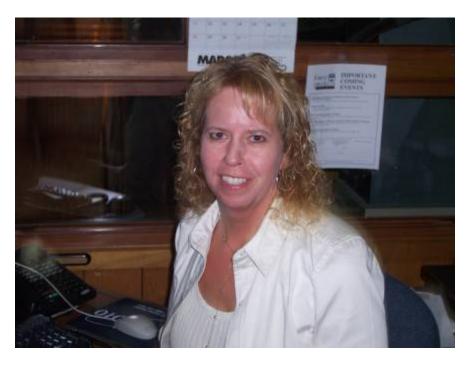


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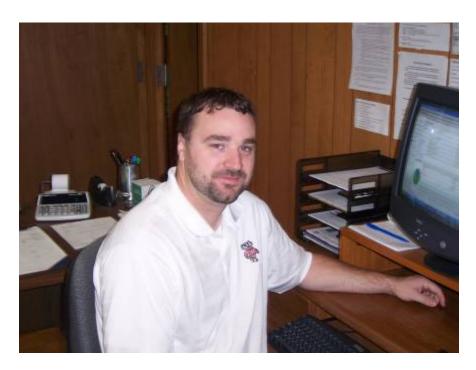


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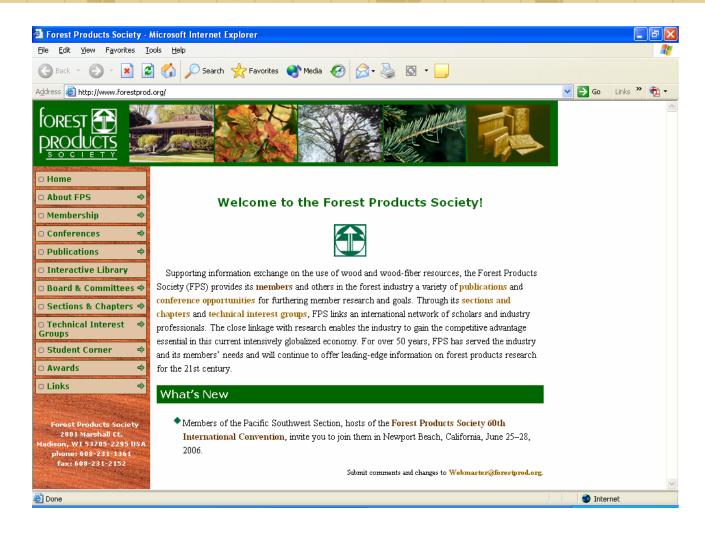


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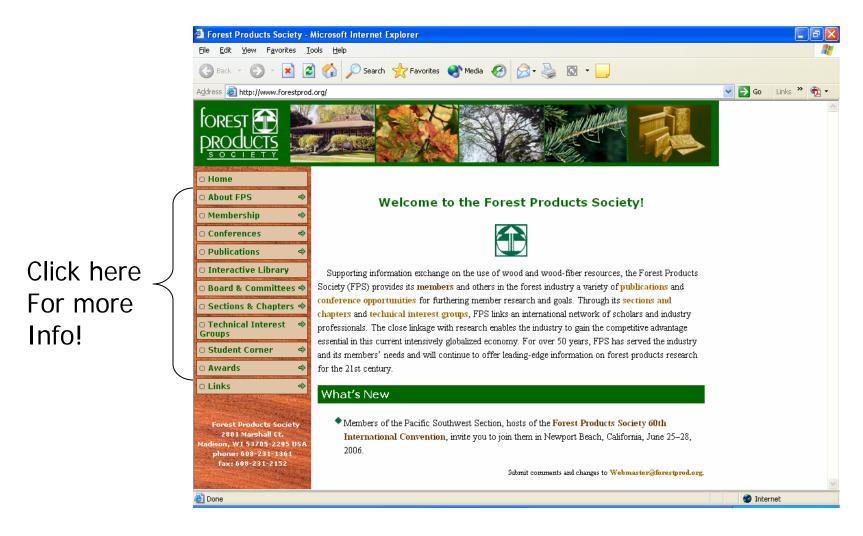
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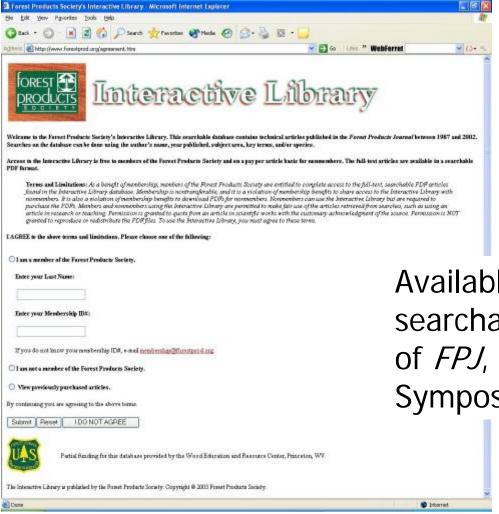
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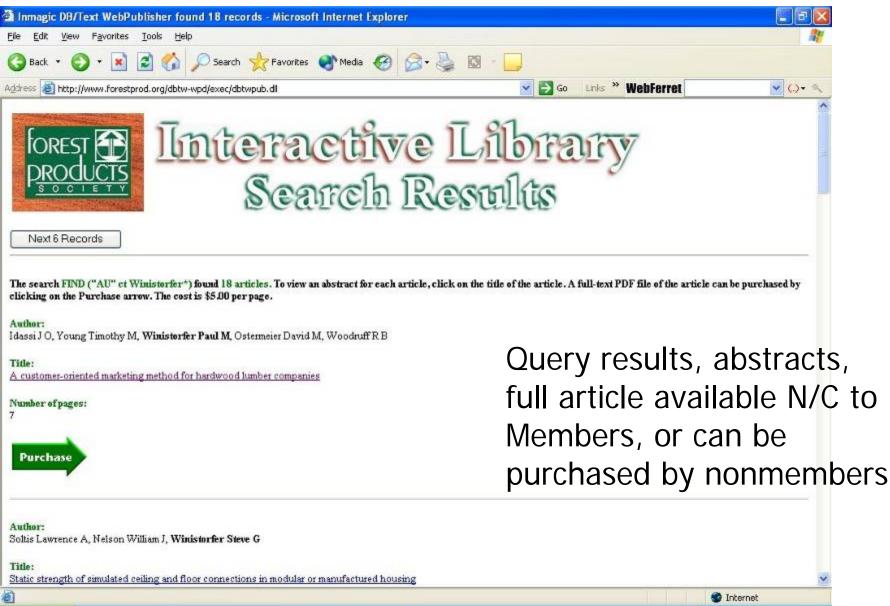
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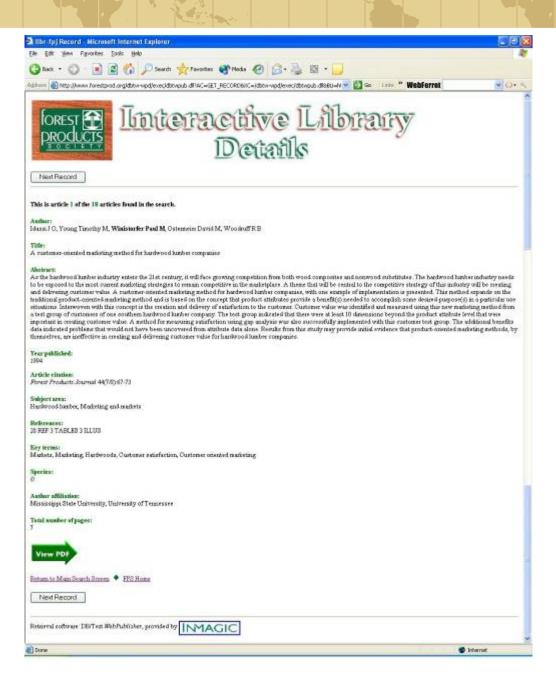


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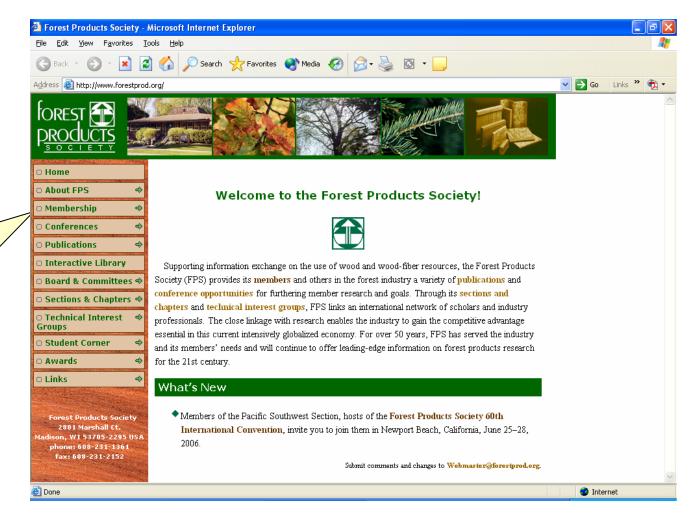






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Some Concerns:

- Low Student Conversion Rate to Full Member
- Dwindling Student Enrollment
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- Changing Global Scene
- Proposed Revision of FPS Section Boundaries





Proposed Revision of FPS Section Boundaries

The Problem

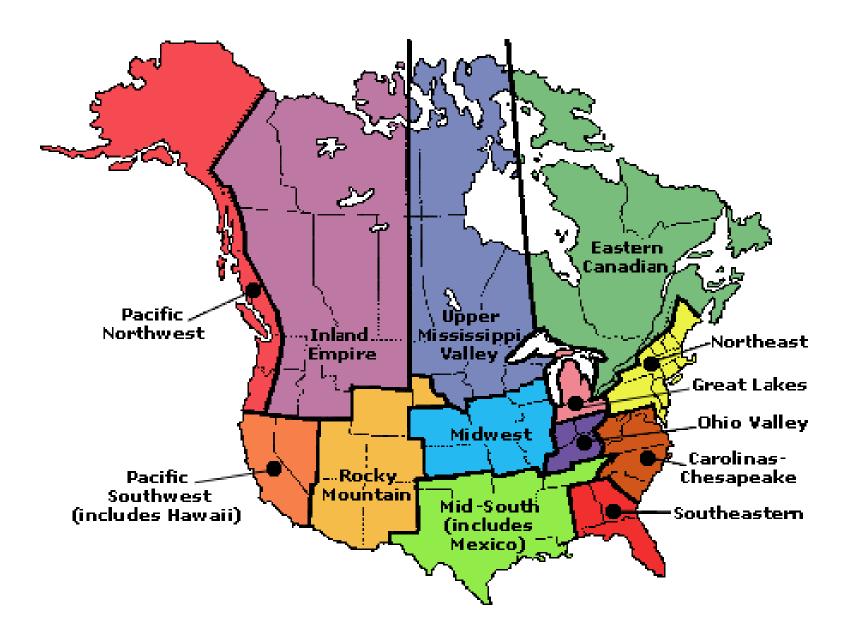
• Although the 13 original FPS Sections have served the Society well for 50 years, declining membership during the last 10 years has resulted in membership numbers within several sections becoming so low that there may no longer be a critical mass to carry out necessary section duties. It is therefore time for the FPS Board and Membership to consider merging the 13 original sections into fewer sections. In any possible merging of sections, due care must be taken to maintain industry, geographic, and cultural similarities within sections.



The Proposal

- Merge the Pacific Northwest and Inland Empire Sections to form the Northwest Section.
- Merge the Pacific Southwest and Rocky Mountain Sections to form the Southwest Section.
- Merge the Upper Mississippi Valley and Midwest Sections to form the Mississippi/Missouri Valley Section.
- Merge the Ohio Valley and Great lakes Sections to form the Great Lakes/Ohio Valley Section.
- Merge the Southeast and Carolinas-Chesapeake Sections to form the Southeast Section and move East Tennessee into the newly formed Southeast Section.
- Move Alabama into the Mid-South Section.
- Merge the Northeast and Eastern Canadian Sections to form the Northeast Section.







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