

Forest Product Research Society

This year, the student chapter of FPRS has had a lot of fun while learning about the wood products industry. In October, we traveled to Madison, Wisconsin to the Midwest Section convention. The topic for the convention was Ready to Assemble Furniture. We enjoyed posh accommodations on Capital Square and two nights of pizza frenzy while in town. Also, we were invited to tour the facilities of the USDA Forest Products Lab, and the facilities of Marshall Erdman where we observed the manufacture of ready to assemble furniture.

At the end of the fall semester, we had a pizza party to celebrate making it through another semester and to bid farewell to our three officers of the past year. They were J.T. McCubbin, President; Doug Webb, Vice-President; and Rob Seyler, Secretary/Treasurer. These three gentlemen did a fine job while guiding the club through another year. They were replaced by Bryce Duncan, President; Chris Lenth, Vice-President; and Scott Davis, Secretary/Treasurer.

As of the writing of this article, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of 28 cases of plain and peanut M&M's. We will be selling these as a fundraising activity that can provide the club with financial assistance for attending conferences or mill tours. Our student chapter still has a few ISU Forestry belt buckles for sale. You can order one by contacting Dr. Floyd Manwiller in the Forestry Department. Also this spring we hope to be touring the operation of Bacon Veneer, a local black walnut veneer producer.

So far, this year has been exciting and we hope to end it with a successful fundraiser, mill tour, VEISHEA participation, and another farewell pizza party!!

— Bryce Duncan



Front row: Dr. Kuo, Rob Seyler, Chris Lenth, J. T. McCubbin, Doug Webb, Scott Davis. Second row: Lance Johnson, Doug Simon, Jeff Sherman, Bryce Duncan, Mike Capek, Dr. Manwiller.