

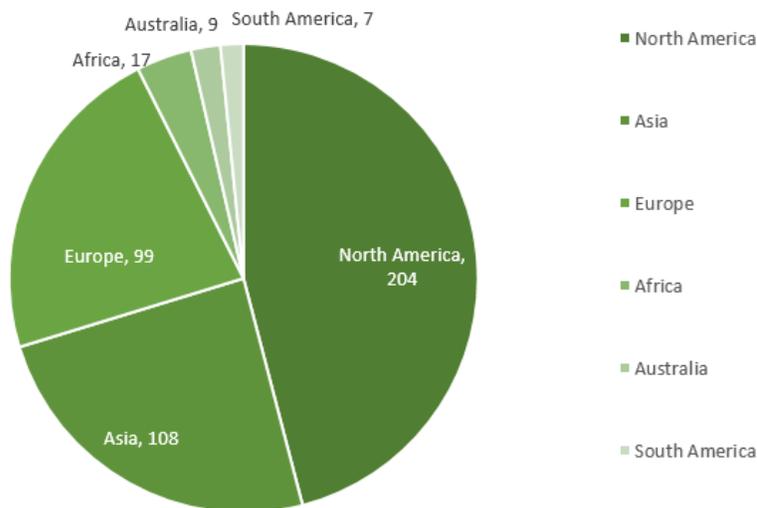
**Business Meeting
November 8, 2018
Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan**

Bob Smith called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 11:00. Over 70 people were in attendance.

1. Bob reviewed the last year beginning with the previous Annual Convention in Vancouver, B.C., Canada cosponsored with IUFRO D5 and University of British Columbia. The Convention was held June 12-16, 2017. A summary shows

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| 445 | Total Conference delegates |
| 49 | Countries |
| 21% | Students |
| 20% | Non-IUFRO members |
| 8% | Delegates from countries with lower income economies |
| 22 | Scientist Assistance Program delegates |
| 299 | Oral presentations |
| 116 | Poster presentations |

Representatives by region



2. Wood Science Program meeting in Blacksburg with 11 U.S. universities held in May 2018 where they reviewed changes at current/future programs and identified opportunities for continued growth in Wood Science/Forest Products
3. Joint effort between SWST and Forest Products Society on a national student recruiting effort
4. New Digital Communications Coordinator was hired and working to make SWST more socially visible. Pipiet Larasatie is the new Coordinator.
5. New website, <http://www.swst.org>
6. Changed organizational structure to a 501c3 which offers a tax break as well as the opportunity to apply for charitable grants
7. Working on making W&FS open access
8. New clothing and bags for sale which were on display near the registration desk.

Victoria Herian - Executive Director's Report & Budget

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| Full members | 519 |
| Student Members | 78 |
| Retired Members | <u>10</u> |
| TOTAL | 607 |
| Paid Subscribers | 140 |

- Checking Balances - \$62,880.17
- Savings Balances - \$22,112.77
- Investment Balance – \$410,923.42
- Visiting Scientist Program Visit by Francesco Negro from University of Torino in June 2018 to Madison, WI and St. Paul, MN. Report found on www.swst.org website

FISCAL STATUS December 31, 2017

BALANCE SHEET

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| Total Assets | \$467,800.82 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 26,613.93 |
| Total Equity | \$441,186.89 |
| Total Equity & Liabilities | \$467,800.82 |

INCOME STATEMENT

| | <u>2017 Budget</u> | <u>Actual 12/31/17</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Income | \$142,145.00 | \$ 166,009.42 |
| Total Expenses | \$128,395.00 | \$ 153,865.98 |
| Budget Reserves | \$ 13,750.00 | \$ 12,143.44 |

Nikki Brown - As her first business as the new SWST President, she presented a laser wood plaque to outgoing President Bob Smith and thanked him for his work during the previous year.

New President's Remarks: Nikki also talked about the push to get Wood and Fiber Science to an open access phase where more people can use it and the impact will be raised. The journal is the highest

income generator for the Society so caution has to be used in moving forward. She also invited international university members to become active in the Society as well as on our Wood and Fiber Science Editorial Board.

A Call for New Business was issued but nothing was raised.

Eric Hansen – Editor for BioProducts Business Journal since September 1, 2018

This journal is an e-journal only and is open access. It originally was published by Forest Products Society as the Journal of Forestry Research but in 2016 SWST took over the publishing.

Some statistics:

2016 - 6 published

43 citations

4 US, 1 Canada, 1 Austria

2017 = 8 published

10 citations

5 US, 1 Sweden, 1 Slovenia, 1 Finland

2018 = 9 published

3 citations

6 US, 1 Indonesia, 1 Finland, 1 Canada

3 CLT

9 are now in various stages of review/revision

Good current momentum

56 total citations

Susan Levan-Green – Editor of Wood and Fiber Science

There were 53 articles submitted between January 1, 2018 and November 1, 2018. These 53 manuscripts include 11 manuscripts for the Special CLT issue. Of the 53 manuscripts, 17 articles were rejected either because of improper format or not appropriate for **Wood and Fiber Science**. Of the 17 rejected, 7 were revised and resubmitted and eventually published.

The CLT Special Issue, which came out in August 2018, can be found at

<https://wfs.swst.org/index.php/wfs/issue/view/206>. This is an Open Access issue and there have been 585 downloads of abstracts and 389 downloads of pdf files for this issue. The seismic paper is the most popular article.

For the last four regular issues, there were 11 articles for 50(1), 9 articles for 50(2), 12 articles for 50(3) and 9 articles for 50(4) for a total of 41 articles.

Of the 41 published submissions, the distribution by country is as follows:

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| USA | 20 |
| China | 12 |
| Canada | 2 |

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| Sweden | 2 |
| South Korea | 1 |
| Brazil | 1 |
| Turkey | 1 |
| India | 1 |
| Germany | 1 |

Average and median times are 6 months from submission to publication. This has improved by 1 month from last year. Most of the submissions use the W&FS templates, which is very helpful both to the authors and the reviewers.

We can always use more reviewers and if anyone is interested in reviewing go to the following website: <http://www.swst.org/wp/publications/wood-fiber-science/register-as-a-reviewer/> and follow the directions.

We hope that you will submit your papers to **Wood and Fiber Science** and we encourage authors to cite **Wood and Fiber Science** articles in your papers. This helps increase the impact factor for our journal. We think you will find our process user friendly and responsive to your publishing needs.

Henry Quesada – Education and Accreditation Committee

Zhejiang University was accredited in 2018 and there are two additional Chinese Universities seeking accreditation – South China University and Northeast Forestry University. Sheldon Shi from UNT in Texas has been extremely helpful in arranging the Chinese University visits. With all the universities represented from Japan at this Convention perhaps some might also choose to get accredited. Pennsylvania State University, West Virginia University, and SUNY are up for reaccreditation soon and University of Sopron in Hungary has expressed an interest in accreditation.

The committee has also been working on preparing a database of over 180 wood science programs around the world and have used GIS monitoring to prepare a program that will be available for everyone.

Pipiet Larasatie – Digital Communications Coordinator

Pipiet showed a sample of two videos she made from our opening days at the Convention. She plans to have one for each day and these will be shared via social media and be available on our website. Accounts she has set up are:

#societywood
 #swstic
 #swstnagoya

Her contact: Pipiet.Larasatie@oregonstate.edu

<https://www.facebook.com/SocietyWood/>



<https://twitter.com/SocietyWood>



<https://www.instagram.com/societywood/>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/society-of-wood-science-and-technology/>



Examples of what she has been posting in Facebook:



**SPECIAL
ISSUE OF
CROSS-
LAMINATED
TIMBER /
MASS
TIMBER**



Photo credit:
Pipiet Larasatie



Upcoming Society Conventions

- 62nd SWST International Convention
October 20-25, 2019
Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite National Park, USA
- 63rd SWST International Convention
July 13-17, 2020
Hoteli Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia
- 64th SWST International Convention
August 1-7, 2021
Little America Hotel, Flagstaff, AZ
(Grand Canyon National Park, USA)

Respectfully submitted,

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