

Short-Rotation Woody Crops Operations Working Group
Annual Steering Committee Meeting
21 August 2001
St. Paul, Minnesota

The SRWC-OWG Steering Committee Meeting was held August 21st at the USDA/FS North Central Forest Experiment Station headquarters in St. Paul Minnesota. Attendees at the meeting included representatives of the Forest Service, pulp and paper industry, EPRI, NCASI, Minnesota Power, universities, MN Department of Natural Resources, and ORNL. The agenda for the meeting included evaluation of services to and needs of members, recruitment of new members, reconstitution (completion) of steering committee, membership fee payments, finances, planning for 2002 conference, activities between conferences, development of budget(s) – spending and collecting, and general discussion of the sustainability of the working group and how the OWG might benefit from the "new" interest in bioenergy.

Some specific action items include – planning for the 2002 OWG conference (September 2002, Alexandria MN), coordinating IUFRO co-sponsorship of 2002 OWG Conference, getting information about the OWG to next Biomass Interest Group meeting, developing a 2002 OWG Conference announcement for the upcoming Biomass Conference of the Americas, developing a brochure for membership recruitment, developing outreach and information dissemination activities, and recruiting new industry sponsors.