Forest Products Society Announces Board Election Results

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA – June 26, 2017 – The Forest Products Society (FPS), the global network for forest products professionals, is pleased to announce two new Board Members—Paige McKinley, Vice President and 2018 Program Chair, and Charles Gale, Northwest Regional Board Representative. Their terms will begin today upon completion of the 71st FPS International Convention (IC) in Starkville, MS, USA.

Vice President and Program Chair

Paige McKinley, Boise Cascade, Medford, OR, USA

Paige McKinley grew up in western North Carolina and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Wood Science and Forest Products, with a concentration in Residential Wood Structures, from Virginia Tech in May of 2014. Upon graduation, she began her graduate studies at Oregon State University, working under Fred Kamke and Ari Sinha in Wood Science and Engineering. Her Masters project focused on wood-adhesive bonds and the influences of moisture on the integrity of the bond. She earned her Master of Science in August of 2016. During her studies at Virginia Tech and Oregon State University, she held officer positions in the FPS Student Chapters. She now lives in Medford, OR and is an Industrial Engineer for Boise Cascade, working on quality and process improvements for the Western Oregon Region.

The Vice President leads the planning of the following year’s annual convention and is expected to serve a four-year term on the FPS Executive Board moving through the offices of Vice President, President Elect President, and Past President.

Northwest Regional Board Representative

Charles Gale, Forest and Wood Products Consultant, Portland, OR, USA

Charles is currently a consultant in forest research and wood product industry. Recently he was a Manufacturing Analyst and Sales and Ops Planner with Stimson Lumber Company. Prior to that, Charles was with the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) having published several GTR’s and various Journal publications. He has extensive experience conducting economic wood product industry analysis, forestry and logging utilization studies, and research for improving efficiencies in manufacturing operations. He has also worked at MAEDC in Montana conducting foundational and background analysis for Montana’s Wood Product revolving loan fund now called WPRLF. Charles has a Resource Conservation Major and Climate Change minor from the University of Montana Forestry School.
The primary responsibility of a Regional Board Member is to act as the liaison between the Executive Board, the International Office, and the Section(s) and Chapter(s) they represent. The Regional Board Member is responsible for keeping Members in all Sections and Chapters in his or her Region informed of Society policies and for serving as the Members’ advocate in the forming of Society policies and programs.

Also selected was the **2018 International Nominating Committee** consisting of the following FPS Members:

- Joseph Dahlen, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA
- Cornelis F De Hoop, Louisiana Forest Products Development Center, Baton Rouge, LA, USA
- World Nieh, USDA Forest Service, Arlington, VA, USA
- Chen Zhangjing, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, USA
- (In addition to two former BOD members)

As part of annual leadership transition, David B. DeVallance, West Virginia University, replaces Richard Vlosky, Louisiana State University AgCenter, as the Society’s president for the 2017-2018 term. Vlosky will remain on the Board as past president for the forthcoming year. In addition, Hui Wan, Mississippi State University, is appointed President-Elect. The complete 2017-2018 FPS Executive Board is:

- President: David B. DeVallance, West Virginia University
- President-Elect: Hui Wan, Mississippi State University
- V-P & Program Chair: Paige McKinley, Boise Cascade
- Past President: Richard Vlosky, Louisiana State University AgCenter

Regional Board Members:

- Eastern Canada - Ahmed Koubaa, UQAT (expires 6/19)
- European - Marius C. Barbu, Salzburg University of Applied Sciences (open ended)
- North Central - Nicole Stark, Forest Products Lab (expires 6/19)
- Northwest – Charles Gale, Consultant (expires 6/20)
- South Central – Dick Baldwin, Oak Creek Investments (expires 6/19)
- Southeast – Fred Kurpiel, Georgia Research Institute (expires 6/18)

**About FPS**

Founded in 1947, the Forest Products Society's vision is to be the international leader for advancing the sustainable use of renewable cellulosic resources through science and technology. The international not-for-profit technical association convenes technical conferences, produces several journals including the peer-reviewed Forest Products Journal and publishes books. Society members represent a broad range of professional interests including private and public research and development, industrial management and production, marketing, education, government, engineering and consulting.

More information about FPS is available [here](#).