



Wood Supply Research Institute

## WOOD SUPPLY RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING

The Wood Supply Research Institute (WSRI) conducted its 2015 Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN on April 27<sup>th</sup> with sixty-eight board members, project presenters and supporters attending.

Danny Norman, Resource Management Services and WSRI Chairman, opened the morning business meeting with welcoming remarks and self-introductions were made around the room. The anti-trust statement was provided by attorney Tony MacLeod. Executive Committee recommendations to the board were presented for approval: 2015 Board of Directors, 2015 Executive Committee, Approval for 2015-16 Chairman, Annual Dues Structure, 2014 Financial Statement, 2015 Budget, FRA's Support Services, Retention of Jim Fendig as Executive Director, and Initiation of Search for Executive Director Replacement as Jim Fendig will retire at the 2016 WSRI Annual Meeting.

Jim Fendig provided the executive director's report and Richard Lewis presented an update on the WSRI marketing project to make WSRI more widely known to industry and industry publications and organizations.

Jeff Jenkins, Glatfelter, and Don Taylor, Sustainable Resource Systems, received awards for their work in the new member initiative. Danny Norman provided remarks as chairman and passed the gavel to SC Timber Producers Association's Crad Jaynes for the 2015-16 chairmanship. Crad provided remarks and requested an executive director search committee be formed with one representative from each of the five member segments. The 2016 annual meeting location was approved and will be Colorado Springs, CO in conjunction with the 2016 Forest Resources Association Annual Meeting.

After lunch, three project presentations were made. Jim Fendig reported on the University of

Montana Western Logging Cost Index project which was terminated due to a lack of sufficient data to complete the project. Tom Gallagher, Auburn University, presented the completed Factors Affecting Fuel Consumption & Harvest Costs project. Shawn Baker, University of Georgia, presented the completed Validating the Southern Logging Cost Index project.

WSRI projects are available free on the website at <http://wsri.org> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/woodsupplyresearchinstitute> and through Forest Resources Association Technical Releases.

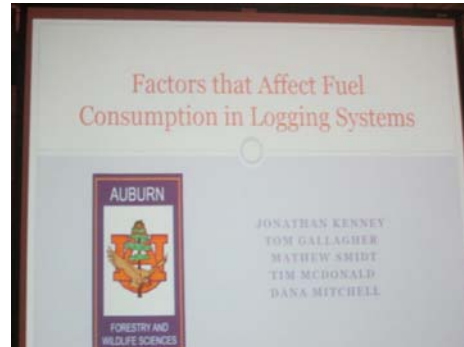
WSRI was formed in 1999 to bring together the wood receiving and timber harvesting segments to address wood supply chain issues through independent third party research. *Improving wood supply operations through research* is the WSRI motto.

Over the years the membership has expanded to include woodland owners, supplier/dealer and associate segments. Twenty-four research projects have been funded and completed that have the potential of improving wood supply chain partners: landowners, loggers and wood consuming mills.

WSRI's membership segments are comprised of 16 wood consuming companies, 11 logger associations and individual logging entities, 5 fiber supply entities, 5 woodland owners and 13 associate members. This represents more than 10,000 firms across the U.S. through the various companies, associations and organizations involved.

*SCTPA is a proud charter logging association WSRI member. You are encouraged to visit the WSRI website and view the completed projects and see what WSRI is all about.*

## WSRI ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



Jeff Jenkins, Glatfelter, receives award from Jim Fendig



Technical Team Chairman  
David Hudnall, LP



Project presenters Tom Gallagher, Auburn;  
Jim Fendig, WSRI; Dale Greene &  
Shawn Baker, UGA



Danny Norman receives  
Chairman Service Award