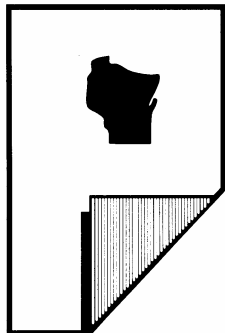


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## **Wisconsin Paper Council Elects New Chairman: Stora Enso Senior Vice President Russell Wanke**

Neenah – Russell Wanke, senior vice president, fine paper, Stora Enso, Wisconsin Rapids, was elected chairman of the Wisconsin Paper Council for the 2005-2006 fiscal year at the association's 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, May 26, at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton.

He succeeds Thomas J. Howatt, president & ceo, Wausau Paper, Mosinee.

A native of Medford, Wisconsin, Wanke graduated from UW – Stevens Point. He joined what was then Consolidated Papers in 1985 as a process engineer at the Biron Mill. He advanced to assistant paper machine superintendent, and was then transferred to the Wisconsin Rapids Paper Mill in 1990 as operations coordinator on the start-up of paper machine 16. Wanke advanced through the positions of assistant superintendent, finishing/quality superintendent, and assistant production manager. In 1997, Wanke was promoted to production manager at the Kimberly Mill, advancing to vice president and mill manager in 2000. In 2003, he was promoted to senior vice president, fine paper.

Wanke currently oversees Stora Enso North America's fine paper operations, including the Wisconsin Rapids mills pulp and paper operation, and the Kimberly Mill. He also has responsibility for Stora Enso's engineering, division maintenance and research.

Thomas E. Ekelin, controller – fine paper, Stora Enso, Wisconsin Rapids, will serve as the association's treasurer.

The Wisconsin Paper Council is the trade association that represents the pulp, paper and allied industry in the state.

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