$64,255.87 total investment in the Vanguard accounts on the balance sheet also matches the total on the most recent Vanguard statements (3/31/01) except for the Index Fund, which was updated on May 14, 2001.

Wood and Fiber Science – Bob Youngs

Production of the Journal

The July 2001 issue (volume 33 no. 3) publishes 16 papers and an editorial with a record 192 pages. Carol Ovens has another 28 papers in various stages of processing and I have 45 in review and revision.

The 35 papers received so far this year, are about the same as the number received at the same time last year, a year with record receipt of papers.

Average duration between receipt of accepted paper and publication was 11.6 months for the January issue, 13.2 for the April issue, and 10.4 for the July issue. The April issue contained some papers that had taken much time in review and revision.

State of the Art Papers

Generally, writing of State of the Art papers has been slow. The first of them, by Jim Bowyer, will be published in the July issue. The status of the others is as follows:

- (1) Dagher – Advanced Engineered Wood Composites – outline by June 2001
- (2) Bowyer – Environmental Implications of Wood Production in Intensively Managed Plantations – published in 33-3.
- (3) Vlosky & Gazo – Business and the Forest Products Industry: Past, Present, and Future – Topic rejected by reviewers
- (4) Shook – Innovation, Adoption, and Diffusion of Wood-Based Products and Processes -- outline approved, paper due by July 2001.
- (5) Kasal – Phenomenological Failure Criteria for Multiaxially Loaded Wood Members – outline approved, paper due July 2001
- (6) Foliente and Smith – Cumulative Damage and Fatigue in Structural Wood Members and Connections – outline approved.
- (7) Back – Pattern of Parenchyma and Cell Wall Composition in Softwoods and Hardwoods – proposal rejected.

ISI Journal Citation Reports

Information passed to me from ISI Journal Citation Reports indicated that our journal ranks well among the comparable journals of the world. The data I have are for Impact Factor, which is the average number of times recent articles were cited, using an algorithm developed by the ISI founder, and Cited Half-Life, which relates to the number of years prior to the current one (1999 for these data) that account for 50% of the journal's total citations in the current year. Data I have are:

Journal	Impact Factor	Cited Half Life
Holzforschung	0.995	7.7
IAWA Journal	0.722	8.3
WOOD & FIBER SCIENCE	0.550	>10
Wood Science & Technology	0.373	>10
Forest Products Journal	0.336	>10

Committee Reports – Published in the May-June 2001 Newsletter

SWST Accreditation Committee Report

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year the SWST Accreditation Committee has:

- 1) completed a 5-year review of the BS program in Wood and Paper Science at the University of Minnesota with a recommendation to the Executive Board that SWST accreditation be continued until 2006;
- 2) completed a site visit and 10-year evaluation of the BS program in Forest Products at Oregon State University; the report is in draft form and will be finalized in May 2001; and
- 3) began work on a proposal for major revision of the SWST accreditation standards and procedures that could shift our standards to a performance or outcomes base. This move is now being taken by the Society of American Foresters. Historically, SAF and SWST have conducted joint accreditation activities, although we each maintain separate standards. It will be important for SWST and the accredited programs to seek a reasonable degree of harmonization to ensure that we can continue to benefit from our long-standing collaboration. In addition, many universities are moving to out-comes-based assessment in response to new requirements from the regional higher education accrediting bodies. An outcome-based standard differs from our current practice in that it specifies the knowledge that a graduate must have mastered rather than specifying successful completion of a specific course. So, rather than requiring that students in an accredited program take an X-credit course in wood anatomy, the accredited program must demonstrate that graduates have mastered a set of learning objectives that reflect the important elements of wood anatomy. As you can imagine, reassessing SWST standards and procedures will be a major undertaking during the next two years and we plan on involving a wide variety of educators and practitioners in the process. Any member who wishes to participate in the drafting process should contact the Committee Chair. Tom McLain, Chairperson

Policy and Critical Issues Report

The critical issues committee have focused on how to generate interest from SWST members regarding the development, approval, and posting of our very first policy statements and have come to the following recommendation/procedure:

- (1) identify a topic that will attract a champion
- (2) have the champion draft up a policy statement
- (3) Judd will tweak it into a standard format
- (4) Upon approval, the statement gets published/posted.

By far and away, (1) is the toughest step. Is there any way that you can do a SWST-wide e-mailing of a call for a policy-statement champion. The call could read: SWST is in the process of developing a series of policy statements, generally ranging in length from one to three pages, designed to provide policy makers and media scientifically-based and impartial information regarding a variety of topics of particular interest to the forest products/wood science community. The process and policy statements will initially follow a template conceived and followed by the Society of American Foresters. For a full description of said policy statements, we urge the SWST membership to visit the following URL address and envision how such policy statements might benefit our community:

<http://www.safnet.org/policy/statements.htm>

Examples of policy statements for consideration might include:

- Wood Properties from Sustainable Forests
- Environmental Advantages of Wood and Wood-based Composites
- Need for Additional Funding for Forest Products Research Programs
- Disposal of Treated Wood
- Effect of Population Growth and Consequences of Increased Wood Demand

SWST members eager to champion such a policy statement are encouraged to contact Judd Michael, Chair of the Policy and Critical Issues Committee (jhm104@psu.edu), for development, approval, and subsequent publication/posting.

Annual Report for the Education Committee

The education committee finished revising the Teaching Unit No. 1. Audrey Zink-Sharp worked very hard on this effort and it was delivered to the SWST office. Audrey has begun to look at Teaching Unit No. 2. Mike Barnes reported that the Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Sciences Conference display was a success. Contributions for support of the Student Poster Competition from universities and industry have nearly reached a sustainable level. Donors will be mentioned prominently: on a poster at the meeting, on our website, in the competition announcement, at the podium during the

meeting, in the newsletter, and in the journal. This much publicity may be of interest to industry. The committee will focus on this as one of their priorities during the coming year.

The judges for the poster competition for the 2001 Annual Meeting will be Dr. Michael Hunt (Purdue), Dr. Larry Soltis (Forest Product Laboratory), and Dr. Dan Dolan (Virginia Tech).

The SWST Directory of Schools has been completed and is in the hands of the main office. - Dan Dolan, Chair

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2000-2001

Special Charges for 2000-2001:

- 1) Develop and implement a promotion and information effort to increase SWST affiliate membership. Follow up on Greg Foliente's suggestions concerning IUFRO and affiliate member information found in his 1998-99 report.
- 2) Prepare a recommendation on how SWST may form long-term relationships with similar organizations outside of North America. What are the mutual benefits? Consider in this recommendation the potential impact on SWST membership and distribution of technical information. Review and consider Greg Foliente's annual report comments concerning this charge.

Report Summary

This Committee was made aware of its specific duties/charges in November 2000. Activities and specific recommendations related to these charges are reported herein. Our main recommendation is to continue these charges for next year's Committee to finish.

Report on Activities

Charge 1) Develop and implement a promotion and information effort to increase SWST affiliate membership.

Activities:

At the 2000 SWST annual committee meeting, we were reticent about actively promoting the affiliate status to non-United States persons. The rationale behind this is that affiliate status infers either non, or minimal dues requirements which we felt could potentially result in a flood of potential "candidates". This, in turn, could result in an administrative quagmire. The Committee left the meeting agreeing that the strategy would be to selectively disseminate information on affiliate status at meetings and conferences to pre-selected potential candidates. We did not discuss any formal arrangements or campaign beyond this.

Recommendations:

1. Consider developing a rational, revenue generating approach for increasing affiliate membership. This would include active information dissemination by SWST members at inter-national conferences, as well as providing information on listserves, discussion groups, and to personal contacts.
2. Prepare a SWST Web page dedicated to affiliate membership information (e.g., what it is, what the benefits are, how much it costs, who to contact, etc.). Every SWST member should know about affiliate membership information or where to get this information.
3. Develop and make available hardcopy affiliate member registration and promotional materials to SWST members for dissemination.

Charge 2) Prepare a recommendation on how SWST may form long-term relationships with similar organizations that reside outside of North America.

Activities:

Through discussion at the 2000 annual meeting, the Committee confirmed its support for developing relationships with similar entities worldwide.

Recommendations:

1. In a global, networked world, it is critical that organizations like SWST interface with similar organizations. In this context, the Committee recommends that the Board charge the Committee with developing a rationalized selective list of potential global partner organizations. SWST is unique in its depth of focus on wood science. This should be the primary selection criteria for organization identification. The mutual benefits are considerable including scientific exchange, potential for collaboration, and expansion of perspectives for SWST members.
2. Develop a web page with dedicated to international partners on the SWST Web Page. This would include links to these organizations.

Marra Award Winners

First Place:

Zhang, Jun, and D. Pascal Kamdem. Interaction of copper-amine with southern pine: Retention and migration. Vol. 32, No. 3., pp. 332-339.

Second Place:

Anagnost, Susan E., Richard E. Mark, and Robert B. Hanna. Utilization of soft-rot cavity orientation for the determination of microfibril angle. Part I. Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 81-87.

SWST Annual Report Public Liaison Committee

The Public Liaison Committee has the responsibility of maintaining lines of communication with cooperating organizations, to inform SWST members of relevant meetings of such organizations and to promote public awareness of wood science. Our special charges for 2001-01 were to 1) Update the list of contacts for cooperating organizations, and 2) Develop a display of pictures and text geared toward younger audiences, informing them of careers in wood science. With regard to special charge 1, we have reviewed our current list of contacts and forwarded the following recommendations to Vice President Rice: a) Drop 4-H contact as it has discontinued its wood science scholarship program (ca. 1996). This action precipitated the name change of the SWST 4-H committee to the Public Liaison committee during 1996-1997. We as a committee are unsure if 4-H still maintains any wood science program of a national scope. b) Drop Future Farmers of America (FFA). To the best of our knowledge, we have had only one significant contact with the organization, that of a display booth and representative (Stokke) at the FFA annual convention (November 1995). While this was potentially a means to inform students, advisors, and parents (30,000 attendees) of educational and career opportunities in wood science, changes in the FFA convention structure and perhaps a lack of fit between these students' interests and those of SWST meant that the effort was not repeated. c) Contact remains Mr. John Zinn, Senior Vice President, for the International Woodworking Machinery and Furniture Supply Fair USA. d) Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF). Our primary activity with a cooperating organization is with RNRF, as Howard Rosen serves on as an active participant on their Board. Fred Kamke serves as board alternate. e) Coalition for Education about Environment, Food, Agriculture and Renewable Resources (CEEFAR). We made a one-time contribution (1995-1996) to assist this fledgling group in establishing programs for k-12 science education. CEERAR has failed to develop sustainable funding. Dr. Vernon Cardwell, Agronomy Professor at the University of Minnesota is an informal contact, but we recommend dropping CEEFAR as it no longer exists. f) Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST). SWST was an associate member of CAST from 1994-1996. We have recommended that we drop this contact, as most of their activities (reports and white papers) center on production agriculture issues. However, recent discussions by Stokke with CAST personnel suggests that the organization has not excluded forestry or wood utilization issues by choice, but because of a lack of participants with interests in these areas. CAST is currently re-evaluating the roles of associate member societies, so this may be something that SWST will wish to revisit. CAST maintains offices in Ames, Iowa and in the Washington, D.C. area. g) National Research Council (NRC). We have been unable to identify an appropriate contact. h) Wood Machinery Manufacturers' Association. Contact is Dana Klaus, Director of Meetings and Communications. Special charge 2 is to develop a youth display. To date, we have received a collection of photos from Wood Magic Science Fairs from Mike Barnes and Amy Garrard, Mississippi State University and from Audrey Zink, Virginia Tech. The Committee offers a hearty thanks to Mike, Amy, and Audrey. Our goal is to have a display ready for the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, but we will have to hold our collective breath in hopeful anticipation of its completion! Doug Stokke, Chair

Report on Membership

Since May 2000, 68 new members have joined SWST, 24 regular and 44 students.

Publication Policy Committee Report May 16, 2001

Charges:

1) Identify 3-4 topic areas for state-of-the-art papers and potential authors, etc. State of the Art papers can be either solicited or volunteered. One solicited paper has been reviewed and awaits publication (Bowyer - *Environmental Implications of Wood Production in Intensively Managed Plantations*). Second solicited paper was not yet submitted for review (Dagher - *Advanced Engineered Wood Composites*). A topic for third solicited paper (*E Business and Forest Products Industry*) was not accepted by reviewers. In addition to solicited papers, outlines for two volunteered papers were submitted and positively reviewed. Authors (Shook - *Innovation adoption and diffusion within the realm of wood-based products* and Kasal - *Phenomenological Failure Criteria for Multiaxially Loaded Wood Members*) are in the process of preparing their papers. Also, there are at least two other authors who are considering a submission of an outline in the future. Due to the number of papers currently in the “pipeline”, these authors were not encouraged to “hurry” with their submissions and no additional topic areas for solicitation were considered.

2) Clarify the process for SOA papers

The SWST Publication Policy Committee developed a definition of what constitutes a State of the Art paper; and to bring order and objectivity to the process of writing and reviewing State of the Art papers, the Committee has established a 7-step policy and procedures for the preparation, review, and publication of these papers. For details refer to *Wood and Fiber Science*, 32(4), 2000, pp. 389-390. NOTE: Committee realizes that number of papers published per year is limited by what the Society can afford. At least one author indicated that he is willing to forego his honorarium. An advanced notice of such act would enable the Society to publish more papers. However, it can be awkward to ask authors whether they would be willing to do this. Therefore, guidance is sought from the Board on how to deal with this issue. Perhaps, the Editor, after notifying potential authors of their outline acceptance, can ask whether they will require a honorarium.

SWST Visiting Scientist Program Report May 2001

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year the SWST Visiting Scientist Committee has:

- 1) supported the application of three visiting scientists; Earl Kline received an international grant to visit Lulea University in Sweden; Doug Gardner visited the Mississippi State University and Jim Funck visited the University of Maine;
- 2) sought to add another member to the committee; and

3) solicited suggestions on how to increase participation in the program.

Tom Hammet, Chairperson

Committee Reports – additional information

Accreditation – The Board approved the University of Minnesota 5-year report at its meeting yesterday. Letters will go out soon. Oregon State University reaccreditation was held in April and is still in the review process. The committee hopes to have a recommendation by fall.

The committee is in the process of reviewing the standards for accreditation, based on SAF's proposed change to a performance-based system. Tom McLain made a call to members asking for interest in participating on an ad hoc committee to come up with standards.

Education – A request was made to members to send their E-mail addresses to the Executive Office for use in mailouts.

Policy and Critical Issues – Policy Statement guidelines are available now. A call was made to members to volunteer to champion a topic and prepare a statement. The current possible topics could be put on the website for members to view.

Visiting Scientist Program – More participation is needed.

Old Business

Ramsay Smith thanked Tom McLain, Les Groom and Phil Steele for their work the past few years on the Board. He welcomed the new Board members: Doug Stokke as Vice President, and Rado Gazo and Cynthia West as Directors.

Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the changes as previously advertised. Now it will go out in a letter ballot within 30 days to all voting members of SWST.

Mission/Vision Statements

Proposed SWST Vision Statement: Be internationally recognized as the leading source for scientific information on wood and wood products and educational programs in wood science and technology.

Proposed SWST Mission Statement: To enhance and assure the wise use of wood by developing knowledge distinctive to wood science and technology through quality research and disseminate this knowledge actively and broadly.

Ramsay should check with FPS to see if our Vision statement is too close to theirs. Vicki should send out a mailing to members, showing the proposed Mission/Vision Statements and ask for comment. She can also put on the website. This is not ready for vote yet.

Mike Barnes presented Ramsay with a Past President Plaque.

New Business

Proceedings of the 2001 Annual Meeting will be available soon and will be mailed to all attendees,

Wood Magic Science Fair – Demonstrations will be ongoing from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. today. It will also remain up and periodically staffed during the rest of the week. The detailed schedule is in the meeting folders.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

- 1:00-4:00 Joint SWST/Forest Products Society (FPS) Plenary Sessions
- Session 1:* Technological Advances in Assessing Wood Quality
(Liberty B)
- Session 2:* Current International Research in Wood Moisture Relations
(Liberty A)
- Session 3:* Field Investigative Techniques for Wood Science
(International D F)
- 4:00-5:30 Joint SWST/FPS Technical Forum and Student Posters
(International E and Promenade)
- 6:30-8:00 Joint SWST/FPS Host Reception
(International A B C)
- 1:00-8:00 Wood Magic Science Fair
(Promenade)

Respectfully Submitted,

VICTORIA L. HERIAN
Executive Director