

Virginia Loggers Association
2023 Annual Meeting Program
Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, August 17- 20, 2023
“Preparing Today For Tomorrow’s Economy”

Thursday August 17 - 10 am– 11 pm:

- Exhibitors’ setup: 10 am – 11 pm in
- Registration Open: 2 - 7 pm
- Virginia Forestry Education Foundation Board of Directors/Ken Morgan - afternoon

Friday 8 am to 11 pm – Registration Open & Exhibits

- Exhibitors: 8 am – 5 pm
- Registration: 7 am – 5 pm in
- Coffee: 7 am – 11 am

Friday August 18: 9am – 11:30 am – Legal Workshop

- Legal Topics for Businesses: 9 am – 11:00 am in (Kevin Streit – Towing Issues; John Stacy – NLEB; Stephen Setliff - Marijuana & Commercial Trucking; Q & A Bring Your Legal Questions)
- Registration On Going

Friday 1-5 pm August 18: General Session

- Registration Open Until 5 pm

General Session: 1 pm – 5 pm

- 1 – 1:10: Welcome by VLA President Frank Myers & Opening Prayer
- 1:10 – 1:40: Troy Andersen – USFWS - NLEB
- 1:40 – 2:10: Scott Barrett – VT – Logger Survey Results...
- 2:10 – 2:40: Ryan Brown – DWR -Harvesting Benefits Wildlife
- 2:40 – 3:10: Networking/Vendors’ Time w/Refreshments in
- 3:10 – 3:40: Nathan Arnold – BITCO – Workforce Retention / Safety in Logging
- 3:40 – 4:30: Ben Coates Invited – VSP – FMCSA
- 4:30 – 5:00: Cliff Johnson – Acuity Insurance – Intrastate vs Interstate Hauling

Friday 6 – 11 pm August 18:

- Welcome Reception: 6 pm – 7 pm
- Prayer
- Buffet Dinner: 7 pm – 8 pm
- **Guest Speaker – Congressman Bob Good**
- Sponsors’ Recognition
- Log a Load Award – Nikki Robertson
- Supporter of the Year Award
- Network, eat, drink, relax until 11 pm

Saturday 7:30 am – 11:00 pm August 19:

- Registration Continues: 8 am – 1 pm
- Breakfast Buffet: 7 am - 9 am

General Session: 8 am - noon

- 8:00 – 8:30: Rob Farrell, VA State Forester Message
- 8:30 – 8:50: Matt Lohr – SAF – Forestry's Future
- 8:50 – 9:20: Scott Dane – ALC – Logging from 30,000 Feet
- 9:20 – 9:50: Paul Trippe - Economist Bank of America
- 9:50 – 10:20: Networking/Vendors' Time w/Refreshments
- 10:20 – 10:50: Greg Plumley – FM – Your Cost of Making Transportation Decisions
- 10:50 -11:30: Stephen Setliff – General Counsel – Current Legal Affairs
- 11:30 – noon: Frank Myers & Ron Jenkins VLA Status Report

Saturday 8:30 am to 10:30 am – Youth Workshop & Storytelling

- 8:30 – 9:30: Department of Wildlife Resources Youth Program on Virginia Wildlife
- 9:30 – noon: Youth Workshop
- 9:30 – noon: Adult Craft Workshop

Saturday noon to 5:30 PM – Explore the Roanoke Valley and area

- Rafting the Roanoke River (Vance Wright Leader)

Saturday 1:30– 4:30 pm August 19 - SHARP Logger Required Course

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Saturday 5:30 – 11 pm August 19:

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Reception
- Prayer
- 6:45 pm: Buffet Dinner
- **Guest Speaker – Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger**
- President's Award & Outstanding Logger Award
- 8:00 pm Live Auction by Nicely Auction + Silent Auction
- *(5:30 pm to 11 pm - Music by DJ Vicki Shannan, Owner Creative Entertainment)*

Sunday August 20:

- 10:00 am - Exhibitors and VLA must complete removal