



SOCIETY OF  
WOOD SCIENCE &  
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# SWST International Convention

Friday, June 30, 2023

Crowne Ballroom

Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville

Asheville, North Carolina, USA

12:30 – 14:00 Business Meeting, Awards Ceremony, and Lunch

## MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

### **Call to Order and President's Review of the Year and Remarks for New Year** – Henry Quesada

Henry welcomed all to the 2023 Business Meeting and commented on the wonderful and innovative presentations delivered during the convention.

He spoke about his focus areas during his presidency which included: Conference Chair of the 2022 SWST Convention in Australia, including raising \$38,193 in sponsorships; supporting the transition of SWST to a new Executive Director; and the surveying of current and past SWST membership. His goals also included to continue supporting the internationalization of the SWST through various activities, including the “Women Ambassadors: Creating the Future of Wood Science” campaign; the maintenance of the global wood science programs database, and active participation in the design and development of the US wood science programs promotional campaign.

He also supported the revision of the Accreditation Handbook to include graduate programs; recruited new members to participate in the various SWST committees, along with developing strategies to increase participation and collaborations of SWST committee members.

This year's convention was highlighted by reuniting and recognizing 19 past-presidents at the 2023 convention to celebrate Vicki Herian's dedication and contributions in her 46-year career with SWST. Henry supported the Conference Chair in various activities of the 2023 SWST convention including raising \$19,850 in sponsorships.

Approximately 80 people were in attendance.

### **Award Presentations:**

- Distinguished Service Award – 2023 Susan Anagnost
- Fellow Award – 2023 Sudipta Dasmohapatra
- Reviewer of the Year – 2023 Xiping Wang

- Past Editor of Wood and Fiber Science – 2017 – 2022 Susan LeVan-Green
- George Marra Excellence in Writing

2023 Committee Chair: Duncan Mayes, Lignutech Oy (Ltd), Finland; Joe Loferski, Virginia Tech, USA; Laurence Schimleck, Oregon State University, USA.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – A. Olsson, G. Pot, J. Viguier, M. Hu, and J. Oscarsson. “Performance of Timber Board Models for Prediction of Local Bending Stiffness and Strength – With Application on Douglas Fir Sawn Timber”. Number 4, pp. 226-245.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – D. Lipovac, S. Wei, A. Q. Nyrud, and M. D. Burnard. “Perception and Evaluation of (Modified) Wood by Older Adults from Slovenia and Norway”. Number 1, pp. 45-59.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tracye M. Murphy, L. Schimleck, and Albert Landers. “Evaluating Log Stiffness using Acoustic Velocity for Manufacturing Structural Oriented Strand Board”. Number 2, pp. 99-110.

- **Student Poster Competition**

Student Poster Competition Judges: Chair: Henry Quesada, Purdue University, United States; Eva Haviarova, Purdue University, United States; Brian Bond, Virginia Tech, United States; Gloria Oporto, West Virginia University, United States.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Student Poster Competition Winner: **Lukmanul Hakim Zaini**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, “*Ultra-Lightweight Foamed Insulation Panels Made of Oil Palm Trunk Fibres*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Student Poster Competition Winner: **Andreas Tockner**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, “*Individual Tree Analysis via Person-Carried Laser Scanning (PLS) in Forest Stands*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Student Poster Competition Winner: **Cody Wainscott**, Oregon State University, United States, “*In-Depth Characterization of Bondlines in Cross-Laminated Timber Made with Preservative-Treated Lumber*”

- **Student Oral Presentations**

Student Oral Presentation Judges: Chair: Jeff Morrell, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia; Susan Anagnost, State University of New York, United States.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Student Oral Presentation Winner: **Andreas Tockner**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, “*Individual Tree Analysis via Person-Carried Laser Scanning (PLS) in Forest Stands*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Student Oral Presentation Winner: **Fernando Urdaneta**, North Carolina State University, United States, “*Hemp Hurds Alkaline Peroxide Mechanical Pulp for Hygiene Tissue Applications*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Student Oral Presentation Winner: **Minami Suzuki**, Chiba University, Japan, “*Study on Load-Bearing Capacity and Failure Modes of Tensile-Bolted Joints in Timber Structures*”

## Executive Director's Report and Budget – Angela Haney

### **Current Members**

Full Members	179
Emerging Full Members	33
Emerging Student Members	3
Student Members	67
Retired Members	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	303

### Current Subscribers to Wood and Fiber Science

Subscribers – 36 (18 @\$300; 9 @\$500; 1 @\$750; 0 @ \$1000; 2 @\$1500; 6 @\$2000)

*Wood and Fiber Science* went to open access on January 1, 2022 with no print copies. This enabled a much broader audience as well as the opportunity to have color figures at no additional cost.

### Vanguard Accounts and CD's

The current total investments as of June 1, 2023, is \$ 504,525.50. The savings balance is \$ 0.06.

### Checking Account

The balance in the checking account as of June 1, 2023, is \$ 29,938.89. The balance in the wire transfer checking account is \$ 1,728.90. The balance in the Recruiting Video account is \$ 35,378.26.

### Summary of 2022 Convention

The 2022 Convention was held at the Peppers Salt Resort and Spa in Kingscliff, New South Wales, Australia, July 10-15. The theme was “A Global Perspective of the Present and Future Utilization of Renewable Materials”. The full summary can be located on the SWST website:

<https://www.swst.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Convention-Review.pdf>

### 2023, 2024 2025 Conventions

**2023 Convention** is being held at the Crowne Plaza Resort and Spa in Asheville, North Carolina, United States, June 25-30, 2023. The overall theme is “Wood Sciences in the Carbon Economy – Return to the Birthplace of U.S. Forestry”.

**2024 Convention** will be held at the Convention Center Bernardin in Portorož Slovenia, June 30 – July 6, 2024. It is a central location in Europe and there will be many accommodation options within walking distance of the venue ranging from luxurious to modest, including student accommodations. From the seaside to mountains, culture and history, are options for touristic day trips from the conference venue.

**2025 Convention** will be held at the Marriott in Fort Collins, Colorado, United States. Details to come.

### Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM)

The 2022 Awardees, Mustafa Zor, Filip Majstorović, and Fatemeh Rezaei

(see reports and videos at <https://www.swst.org/wp/education/short-term-scientific-missions-stsm/completed-stsm/>).

The 2023 Awardees are: Ighoyivwi Onakpoma to visit Tsuchikawa lab at Nagoya University in Japan; Mahboobeh Hemmati Gourabi to visit Universitat Jaume I (UJI) in Castellón de la Plana, Spain; and Nežka Sajinčič to visit the College of Forestry at Oregon State University.

### Women Ambassadors Creating the Future of Wood Science

This is a traveling SWST sponsored exhibition designed to celebrate women ambassadors in the field of Wood Science over time. Newly selected Women Ambassadors for 2023 are: Mary Adu-Sarpong, Lili Cai, Manja Kuzman, Veronica Landry, Gloria Oporto, and Tahiana Ramananantoandro. They join Balkis Bakar, Cecilia Bustos, Jinzhen Cao, Tamara Franca, Maria Fredriksson, Eva Haviarova, Victoria Herian, Andreja Kutnar, Sue LeVan-Green, Mariapaola Riggio, Anne Toppinen, Barbara Wade, Anne Wekesa, Kyra Wood, Mariko Yamasaki, and Audrey Zink-Sharp.

## **Budget and Financial Status**

Total Investments:	\$ 504,525.50
Checking Account:	\$ 29,938.89
Savings Account:	\$ 0.00
Wire Transfer Checking Account:	\$ 1,728.90
Recruiting Video Account:	\$ 35,378.26

### **Fiscal Status December 31, 2022**

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

Total Assets	\$ 551,377.17
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,357.74
Total Equity	\$ 548,019.43
Total Equity & Liabilities	\$ 551,377.17

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

	<b><u>2022 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 12/31/22</u></b>
Total Income	\$ 209,000.00	\$ 183,828.09
Total Expenses	\$ 216,254.00	\$ 209,675.28
Budget Reserves	- \$ 7,254.00	- \$ 25,847.19

### **Fiscal Status June 1, 2023**

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

Total Assets	\$ 576,979.50
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,630.81
Total Equity	\$ 568,348.69
Total Equity & Liabilities	\$ 576,979.50

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

	<b><u>2023 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 06/01/23</u></b>
Total Income	\$ 177,450.00	\$ 124,714.98
Total Expenses	\$ 205,808.00	\$ 92,005.81
Budget Reserves	- \$ 28,358.00	\$ 32,709.17

### **2023 Convention Sponsors**

- **Gold Sponsor**

- **Silver Sponsor**

- **Copper Sponsor**

- **Bronze Sponsor**

- **Contributing Sponsor**

## Old Business

- **Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting** – Published on 2022 Annual Convention webpages:  
A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the 2022 Annual Business Meeting Minutes.
- **Necrology Report** – A call was made to the audience for any mentions, but none were reported. There was a moment of silence to acknowledge those no longer with us.
- **Wood and Fiber Science Report** – Jeff Morrell  
Susan Levan Green stepped down as editor at the end of 2022 although she agreed to continue to complete a special edition. The new editor took over at the beginning of 2023 and is still very much in the learning phase.  
While submissions are up slightly, there have been delays in processing as a result of difficulties in obtaining reviewers as well the need for the editor to become familiar with the journal software. One edition of the journal will be released shortly, and we expect the backlog to be eliminated over the next 2 months.  
The editor will also solicit papers from presentations at this meeting. The goal is to bring the journal back up to 30-40 high quality papers per year.
- **BioProducts Business Report** – Eric Hansen

Primary challenge for BioProducts Business is low number of submissions.

- **Digital Communication Coordinator Report** – Pipiet Larasatie

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- **Committee Reports**

A. ***Education and Accreditation*** – Chair, Tamara Franca; Board Liaison, Francesco Negro; Members: Eric Hansen, Jun Shen, Dan Hindman, Judith Gisip, Hongmei Gu, Henry Quesada, Frederik Laleicke

- The dates and team for the on-site OSU accreditation are set.
- Reaccreditation of MSU: the team is pre-assembled; the accreditation will be in fall 2023.
- Contacts for possible accreditation:
  - Buihua University: they intend to start the accreditation review in September; they are currently discussing it;
  - Universidad del Bio-Bio: no response;
  - Southwest Forestry: no response;
  - Sopron and CZE Prague: still need to be contacted.
- The accreditation handbook was revised before the March meeting to open accreditation to Master's Degrees.

B. ***Membership*** – Chair, Benedikt Neyses; Board Liaison, Judith Gisip; Past Chair, Tahiana Ramananantoandro; Vice Chair, Frederico Franca; Members: Tomas Bravo Tetlak, Lena Maria Leiter, Nan Nan, Ling Li, Ian Morrell.

New membership fees for students has been changed to \$25.00 as of July 1, 2023.

C. ***Emerging and Critical Issues*** – Chair, David De Vallance, Board Liaison, Hongmei Gu; Members, Kyra Woods, Frank Owens, Meike Siegner, William Tze  
Continue to develop ideas related to the following two charges:

- To work with the student recruiting group for students and think about how it can be expanded to Canada, Europe, and other countries.
  - To discuss how to get more papers published in both BioProducts Business and W&FS.
- The committee plans on holding a meeting this summer in July or August.

D. ***Strategic Initiatives*** – Chair, Martin Nopens; Board Liaison, Omar Espinoza; Members, Reza Hosseinpourpia, Vikram Yadama, Indroneil Ganguly, Soledad Peresin,  
The committee is still working on the details for an Innovation Competition Award.

### **New Business**

Jeff Morrell was officially welcomed as the next president of the SWST by exiting President Henry Quesada. His first action as President was to thank Henry for his service over the last year and present him with a plaque. He also acknowledged the efforts of the outgoing board members and encouraged everyone to become involved in leadership within SWST. Then the new President highlighted his working plan for the next year. His goals included maintaining and broadening membership; keeping students engaged; and expanding accreditation (especially in Asia and consider MSc programs). They also included increasing journal submissions while maintaining quality, as well as facilitating the transition of the new Executive Director in addition to improving fiscal stability.

### **Upcoming SWST Conventions**

- 67<sup>th</sup> SWST International Convention, June 30 – July 6, 2024, Portorož Slovenia.
- 68<sup>th</sup> SWST International Convention, June 14 – 20, 2025, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
- 69<sup>th</sup> SWST International Convention, 2026 – Accepting International Proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA HANEY, Executive Director