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## Editorial: The New and Improved Wood and Fiber Science

At its June meeting, the SWST Executive Board reviewed the status of this journal since the selection of a new editor and the move to open access in 2022. The journal is currently struggling to obtain a suitable number of quality submissions, and this has resulted in a declining impact factor that has further eroded our submissions rate. The journal is an important component of the Society, but many Professional Society-based journals are struggling to attract papers and remain financially viable.

The Board concluded that it needed more vigorous leadership in order to move forward. As a result, Professor Eric Hansen from Oregon State University will become Editor and Dr. Ling

Li, Associate Professor of Sustainable Bioenergy Systems at the University of Maine; Professor Andreja Kutnar, University of Primorska; and Professor Arijit Sinha, Oregon State University will serve as Associate Editors. They look forward to your manuscripts as they work to reverse a three-year decline of the journal in terms of submissions and turn-around times.

We recognize that there are many potential outlets for your scholarly work, but the journal depends on your support. We would encourage you to consider Wood and Fiber Science in your publication plans and look forward to an increase in submissions under the new leadership.