



short rotation
WOODY CROPS
operations working group

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 1996
Paducah, KY

Bob Perlack reported on preliminary conference finances.

REPORT ON PLANNING ACTIVITIES

(costs borne by USDA/FS, ORNL, and EPRI)

- organization of steering committee group
- steering committee meeting (9/95)
- preparation of draft charter
- newsletter
- brochure
- conference organization
- preparation of state of art paper on harvesting systems
- mailing and travel expenses
- handling inquiries
- conference coordination and associated fees

CHARTER QUESTIONS

- look at broader biological questions in addition to operations (not supported by most attendees)
- include nursery operations (agreed to add nursery operations to charter)

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP

- overall pleased with current organization and structure

MEETING

- biannual with some dissent on needing to maintain momentum given newness of working group

INFORMATION

- need to put minutes of steering committee meetings on home page or hard copy to those requesting
- need to put out a newsletter summarizing the conference

STEERING COMMITTEE MAKEUP

- fixed composition with geographical and sector representation
- size of 15 appropriate (decision to be made by steering committee)
- suggestions for new members -- add chemical manufacturer to industry group; add international representation; add environmental perspective
- steering committee to have rotational positions with limited serve time