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■ *Botnia* has named **Mikael Westerlund** as senior vice president, Finance and member of the management group of Botnia. Westerlund previously held similar posts at Orbis Group and Nordic Aluminium Corp.

■ *Catalyst Paper* has named **Brian Baarda** as vice president, finance and chief financial officer. Baarda most recently served as vice-president, operations. He replaces **David Smales**, who has left Catalyst to join a Toronto-based construction and infrastructure development firm.



Brian Baarda

■ *Domtar* has named **Mark Ushpol** as senior vice president of Distribution, effective January 4, 2010. Ushpol will be responsible for the Domtar Distribution Group, Domtar's merchant business. He will be based in Covington, Kentucky.

■ *International Paper* said that **Mark Sutton**, currently senior vice president of Global Supply Chain, will become senior vice president, Printing & Communications Papers the Americas. Also, **Tom Kadien**, currently senior vice president and president, xpedx, will become senior vice president, Consumer Packaging and IP Asia; **Mary Laschinger**, currently senior vice president and president, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Russia, will become senior vice president and president, xpedx; and **Maximo Pacheco**, currently senior vice president and president of IP Brazil and Latin America, will become senior vice president and president, IP Europe, Middle East, Africa and Russia.

■ *Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging* said that **Lou Loosbrock** has joined the company as sales and marketing vice president. Loosbrock comes to Longview after serving as president of the industrial and institutional services division of Nalco.

■ *Rayonier* has promoted **Paul G. Boynton** to executive vice president, Forest Resources and Real Estate. In a related move, **Jack M. Kriesel** has been promoted to senior vice president, Performance Fibers, taking the position previously held by Boynton.



Paul Boynton



Jack Kriesel

■ *SCA Tissue North America* said that **Don Jordan** has been named Regional Director, Southwest Operations. Jordan will be based in Flagstaff, Arizona and oversee the company's paper mill and converting operations in Flagstaff and Bellemont.



Don Jordan

■ *Smurfit-Stone Container* announced the appointment of **Michael Exner** as senior vice president and general manager of the company's Containerboard Mill division, effective January 1, 2010. Most recently, Exner served as International Paper's vice president of manufacturing for Containerboard. Smurfit-Stone also has named **Tom Gibson** as vice president and general manager of the company's Sheet Feeder region.



Michael Exner

ASSOCIATIONS

■ *The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)* said that **Erik Heilman** has joined the Association as a Director of Government Affairs. Heilman previously served in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Department of Commerce and both the U.S. House and Senate.

RESIGNATION

■ **Christian Rynning-Tonnesen**, CEO of *Norske Skog*, has resigned his position and will be taking the CEO post at Statkraft, a Norwegian state-owned power company, on June 1, 2010. Rynning-Tonnesen will continue to serve as CEO of Norske Skog for an undetermined period of time.

RETIREMENTS

■ At *International Paper*, **Wayne Brafford**, senior vice president, Printing & Communications Papers, announced his retirement, effective Dec. 31, 2009. **Mike Balduino**, senior vice president, Consumer Packaging, and **Tom Gestrich**, senior vice president and president, IP Asia, also announced their retirements, effective Dec. 31, 2009.

■ **Timothy H. Brannon** has retired from his position as senior vice president, Forest Resources for *Rayonier*. Brannon has agreed to remain with the company until March 2010 as senior vice president, special projects.



Timothy Brannon