This year’s business meeting was held at the World Forestry Center in Portland Oregon, listed above are the 41 attendees from 21 organizations attending the meeting April 19th. Candace Cahill, 2015 Policy Committee Chair began the meeting at 8:20 by welcoming attendees followed by an informal overview of the meeting (Addendum A: Agenda). Eric Turnblom, Acting SMC Director welcomed SMC PC representatives and presented a brief overview of accomplishments since the September 9th 2015 fall business meeting in Vancouver B.C. (Addendum B: Accomplishments).
New Business:
Attendees welcomed new members from Green Crow, Jenny Knorth and Reed Wendel and Jason Mack (with GreenWood Resources) representing Lewis and Clark Tree Farms. Gareth Waugh with Port Blakely Tree Farms agreed to serve as Vice Chair in place of Brian Schlaefli formerly with Plum Creek Timber Company. In an effort to increase SMC’s outreach in-between meetings and the annual report we’ll be sending out a summer and winter 1-2 page newsletter highlighting SMC’s research, if you have a topic you’d like us to focus on please contact Eric Turnblom ect@uw.edu.

Meeting dates set for 2016: Installation Review Committee (IRC), July 14th (location TBD), PC meeting, August 18th (location TBD) and the Annual Fall Meeting (with possible field tour), September 22nd.

Budget
Shifts in memberships and land reclassifications will generate a loss of $108,000 in 2017’s dues. These shifts include SPI terminating their membership ($23,000), Plum Creek’s acquisition by Weyerhaeuser NR ($27,000) and BLM’s land reclassifications ($58,000). Dues for 2016 totaled $623,589 while dues in 2017 will amount to $542,019. On the plus side, we’ve welcomed 2 new members, Green Crow and Lewis & Clark Tree Farms and secured $327,936 in external funding for 2016. (Addendum B: Budget).

Technical Reports and Workshop
A total of 8 research project updates from SMC’s TAC’s, UW faculty, staff, graduate students, and SMC cooperator Weyerhaeuser were presented followed by Jason Cross, SMC Database Manager’s hands-on demonstration in the afternoon on how to retrieve installation, plot, and tree data for specified age ranges; along with specifications for project (e.g. Type I, II, III...), density, and treatment regime. (Addendum C: Technical Reports).

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.
The next SMC meeting will be the IRC on July 14th (location TBD).