

**51<sup>st</sup> SWST Annual Convention Minutes**  
**November 11, 2008**  
**Universidad del Bío-Bío**  
**Concepción, Chile**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm**  
**Auditorium**

**Business Meeting**

**Award Presentations**

**George Marra Awards**

First Place --- Russell J. Chedgy, Paul I. Morris, Young Woon Lim, and Colette Breuil, “Black stain of western red cedar (*Thuja plicata* donn) by *Aureobasidium pullulans*: The role of weathering”, published in 39(3).

Second Place --- Lori Elkins, Jeffrey J. Morrell, and Robert J. Leichti, “Establishing a through-boring pattern for utility poles”, published in 39(4).

Honorable Mention --- Erin N. Anderson, Robert J. Leichti, Edward G. Sutt, Jr., and David V. Rosowsky, “Sheathing nail bending-yield stress: Effect on cyclic performance of wood shear walls”, published in 39(4).

2007-2008 committee members were: Chair Ron Anthony, Tom Eberhardt, Lech Muszynski, and Paul Cooper.

**Fellow Award**

Robert W. Rice

**Distinguished Service Award**

Alan A. Marra – Presentation given by Douglas Gardner “We Don’t Make Wood, We Make Wood Better”.

**Student Poster Competition Award**

**First Place – Gloria Oporto**, University of Maine, “Production and testing of wood plastic composites manufactured from hot water extracted wood”

**Second Place – Sandeep S. Nair**, University of Tennessee, “Evaluation of interphase properties in fiber reinforced polymer composite using atomic force acoustic microscopy (AFAM)”

**Third Place – Zanin Kavazovic**, Universite Laval, “Sensitivity study of a numerical model of heat and mass transfer involved during the MDF hot pressing process”

The other participants in the competition and their posters were:

Oluwatosin Emmanuel Adedipe, West Virginia University, “Prediction of yellow-poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) veneer stiffness and bulk density using NIR spectroscopy and multivariate calibration”

Tobias Biechele, University of Freiburg, “Growth stress in *Eucalyptus nitens* at different stages of development”

Daniel Fuentealba, Université Laval, “Characterization of birch (*Betula papyrifera* Marsh.) wood discoloration during drying”

Victor Gaete-Martinez, University of Maine, “Effect of strand geometrical distribution (SGD) in oriented strand composite (OSC) formation quality”

Maria Manso Martin, University of Freiburg, “Wood properties of *Nothofagus betuloides*”

Denny Ohnesorge, University of Freiburg, “Influence of different gluing factors on the bonding performance of glued laminated timber from European beech”

The judges for the competition were: Jim Armstrong, Chair, Sue Anagnost, William Gacitua, and Russell Chedgy.

Travel grants were awarded to 7 of the 9 students who participated.

**Minutes of 2007 Annual Convention** - Published in August 2007 Newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the 2007 Annual Convention Minutes.

#### **President’s Remarks** – Jim Armstrong

Jim thanked the Board members who had worked with him during the year. He also thanked Universidad del Bio-Bio for hosting and co-sponsoring the convention. He especially recognized Jerry Winandy and Cecilia Bustos who spent so much time on the meeting preparation. He also announced the upcoming SWST International Conventions – 2009 with Forest Products Society in Boise, Idaho; 2010 with UNECE/Timber Committee in Geneva, Switzerland; 2011 with Forest Products Society in Portland, Oregon; and 2012 with Chinese Society for Wood Industry in Beijing, China.

Jim mentioned several of SWST's significant accomplishments over the past year. He thanked Vice President Jim Funck for organizing the National Research Needs Assessment workshop that was held in St. Louis in June. Frank Beall was recognized for the improvements he made to W&FS that have led to the journal's improved impact factor. We are conducting our first international accreditation review of the Universidad del Bio-Bio and anticipate further growth of our service to professional education through accreditation of other international programs.

Membership has been increasing steadily in the last year and we have added the emerging country membership category to allow people to have online access to the journal.

**Executive Director's Report – Vicki Herian**

**Current Members as of November 11, 2008**

**Members as of October 1,**

**2007**

Full members	307
Student member	78
Retired member	40
Developing full	10
Developing student	<u>9</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444</b>

Full Members	296
Student members	78
Retired members	46
Affiliate Member	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>424</b>

USA members	317
Canada members	53
Mexico members	3
Overseas members	71

**Subscribers as of November 11, 2008**

**Subscribers as of October**

**1, 2007**

Subscribers	<b>205</b>
USA	85
Canada	14
Mexico	1
Overseas	105

Subscribers **207**

**Delinquent Members**

Delinquent members as of 11/11/08 for 2008 dues – 43 total (18 full, 22 student, 3 retired)  
 Delinquent subscribers as of 11/11/08 for 2008 – 32 total (15 US, 17 foreign)  
 Compared to Delinquent members as of 2007 – 44 total (23 full, 20 student, 1 retired)  
 Compared to Delinquent subscribers for 2007 – 40 total (16 US, 24 foreign)

**Vanguard Accounts**

The Vanguard accounts were opened on February 3, 1998. The balance is \$98,541.15 on September 30, 2008. The Student poster current balance (as of 9/30/08) is \$14,452.00.

**Checking Account**

The balance in the checking account as of November 11, 2008 is \$70,642.16. The balance in the CD's is \$57,264.45 and the balance in Savings is \$60,465.19.

**Student Poster Competition Fund**

Contributors are: APA-The Engineered Wood Association, Asian Woods Inc., Balazs Zombori, California Cedar Products, Entwood LLC, Forintek Canada Corporation, Iowa State University, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, Oregon State University, Pennsylvania State University, State University of New York (SUNY) ESF, Virginia Tech, University of British Columbia, University of Idaho, Washington State University, and Willamette Industries, Inc.

There are 10 participants in the 2008 Competition.

**2008 International Convention**

The 2008 International Convention takes place November 10-12, 2008 in Concepción, Chile. It is hosted and co-sponsored by Universidad del Bío-Bío. Our current registration numbers are up to 109. We have received \$500 from TECO, \$250 from Informa UK Ltd, and \$5000 from USDA FS for monetary sponsorship. Other sponsors are CORMA del Bío-Bío, IUFRO Division 5 Forest Products, ATCP Chile, Oxiquim S.A., Akzo Nobel, Arauco, and Forestal Mininco S.A.

**Miscellaneous**

**Metapress Info for Online Publishing of Wood and Fiber Science**

<u>Journal Name</u>	<u>Publication Page Views</u>	<u>Issue Page Views</u>	<u>Contribution Page Views</u>	<u>Contribution Full Text Views</u>
<a href="#">Wood and Fiber Science</a>	21,746	20,366	91,532	16,346

**Number of Successful Article Requests by Month and Journal**  
Wood and Fiber Science

857	954	931	868	696	675	1247	1499	7727	0	7727
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All web pages have been updated as of November 2008.

The Committee Handbook for 2008-2009 has been sent to committee chairs. The following page charges are still due: 37(3) Institut fur Werkstoff im Bauwesen \$1660; 39(2) USDA FS \$1212; 40(3) Norwegian University \$1620; 40(4) 11 of the 13 papers are paid.

I have signed up for 3 librarian conference in 2008-209 where we will display Wood and Fiber Science and be listed in the handouts. We also took an ad in their Media Catalog. The cost was \$1155.

We've added student thesis and dissertations titles to the SWST webpage. We've advertised the Site License option now available for subscriptions to Wood and Fiber Science, to be used if companies have more than one IP address they would like for online access.

We've added a page to the website for pre-publication list of papers for W&FS volumes. This can be found at <http://swst.org/prePublication.html>

I am working on putting together the archival information we want to store on the webpages. That is still in progress.

### **Budget Presentation**

#### **FISCAL STATUS DECEMBER 31, 2007 BALANCE SHEET**

Total Assets	\$303,889.53
Total Liabilities	\$ 28,882.20
Total Equity	\$275,007.33
Total Equity & Liabilities	\$303,889.53

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

	<b><u>2007 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 2007</u></b>
Total Income	\$163,450.00	\$185,132.18
Total Expenses	<u>\$148,127.00</u>	<u>\$196,146.38</u>
Budget Reserves	\$ 15,323.00	\$ -11,014.20

## 2009 SWST Budget

<u>Category</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
W&FS	\$122,700	\$ 75,180	\$47,520
Dues	\$ 26,725		\$26,725
Interest	\$ 200		\$ 200
Member Services	\$ 12,900	\$ 38,150	\$(25,250)
Admin Services		\$ 17,450	\$(17,450)
Salary & Taxes		\$ 13,900	\$(13,900)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$162,525</b>	<b>\$144,680</b>	<b>\$ 17,845</b>

### **Wood and Fiber Science** – Frank Beall

Key items to report:

- 40/4 (October) has issued with 18 papers, one book review, and a listing of thesis and dissertation titles. We have 9 papers in the review process and 14 either being revised or corrected. We are averaging about 3 rejections per issue.
- Carol Ovens has completed her last issue (40/4) and Sheridan (and the Editor) will be doing copy editing for all papers starting with 41/1. They already have done about one-half of those in 40/4.
- Titles of theses/dissertations have appeared for the first time in 40/4 and are also on the web page with links.
- No new books reviews have been recommended.
  - Beginning with 40/4, we have posted in advance the papers that were scheduled to appear in that issue. We now ready to post the preprint online papers that will appear in 41/1 and beyond, meaning that they are officially published when posted.
  - At this point, no editorial has been solicited for 41/1. This might be one from the Editor
  - A draft on Technical Notes was submitted to the SWST Board and they asked for discussion on it at the November Board meeting.
  - CORRIM special issue. Bob Tichy and Vik Yadama are the coeditors for this issue. Publications for this issue will be processed through Editorial Manager, but Bob and Vik will be choosing the reviewers and receiving comments from them as well as determining the suitability of revisions and acceptability. I will help facilitate the process.
- Below are the Impact Factors for the past two years that we reported previously; they're published about mid-year for the previous year, so we won't have the 2008 numbers until mid-2009.

	2006	2007	Change (%)
Holzforschung	1.014	0.811	- 20
Wood Science and Technology	0.74	0.691	- 6.6
Wood and Fiber Science	0.54	0.555	+2.7
Forest Products Journal	0.387	0.351	- 9.3

#### ●Publication Report

As reported previously, below is information that has been traditionally reported for single issues, but (will be) shown over about a one-year period to give you a better view of changes.

Issue	40/1 (Jan)	40/2 (Apr)	40/3 (Jul)	40/4 (Oct)	41/1 (Jan)
Articles	14	16	16	18	
Pages	132	163	168	200	
Ave time pub (mo)	13	14	11	9	
Med time pub (mo)	9.5	12	8	7	

For 41/1, I will calculate the time to publication for the two categories (time to preprint posting and time to hard copy issue).

Jim Armstrong presented Frank Beall with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work during the past year to bring the time to publication down considerably to less than 7 months, and thus raise the impact factor of Wood and Fiber Science.

#### Committee Reports

The Committee Reports that were available at the Annual Business Meeting were

##### **Education Committee – Jim Armstrong**

As the new chair of the Education Committee, I would like to thank Barry Goodell for his service as the committee's previous chair. Barry remains on the committee as past chair. I also extend my thanks to the newly appointed members of the committee: Cecilia Bustos, vice-chair (Universidad del Bio-Bio), Stavros Avramidis (University of British Columbia), Susan Diehl (Mississippi State University), Doug Gardner (University of Maine), and Perry Peralta (North Carolina State University). Thanks are also extended to Eva Haviarova, the committee's liaison to the Board of Directors. Since the June Board Meeting and the transition to a new committee chair, the Education Committee has worked in cooperation with Vicki Herian and Frank Beall to publish recent graduate student theses and dissertation titles on the SWST web site (<http://www.swst.org/WFSThesisTitles.html>) and in Wood & Fiber Science. E-mails were sent by Vicki Herian and the Education Committee chair to North American program representatives. In addition, a call for international titles was included in the

August 2008 SWST Newsletter. To date, 21 titles have been listed on the web site. Instructions for submitting titles may be found on the web site at <http://www.swst.org/thesis.html> and in the August Newsletter.

E-mails were sent to university contacts requesting that the October SWST Newsletter be distributed to students along with information on joining the Society as student members.

A survey of student recruiting methods employed by WS&T programs is being prepared with a target date of January 1, 2009.

**Past Presidents' Council** – Jim Armstrong

The Past Presidents Council congratulates Dr. Robert Rice on being named SWST Fellow and Dr. Alan Marra for being selected as the 2008 recipient of the SWST Distinguished Service Award. We will be evaluating applications for status of Fellow for 2009, and have received four nominations for the SWST Distinguished Service Award.

The remaining committee reports will be published in the November-December Newsletter.

**Old Business** - None

**Teller's Report** – Vicki Herian

The new Vice President is Susan Anagnost, and the two new Directors are Robert Bush and Vikram Yadama. 113 ballots were received.

**New Business**

Jerry Winandy thanked Jim Armstrong for his work as president last year and told him that a plaque would be sent to him. Jerry also indicated some goals he has this year as President – (1) increase international subscriptions, (2) initiate a plan to donate old copies of W&FS to international libraries, (3) asked people to send their comments to him about the new focus of SWST to reach out to international communities, (4) would like to influence international public policy, and (5) reminded of the upcoming meetings in 2009 in Boise, Idaho; 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland; 2011 in Portland, Oregon; 2012 in Beijing, China.

Douglas Gardner solicited names from members for nominations of people to run for next year's elections.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTORIA L. HERIAN  
Executive Director