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PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2017 WOOD, PULP & PAPER COUNCIL CONFERENCE

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Join workers from different sectors of the woodworking industry at the inaugural 2017 Wood, Pulp and Paper Council Conference to be held September 13-15, 2017 in Eugene, Oregon.

The conference will be a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and spend time with fellow members working in the wood, pulp and paper industry. To help defray the cost of the Wood, Pulp and Paper Council Conference, there is a conference registration fee of \$75 per delegate and \$75 per each guest which can be paid upon arrival at the conference.

Find the call letter and Registration Form here and make your reservation at the Valley River Inn before the August 21st deadline to secure our special room rate.

https://www.goiam.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Wood_Pulp_Paper_Conference.pdf

TARIFFS IMPOSED ON CANADIAN SOFTWOOD

Minimal Impact on Earnings

Neither President Trump's new administration nor duties imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exports to the U.S. will get much blame or credit for affecting compensation among the wood products industry in 2017, results from Random Lengths' annual survey indicate. This year's survey asked mill, wholesale/distribution, and retail sales managers to assess how the countervailing and anti-dumping duties along with Donald Trump's election to the White House would impact their incomes this year. The majority of respondents among all three groups said those factors would have no influence on compensation one way or the other. This indicates that it should have little impact on job loss for our IAM woodworking members.



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IAM HOLDS A BOARD POSITION at the PROGRAMME OF FOREST CERTIFICATION



The Machinists Union and its more than 20,000 members in the wood, pulp and paper sector now have a voice at the world's largest forest certification organization.

Mike Rose, the IAM's Woodworkers Chief of Staff to the International President, has been elected a 2017-2018 board member of the Pro-

gramme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification ([PEFC](#)). The PEFC establishes standards that seek to transform the way forests are managed globally—and locally—to ensure everyone enjoys the environmental, social and economic benefits forests offer.

"Our wood, pulp and papers members can be proud that they will have such a strong advocate for them on the international stage," said IAM International President Bob Martinez. "The IAM will continue promoting sustainable forestry that keeps this industry, and the men and women who work in it, thriving for generations."

Rose also serves on the World Council of the Building and Woodworkers International ([BWI](#)), a global union federation representing more than 12 million workers in the building, building materials, wood, forestry and allied sectors.

"We are pleased of the election of Mike Rose, who has a wealth of experience in the wood and forest industry and is very knowledgeable about certification standards," [said BWI General Secretary Ambet Yuson](#). "His presence is vital to ensuring PEFC will continue to uphold workers' rights and international labor standards."

In addition to serving on BWI's World Board, Rose also serves on the Oregon Board of Forestry and the Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee.

Rose initiated into IAM Woodworkers Local W-261 in the 1980s while working in the logging department of the International Paper Co., in Gardiner, OR. He served as a Shop Steward and Chief Steward for eight years until he

FIREFIGHTERS ARE MOP- PING UP HONEY CREEK FIRE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Firefighters in southern Oregon are aggressively mopping up a fire that broke out May 26 about nine miles northeast of Glide. The Honey Creek Fire was initially responded to by Douglas Forest Protective Association firefighters, who worked over the weekend constructing a fire trail in the steep, rocky hillside where the fire was located. The job was made more difficult because access to nearby water sources was limited due to snow drifts which are still present on some roads in the area.

As of 1 p.m. May 30 the fire had burned 54 acres and was reported as 80% contained. DFPA was assisted in suppression efforts on the Honey Creek Fire by the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Umpqua National Forest and the private landowner.

No structures were threatened by the blaze, which occurred in a remote part of Douglas County. The cause of the Honey Creek Fire is currently under investigation.

TARIFFS continued

Housing starts could be effected somewhat by the increase of dimensional lumber prices, which may have an impact on the building trades. But, U.S. lumber producers will be pleased by Trump's decision; they have long alleged that Canadian lumber imports are unfairly subsidized. Additionally, the Canadian softwood duties imposed may have a positive effect for IAM members in the panel products industries since U.S. panel markets have historically relied heavily on the Canadian panel market while they tried to drive down labor costs in the states!

2017 SOUTHERN PULP & PAPER CONFERENCE

Since 1957 the Southern Pulp & Paper Conference has held their information sharing pulp and paper industry Conference and this year the tradition continued. The 2017 Southern Pulp & Paper Conference was held March 2nd through March 4th at the Hawthorn Suites in Rome, Georgia for all Southern Territory pulp and paper mills. They included delegates from Georgia Pacific, International Paper, Kraton, Graphics Packaging and West Rock.

Southern Pulp and Paper President Mike Mauldin opened the meeting. Among many speakers were General Vice President Mark Blondin, and Woodworkers Special Rep Bob Walls. Brother Walls spoke to the group about the upcoming Wood, Pulp & Paper Conference in September in Oregon and the importance of continuing to share information. He also gave the group insight into the international work the Woodworkers Department does, for example with PEFC and BWI, and how these relationships intertwine with the work the pulp and paper workers do daily.

Time was saved for each member to speak to the Conference with updates on business at their mills and inform and increase union awareness among their mills.



Tour of IP Mill in Rome, Georgia. Pictured left to right: GLR Valerie Rodriguez, Member Mike Harrell, GVP Mark Blondin, LL PR Doug Kinsey, SR Tim Wright, LL 23 VP and SR Robert Barnwell.



Southern Pulp and Paper President Mike Mauldin opens the Conference

— WE WANT TO KNOW — *WHAT'S GOING ON?*

Following our 2014 Forest Products Meeting in Ft. Worth, our 2015 Forest Products Meeting in Las Vegas and 2015 Wood Products Council Meeting in Portland we remain committed to keeping our lines of communication open across our Wood, Pulp and Paper industries across all territories. As we are preparing for our 2017 Wood, Pulp and Paper Council Conference in September and in keeping with our communications goals, we invite your input—this is your Newsletter!

Do you have story suggestions, event announcements, campaign reports, pictures? Please share it with all of our Wood, Pulp and Paper Brothers and Sisters and spread the word by passing the newsletter along to others. Send your news events and subscribe by emailing the Woodworkers Department at tkenealy@iamaw.org.

UNIONS MAKE WORK SAFER

—THE CASE OF FORESTRY—



"Unions Make Work Safer!" is the slogan for International Workers' Memorial Day on 28 April 2017. "Forestry work does not compare to factory or construction work and it presents its own sets of challenges and problems in terms of Occupational Health and Safety (OSH). However, BWI affiliates in the sector work hard every day to minimize the risks of forestry work and make sure that OSH trainings and provisions are put in place." says BWI General Secretary Ambet Yuson:

The BWI has been supporting and working with forestry and wood workers for many years. Based on experience and empirical evidence from the ground, BWI has observed a strong correlation between labour abuses and environmental damages in the forestry and wood sectors. Therefore Yuson adds:

"Wood is good, Safe Work is better!"

In the forestry sector, the outdoor work environment exposes workers to natural and man-made hazards. Workers are exposed to the extremes of weather: heat, cold, snow, rain and ultraviolet radiation. In extreme hot weather, workers pass out. Depending on the region of the world, there are also threats from wildlife, for example, poisonous insects, snakes and mammals such as tigers and bears. Other natural hazards include broken terrain or mud, dense vegetation and other biological agents. Work even continues despite bad weather and in mechanized operations, it continues during the night.

Worksites tend to be in remote areas, with poor communication and difficulties in rescue and evacuation. Life in camps for extended periods of isolation from family and friends continue to be a common practice in some countries. There are also risks in terms of felling and yarding of trees as there could be equipment failure. In addition, rigging operators are frequently out of sight from the choker setter communications. The pace of work is probably the most dangerous across all environments. In some countries, workers are paid by volume which makes workers run from one tree to the next raising the risk of accidents.

In plywood plants there are chemical hazards from glue and other heated adhesives. In places where formaldehyde, a colour-less, flammable, strong-smelling chemical, is still used in building materials, cancer and respiratory illness are common. In all environments saw dust is a problem. Some species of trees have cancer producing dust, others just have particulate issues which affect the breathing system of workers.

Occupational Health and Safety is a team effort it requires constant interaction between employers, governments and workers. Trade unions have been fundamental in driving the OSH agenda and making sure that workplaces are sound for workers.

BIO-CORNER

Mike Nissell, out of Raymond, Washington, began his career at Weyerhaeuser as a Choker Setter in September 1986. In May 1994, Brother Nissell became a Machinist Union member of Local Lodge W130, and took a position as a Loader/Operator with Weyerhaeuser—positions he has held for the last 23 years.

Twenty-three years ago also marks the beginning of his family, with daughter Sierra, 23, and Tyson, 17 years old. Mike loves hanging out with his family and grandkids and will tell you, “my greatest thrill in life has been watching my children turn into responsible young adults.” He continues to coach kids in the community and enjoys working in his yard.

The Nissell family has a long, proud Woodworking and Union history! Pictured right is Mike’s dad, Ivan Nissell, a High Climber for Weyerhaeuser, topping a tree.

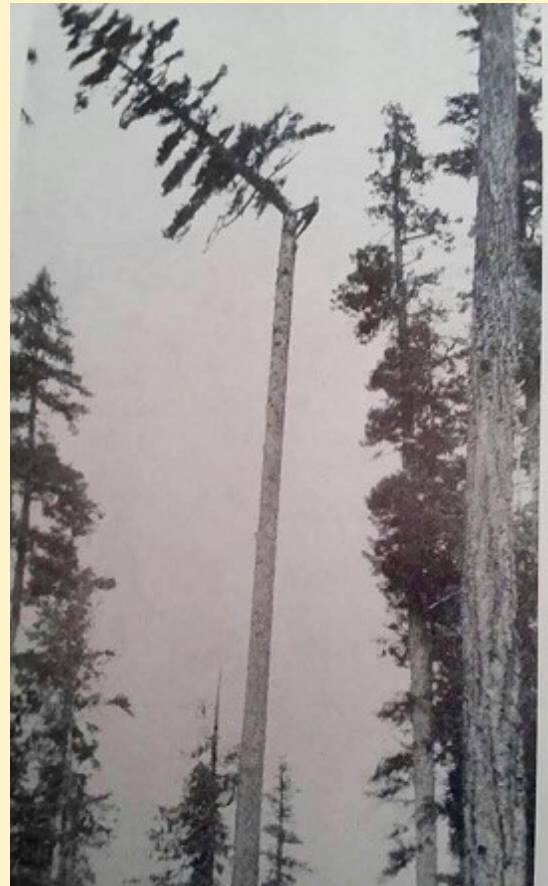
As we celebrated International Workers Memorial Day in April, it is respectfully worth noting that Brother Ivan Nissell was killed on-the-job in a log trucking accident at Weyerhaeuser in 1990. He continues to be honored every year at the Annual Workers’ Memorial Program the IAM holds at the William W. Winpisinger Center. Pictured bottom/right is Brother Nissell’s Memorial Brick to commemorate his memory and reinforce the work we do to continue fighting for safer work environments for all working people! ♦



Mike Nissell, Local Lodge W130

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ON-THE-JOB



Ivan Nissell, High Climber—Weyerhaeuser—LLW130



Ivan Nissell’s Memorial Brick placed in the Memorial Park at the William W. Winpisinger Center

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