

Forest Products Society Student Survey

Evaluations Forms Received = 45

1. Are you a Graduate or Undergraduate Student?

Graduate:

Masters (Thesis) = 8 Masters (Non-thesis) = 0 PhD= 9

Undergraduate:

Freshman= 1 Sophomore= 5 Junior= 8 Senior= 14

2. Please select the category that best represents your anticipated career path.

Academia (Wood Science and Forest Products Field) = 9

Wood Industry R&D= 5

Other Academic Field= 2

Government= 2

Trade Association= 2

Wood Industry Manufacturing= 5

Wood Industry Sales/Marketing= 3

Other Industry= 2

Graduate School (Wood Science and Forest Products) = 2

Graduate School (Other Field of Study) = 4

Other= 16

- ❖ Wood Construction
- ❖ Biochemical Molecular Biology Biophysics (BMBB)
- ❖ Cardio Vascular Perfusion
- ❖ Home Building
- ❖ Biofuel Industry Engineering
- ❖ Bioproducts Engineering
- ❖ "Green" Building Tech/Biofuels
- ❖ Law & Business in Wood/Forest related field
- ❖ Bio-Products Engineering
- ❖ Farming
- ❖ Packaging R&D
- ❖ Materials Handling & Pallet/Unit Load Design
- ❖ Wood or Non-Wood Chemistry

3. Please indicate your gender.

Male= 36

Female= 8

No mark= 1

4. Are you a member of the Forest Products Society?

Yes= 21

No= 23

5. Do you maintain a student membership in any of the following professional organization/trade associations? (Please check all that apply.)

Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST) = 8

Society of American Foresters (SAF) = 3

American Chemical Society (ACS) = 1

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) = 1

Other organization (please list) = 5

No mark= 10

- ❖ Tappi
- ❖ FPS
- ❖ Minnesota Evans Scholars
- ❖ Materials Research Society
- ❖ MA Association of Professional Forester (MAPF)
- ❖ American Institute of Builder Designers
- ❖ American Statistical Association (ASA)

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- ❖ Haven't been asked to sign up.
- ❖ Don't know about program/benefits of program.
- ❖ Not enough time. Never been asked to be a member.
- ❖ I really don't have a lot of free time outside of school and work. Also when I was in it we just never got it off the ground.
- ❖ No reason for not being in one, I am not very well aware of the Society.
- ❖ There are no specific reasons why I am not a member.
- ❖ I don't know what it is. Graduating soon.
- ❖ My background is more Microbiology/Biochem.
- ❖ Never was approached about joining.
- ❖ Didn't know about it.
- ❖ Too busy with homework and studying for exams.
- ❖ I don't really see what I would get out of it.
- ❖ I went to a meeting and it didn't seem like the group of people had any sort of goal to do anything. I didn't see it as being worth it.
- ❖ What is the Forest Product Society? Please send me information. I am a retail sales person and this might be pretty interesting.
- ❖ I just transferred into the BMAT&WT program last semester. I'm not very familiar with the FPS and what they stand for. If I could receive more information on it I might consider joining.
- ❖ I haven't received any information regarding the FPS, or have neglected information about the organization. I don't know how to join or who to talk to about joining.
- ❖ I am not going into wood products industry after graduation.

6. How many years have you been a Member of the organization?

- ❖ >1 year= 3
- ❖ 1 year= 8
- ❖ 2 years= 1
- ❖ 3 years= 4
- ❖ 4 years= 1
- ❖ 5 years= 1
- ❖ 10 years= 1
- ❖ no mark= 2

7. Are you active in your local FPS Student Chapter?

Yes=9

No=5

No Local Chapter Available=7

If yes please include the name of the Chapter to which you belong:

UMASS Student Chapter=3

Penn State=1

Mississippi State University=1

Virginia Tech= 3

If no please list reasons below:

- ❖ Demands of school and family.
- ❖ Don't have time.
- ❖ They really don't do much and what they do do I'm not interested in.
- ❖ No time.

8. Please rank the following benefits of your Membership in the Forest Products Society.

With 1 being highest the students ranked the following benefits

Professional networking opportunities:

(1) = 8 (2) = 1 (3) = 2 (4) = 4 (5) = 1 (6) = 2
 (7) = 1 (8) = 0 (9) = 0 (10) = 0 (11) = 0 No mark= 2

Receipt of the *Forest Products Journal*:

(1) = 5 (2) = 2 (3) = 4 (4) = 0 (5) = 2 (6) = 1
 (7) = 1 (8) = 2 (9) = 0 (10) = 1 (11) = 0 No mark= 2

Receipt of the *International Journal of Forest Engineering*:

(1) = 0 (2) = 2 (3) = 0 (4) = 0 (5) = 0 (6) = 0
 (7) = 2 (8) = 2 (9) = 3 (10) = 0 (11) = 4 No mark= 5

Annual FPS International Convention:

(1) = 1 (2) = 3 (3) = 5 (4) = 2 (5) = 4 (6) = 0
 (7) = 1 (8) = 1 (9) = 1 (10) = 0 (11) = 0 No mark= 2

Online access to Interactive Library:

(1) = 3 (2) = 9 (3) = 1 (4) = 0 (5) = 1 (6) = 2
 (7) = 2 (8) = 0 (9) = 1 (10) = 0 (11) = 0 No mark= 2

Reduced member pricing on FPS Publications:

(1) = 0 (2) = 0 (3) = 1 (4) = 2 (5) = 4 (6) = 2
 (7) = 1 (8) = 3 (9) = 2 (10) = 2 (11) = 0 No mark= 3

Reasonable Student Member Fees:

(1) = 1 (2) = 1 (3) = 3 (4) = 2 (5) = 1 (6) = 2
 (7) = 3 (8) = 2 (9) = 1 (10) = 2 (11) = 1 No mark= 1

Other technical meetings/conferences:

(1) = 0 (2) = 1 (3) = 1 (4) = 3 (5) = 4 (6) = 2
(7) = 3 (8) = 2 (9) = 1 (10) = 1 (11) = 0 No mark = 2

FPS website/online Member Directory:

(1) = 0 (2) = 0 (3) = 2 (4) = 3 (5) = 1 (6) = 6
(7) = 0 (8) = 1 (9) = 0 (10) = 3 (11) = 1 No mark = 3

FPS Annual Student Awards:

(1) = 1 (2) = 0 (3) = 2 (4) = 0 (5) = 0 (6) = 1
(7) = 4 (8) = 0 (9) = 3 (10) = 2 (11) = 2 No mark = 4

Annual Graduating Student Directory:

(1) = 0 (2) = 0 (3) = 1 (4) = 3 (5) = 1 (6) = 0
(7) = 0 (8) = 0 (9) = 0 (10) = 2 (11) = 3 No mark = 4

Other:

(1) = 0 (2) = 0 (3) = 0 (4) = 0 (5) = 0 (6) = 0
(7) = 0 (8) = 0 (9) = 1 (10) = 1 (11) = 1 No mark = 0

9. How did you learn about FPS Student Membership?

- College Professor/Advisor = 17
- Recruited by another FPS Member = 1
- FPS Website = 3
- FPS Membership Brochure = 0
- Information received via Membership in another organization = 0
- Other = 1
- ❖ FPJ

10. Please check the appropriate selection in regard to payment of your FPS Student Membership fee.

- This is paid 100% by my university = 12
- My university pays a portion of my FPS Student Membership fee = 2
- I am responsible for the total amount of my FPS Student Member fees = 16
 - ❖ I paid my own; I think MSU does refund some or all.
 - ❖ My former university, in which I obtained my Masters, covered 100% of the cost of membership in the first year.
 - ❖ I would not subscribe if it was out of my own pocket.
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11. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements by circling the number that best fits your answer.

With (1) meaning Strongly Disagree and (5) meaning Strongly Agree, students rated questions as follows:

The FPS Student Membership fee structure is appropriate.

(5) = 6 (4) = 6 (3) = 6 (2) = 3 (1) = 1

The value that I receive for my Membership fee meets my expectations.

(5) = 4 (4) = 8 (3) = 7 (2) = 1 (1) = 1

I consider the *Forest Products Journal* a valuable FPS Member Benefit.

(5) = 8 (4) = 7 (3) = 4 (2) = 1 (1) = 1

I consider attending the FPS Annual International Convention a valuable, educational experience.

(5) = 7 (4) = 4 (3) = 6 (2) = 2 (1) = 0 No mark= 2

I find the content of the FPS Annual International Convention to be consistent with my area of interest.

(5) = 3 (4) = 4 (3) = 2 (2) = 0 (1) = 1 No mark= 8

I feel it is important that students are actively involved in a professional organization.

(5) = 10 (4) = 6 (3) = 1 (2) = 3 (1) = 1

I consider my participation in my local Student Chapter a valuable FPS Member Benefit.

(5) = 6 (4) = 1 (3) = 3 (2) = 1 (1) = 2 No mark= 5

I find the FPS website to be useful.

(5) = 4 (4) = 7 (3) = 6 (2) = 2 (1) = 1 No mark=1

12. I receive the print version of the *Forest Products Journal*.

Yes= 8

No= 13

13. I maintain a collection of the *Journals*.

Yes= 11

No= 9

No Mark= 1

14. I receive the online version of the *Forest Products Journal*.

Yes= 10

No= 11

15. I do not receive the print version of the *FPJ* because:

I enjoy the convenience of online access= 3

I would prefer to receive the print version, but it is cost-prohibitive for me to do so= 7

Both= 2

Other= 1

No mark= 5

❖ I can not receive print version because I just pay \$25 membership.

16. Have you been listed as an author (primary or otherwise) on an article or technical note in the *Forest Products Journal*?

Yes= 3

No= 18

17. How often do you attend the FPS Annual International Convention?

❖ 0= 6

- ❖ I never attend the FPS Annual International Convention because it is very far and expensive for my country.
- ❖ Once per year.
- ❖ Never and will.
- ❖ Annually= 3
- ❖ Irregularly, due to restricted funding and supervisor specified presentation requirements.
- ❖ Never been. I am a first year member.
- ❖ Have not yet attended.
- ❖ Twice in 5 years.
- ❖ Once.

18. Please select the item/items below that you consider challenges in regard to attending the FPS Annual International Convention:

Travel costs= 16

Time of year (Conflict with summer employment) = 4

Registration fee= 8

Length of meeting (Commitment required to attend for multiple days) = 2

None= 1

Other =5

- ❖ Accommodation cost and funding limitations of supervisor.
- ❖ Hotel cost.
- ❖ Nothing to present.
- ❖ No university involvement.

No mark= 1

19. Have you ever attended a meeting of your Forest Products Society Section or Chapter outside of those held at the International Convention?

Yes= 7

No= 14

If no, why not?

- ❖ Because nobody contacted me for this reason.
- ❖ I will attend the next one but have only been a member for a few months during which time there has not been a section meeting.
- ❖ Schedule conflicts.
- ❖ Never been there.
- ❖ It hasn't work out yet.
- ❖ Never knew.
- ❖ Travel costs.
- ❖ I just came here last semester.
- ❖ No time.

20. Please indicate the reasons for which you utilize the FPS website. (Please check all that apply.)

To obtain meeting and conference information= 9

To obtain contact information for FPS Staff= 4

To read the on-line version of the *Forest Products Journal*= 11

To access the Interactive Library= 13

To access member information from the Member database= 4

Other

- ❖ To buy books.
- ❖ To read member newsletter.

- ❖ To find useful links.
- ❖ Don't utilize it.

No mark= 3

21. Please indicate your estimated number of visits to the FPS website PER MONTH

<5 times= 13

6-10 times= 7

11-15 times= 1

> 20 times= 0

22. Do you plan to continue your FPS Membership after graduation?

Yes= 19

No= 2

If no, please indicate your reasons below

- ❖ Money and doesn't apply to career path.
- ❖ I only have it now because I am required by the graduate school.

23. What can the Society do to better serve Student Members?

- ❖ Provide detail accounts of the nature of jobs in the wood products field, so students understand what their roles could be and how to prepare for those roles.
- ❖ Discounted hotel accommodations at meetings.
- ❖ No computer limit for searching and reading online FPS Journal.
- ❖ Ability to change password for viewing online journal.
- ❖ Official FPS membership decal!
- ❖ Minor revisions to interactive library-this is a great resource but needs some revision. Search by volume and issue may be helpful.
- ❖ Offer job listings from W.P. companies online.
- ❖ I hope it is free for student to attend annual conference.
- ❖ For me it is ok.
- ❖ Be more involved with student activities or events.
- ❖ As a college Freshman and new members of the FPS I am discovering all that is offered to Student Members. So far I have been completely satisfied.
- ❖ None.
- ❖ Give students online access to FPBJ and IJFE with the \$25 membership level.
- ❖ Develop a career path overview that could be used to help recruit students.
- ❖ Let few (5 is ok) students establish an union in the same university because the students major in wood science are not so many. We want to set up a branch but we do not have enough students.
- ❖ Encourage Student Chapters in the various Universities to form Chapters through the various advisors who are FPS members.
- ❖ Have more benefits for joining.

24. Please tell us about your main area of interest and/or research regarding Wood Science and Forest Products.

- ❖ Currently I am interested in management and business practices as they relate to strategies of firms.
- ❖ Statistical Process Control and Process Improvement.
- ❖ Wood Seasoning and Wood as Building Materials.
- ❖ Wood structural engineering.

- ❖ Structure, property and durability of cellulose biocomposites, nanocomposites, and Wood-based composites.
- ❖ Research area comprises wood quality assessment and harvesting operations, requiring research into wood quality attributes to aid value recovery and optimization of the value chain.
- ❖ Timber Harvesting.
- ❖ Adhesives/Composite Material.
- ❖ Wood adhesive application.
- ❖ Wood composites, wood adhesives, Bio products, Biofuels.
- ❖ Building construction.
- ❖ I am interested in the composite materials being developed as well as the manufacturing area.
- ❖ Pallet and packaging design.
- ❖ Forest Products business.
- ❖ Wood cell walls.
- ❖ Forest Produces situation in the USA.
- ❖ The trade of forest products.
- ❖ Forest products marketing.
- ❖ I am working on resonance in Particulate Wood Composites and particle distribution.
- ❖ Food and beverage.
- ❖ Packaging science.