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The Forest Products Society (FPS)

- Incorporated 1947 (501(C)(3)) Not For Profit Educational Organization
- •Originally named the Forest Products Research Society
- Name changed to Forest Products Society September, 1992
- •International Headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin







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New warehouse addition completed in April, 2001





Vision

"To be the world leader in technical information transfer to further the socially beneficial use of wood and fiber resources"



Mission

"To foster innovation and research in the environmentally sound processing and use of wood and fiber resources by disseminating information and providing forums for networking and the exchange of knowledge."





Important cornerstones...

Membership Value

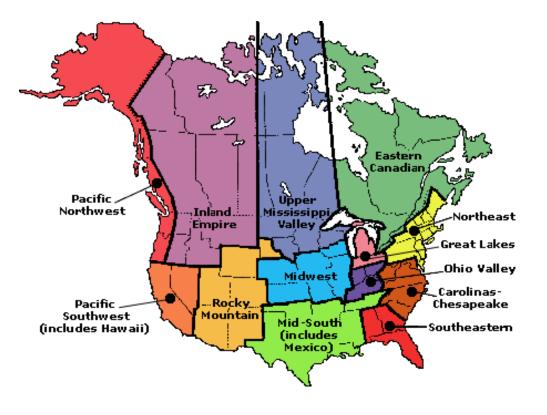
Information Generation and Dissemination

Strategic Alliances



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- •1,665 total membership (Sep '07)
- •14 Regional Sections and Chapters





Technical Interest Groups

18 Technical Interest Groups (TIGs) organized into 6 Divisions:

- Composites & Manufactured Products Division Adhesives; Furniture & Hardwood Veneer/Plywood; Particleboard, Fiberboard & Molded Products; Pulp & Paper; Structural Composites
- Fundamental Disciplines Division Biology; Physics
- Management Division Economics & Financial Mgmt.; Extension & Technology Transfer; Marketing; QC, Process Control & Production Mgmt.
- Processes Division Drying & Storage; Energy & Environmental Issues; Milling & Machining; Timber Production & Harvesting
- Solid Wood Products Softwood Lumber; Temperate & Tropical Hardwood Lumber; Treated Wood Products
- Wood Engineering Division



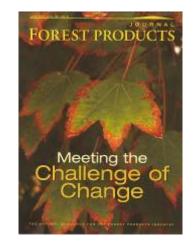
FPS Technical Journals

• Forest Products Journal

10 issues per year with bonus issue periodically

• International Journal of Forest Engineering

Biannual publication – January and July





FPS Technical Journals

Wood Design Focus (quarterly)



Journal of Forest Products Business Research – Online publication via FPS website; Articles added throughout the year – FREE to FPS Student Members through level GRAD1.



FPS Member Newsletter

Provided monthly in electronic version – informs Members about current Society activities and plans for future services.

The Newsletter also serves as a source of news about activities and changes in professional status of Members and Member organizations.

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Annual FPS International Convention

3-day Annual International Convention with 100+ technical presentations



2008 FPS 62nd International Convention June 22 – 24 – Hyatt Union Station St. Louis, Missouri

International Technical Conferences

The Society sponsors a variety of international Technical Conferences, including:

- Wood-Biofiber Plastic Composites
- Wood Adhesion
- SmallWood
- Wood Durability/Protection

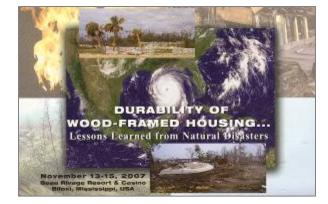
Durability of Wood-Framed Housing...

Lessons Learned from

Natural Disasters

November 13 – 15, 2007

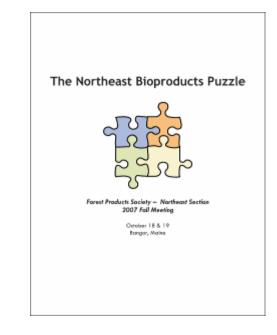
Biloxi, MI



FPS Section Meetings

FPS Sections hold technical meetings and tours on a regional basis.

- FPS staff is pleased to provide assistance with:
- Promotion of meetings to FPS Membership
- Furnishing promotional materials to be distributed at meetings
- Posting PowerPoint presentations from the meetings to the FPS website



Online Membership Directory

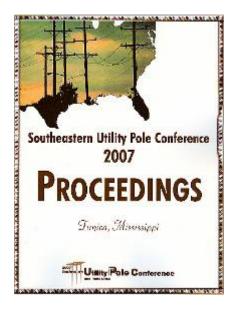
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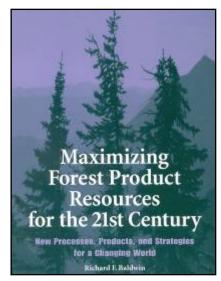
- Updated daily provides access to an international network of more than 1600 professionals in the forest products field.
- Searchable by name, job class, or geographic region
- Each listing contains contact information including address, phone and fax numbers, and email address.

FPS Publications

The Society has published more than 160 conference proceedings, guides, manuals and text books, covering a broad range of topics related to wood and fiber properties, products & markets.

Publications can be ordered via credit card from the FPS Shopping Cart! (www.forestprod.org/mycart/)





FPS Student Member Benefits

- •Graduated Fee Structure
- •Participation in Student Chapter Activities
- •Annual Graduating Student Directory March issue of the *Forest Products Journal*
- Annual Wood Award at FPS International Convention
- •Complimentary Online Access to JFPBR
- •Outstanding Networking & Educational Opportunities!



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