

# THE BULLETIN



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## A Message from the Director

Your Board of Directors held the 2018 2nd Quarter Board Meeting on Thursday, June 21st. The agenda included a broad range of topics. The meeting started with an update by Greg Houdek on the status of the new Wisconsin Chapter. Greg is the Chapter Chair and has done an excellent job organizing a Chapter leadership team that developed by laws and established a bank account to support grant activity in the future. The Wisconsin Chapter is a unique model because it is state wide versus the traditional facility-based Chapter model. The Chapter will have approximately 1,500 members. This introduces unique challenges for the Chapter leadership team in terms of communication and ability to reach and respond to members in need. The Board will work closely with the Wisconsin team to develop a success model for future state and regional Chapter models.

We continue to work to develop a regional Chapter model to support converting facilities across multiple business groups. The regional model would potentially be anchored by North American Converting. Discussion with Shelbyville leadership has resumed and we remain hopeful a new Chapter can be established at this location. New Chapter discussions continue with several mills new to the IP system. These facilities remain targets for new Chapter opportunities. Efforts to start a new Chapter in Erie, PA are on hold. We have been challenged by our ability to generate interest among local members. Local Chapter activity drives the Society's ability to identify and reach QCS members in financial need.

The QCS membership directory has been updated to reflect North American data for 2017 YE. QCS membership totals 46,500, an increase of 2.3% over 2016. Approximately 30% of our QCS members are aligned with the current Chapter network.

The Board continues the effort to update QCS Constitution language. This initiative has been expanded to include development of a QCS document management process. The document management process will focus on formalizing documentation around QCS Chapter and Board of Director processes. A record retention policy is in place.

QCS Board members serve on a volunteer basis. Each Board member serves a 3 year term and is limited to 2 consecutive terms. The Board has initiated the succession planning process to address the two openings that will take

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent who is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

## A Message from the Director (Continued)

place at year end resulting from Board President Greg Mitchell and Board Secretary Marianne Duvall reaching their term limit. These openings will also require the Board to fill the two officer positions from within.

The Society's financial books for 2017 were closed and balanced in early March. The bi-annual financial audit covering 2016/2017 financial records was completed in late April by the IP audit staff. No audit items were identified and the audit rating was "Good". This represents the highest rating available. The Board was provided with a copy of the audit report.

The QCS Board of Director's priorities for 2018/2019 include the following:

- Organization Model for a State Chapter
- Converting Network Chapter Model Pilot
- Update the QCS Constitution As Needed
- Formalize Document Management Process
- Support Chapter Leadership Succession Planning
- Streamline Financial Reporting

The Board extends appreciation to all Chapter leadership teams for their continued commitment to the QCS Mission. All Chapter leadership teams serve on a volunteer basis to support local members in need. Grant activity continues to increase as a direct result of Chapter efforts. Our Chapter leadership volunteers remain the key to realizing the QCS Mission: Identifying and confidentially supporting QCS members in dire financial need. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Quarter Century Society mission!

Bill Wilson

## International Paper Overview Now Available

Designed to help International Paper to tell its story, a new IP Overview is now available. The overview features International Paper's 2017 highlights and summarizes the company's progress in each Strategic Driver of The IP Way Forward. The publication helps IP share its story - improving people's lives, the planet and the company's performance by transforming renewable resources into products people depend on every day. The targeted audience includes key stakeholders, shareowners, customers, employees, government and non-government organizations. The IP Overview is available online at [InternationalPaper.com](http://InternationalPaper.com).

In addition to the International Paper Overview are two company reports intended for specific audiences. The [2017 IP Annual Performance Summary](#) focuses on the company's financial performance in 2017. It is designed for use by IP shareholders and investor community and is available on [InternationalPaper.com](http://InternationalPaper.com). The 2017 IP Global Citizenship Report provides a comprehensive progress report on IP's Vision 2020 Goals and other global citizenship priorities and is designed for use with customers' sustainability teams and non-governmental organizations.

### **IP and World Wildlife Fund Collaborate to Develop Science-Based Targets for Forests**

How much forest land and what quality is needed to ensure forests can continue to provide people, plants and animals worldwide with clean air and water, food and the goods and services they need to thrive?

Through a new collaboration between [World Wildlife Fund](#) (WWF) and International Paper, research will be undertaken to help answer the question of the quantity and quality of forestland needed for the planet to thrive. The outputs of this work will be used to help create the world's first regional and global science-based targets for forests, as well as the first comprehensive set of guidance on actions that can be taken to sustain the world's forests. Such 'forest positive' actions include investing in responsible forest management, supporting forest conservation, restoring forestland, and raising awareness about the importance of forests with consumers.

In addition to delivering on the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the global level, the collaboration also will bring one local action to life—investing in a new ambitious restoration project in the Mogi Guaçu river basin of the Atlantic Forest of Brazil. IP has operations and is

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already investing in restoration in this region, work that will ideally inspire other organizations to invest in forest restoration in Brazil and beyond.

Through this expanded collaboration, IP demonstrates that investing in the long-term sustainability of natural capital makes economic sense. As a company that transforms renewable resources into fiber-based products that people depend on every day, IP will continue to promote responsible forest stewardship, both within and beyond its supply chains, to ensure healthy and productive forest ecosystems for generations to come.

### **Computerworld Names International Paper to 2018 List of 100 Best Places to Work in IT**

[Computerworld](#) announced that International Paper has been recognized as a 2018 Best Places to Work in IT, one of 100 top organizations that challenge their IT staffs while providing great benefits and compensation. IP ranked 21, on Computerworld's 2018 list for IT professionals in the large company category. The company's 1,400 IT team members deliver technology solutions for business advantage and support services to the company's 52,000 global team members, leveraging the use of information resources across 645 locations, speaking 14 languages and doing business in 44 currencies.

### **QCS Website Change**

The Society has recently updated the QCS website. Our main website address, <http://www.ipqcs.com> still works and will take you to the new website. You can update Bookmarks with <http://www.ipqcs.com>. You can also Google [ipqcs.com](http://www.ipqcs.com) and click the first item in the results. Links to the old website pages, other than the Home Page, will not work. An easy fix for those links is to delete all text after <http://www.ipqcs.com> in your browser address bar.

#### **3rd Quarter 2018 Calendar**

6 Month Chapter Activity Report July 31

3rd Quarter Board Meeting September 20

#### **Food For Thought**

- I thought growing old would take longer!
- People who wonder whether the glass is half full or half empty miss the point. The glass is refillable!