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Forest Products Society

by Todd Helander

The Forest Products Society (FPS) is an international organization with the primary purpose of informing both the public and private industry of new and/or alternative technologies. Founded in 1947 as a not-for-profit technical association, the Society is now a world leader in providing technical information about the socially beneficial consumption and application of all wood and fiber resources. The Society's Mission is to "foster innovation and research in the environmentally sound processing and use of wood and fiber resources by disseminating information and providing forums for networking and the exchange of knowledge."

Society members represent a broad range of professional interests including research and development, industrial management and production, education,

marketing, engineering, consulting, and government. The Society is especially appealing to student members through discounted texts, scholarship opportunities, and informative seminars. Iowa State, Illinois, and Michigan Tech make up the Midwest section and are urged to participate in the section seminars.

Iowa State has 15 student members who participate in many activities including Chapter meetings.



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