

Virginia Loggers Association
2024 Annual Meeting
Williamsburg Lodge – August 8 – 10, 2024
Program

Thursday August 8: 10 am– 11 pm:

- Exhibitors' setup: 10 am – 11 pm in Virginia Room ABC
- Registration Open: 2 - 7 pm in Conference Registration
- **VLA Board of Directors**: 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Governor Jefferson Board Room

Friday August 9: 8 am to 11 pm – Registration Open & Exhibits

- Exhibitors: 8 am – 5 pm Virginia Room ABC
- Registration: 7 am – 5 pm in Conference Registration
- Coffee & pastries: 7 am – 11 am near Conference Registration (sponsor op)

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

- Legal Topics (**Northern Long Eared Bat Update; Human Resources; Employee Handbook**) for Businesses: 9 am – 11:30 am in Virginia Room DEF
- Registration On Going

Friday August 9: 1-5 pm General Session

- Registration Open Until 5 pm in Conference Registration 2
- General Session: 1 pm – 5 pm in Virginia Room DEF
 - 1 – 1:10: Welcome by VLA President **Frank Myers**
 - 1:10 – 1:30: **Mike Davis – “Why is There a Biomass Industry”**
 - 1:35 – 2:05: **Joe Conrad – UGA – “Proactive Solutions to Improve Safety and Reduce Costs of Timber Transportation”**
 - 2:10 – 2:30: Networking/Vendors' Time w/Refreshments in Virginia Room ABC
 - 2:35 – 3:00: **Scott Barrett – VA Tech CNRE**
 - 3:05 – 4:10: **Trooper Cody Childress VSP Motor Carrier Clearing House**
 - 4:15 – 4:45: **Glenn Davis – VA Department of Energy – Virginia's Energy Plan 2.0 – The Path to Affordable, Reliable, & Increasingly Clean Energy Grid**
 - 4:45 – 5:00: **VLA Updates**

Friday August 9: 6 – 11 pm

- Welcome Reception: 6 pm – 7 pm Virginia Foyer
- **Prayer**
- Fire on the Grill Buffet Dinner: 7 pm – 8 pm in Colony Room
- **Guest Speaker – Congressman Rob Wittman**
- Awards VLA Supporter of the Year; Log a Load; Special Recognition
- Recognize Sponsors
- Network, eat, drink, relax until 11 pm

Saturday August 10: 7:30 am – 11:00 pm

- Registration Continues: 8 am – 1 pm in Conference Registration
- The First Colony Breakfast Buffet: 7 am - 9 am in Allegheny room

General Session: 8 am - noon Virginia Room DEF

- 8:00 – 8:20: Welcome & Updates from the Administration – **Matt Lohr, Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry**
- 8:25 – 9:30: **Biomass/Forestry/Energy/Policy Panel Moderated by Frank Myers**
 - **Policy panelists: Amanda Batten, Rob Farrell, John Lee.**
 - **Operations' Panelists: Chris Brown, Vance Wright, Scott Dane, Don Bright**
- 9:35 – 10:05: **James Sweeney –BofA - Market & Economic Outlook for Forest Products**
- 10:10 – 10:40: Networking/Vendors' Time w/Refreshments in Virginia Room ABC
- 10:45 – 11:15: **Erin Smith – BofA – Estate, Tax, & Succession Planning**
- 11:20 - Noon: **Stephen Setliff – General Counsel – “Stuff You Need to Know to Survive 2024”**

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

- 8 – Noon: **Hover Ball Archery by VDWR; Historical Story Telling by Nate Boyer (Long Island Lumber); Youth Workshop by Belle Simpson (Outdoors & Indoors)**
- 9:00 - noon: **Adult Workshop by Rita Hyatt** in Piedmont Room A

Saturday noon to 5:30 PM – Enjoy Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, Shopping, networking, and much more!

Saturday 1:30– 3:30 pm August 13 - SHARP Logger Required Course

- 1:30 – 3:30 pm: Required SHARP Logger CE by VDOF & VT in Piedmont Room C

Saturday 5:30 – 11 pm August 10:

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Reception in Virginia Foyer
- 6:30 pm: Fife & Drum Welcomes Guests to Dinner
- **Frank Myers** Moderates Session, **Opening Prayer**
- 6:45 pm: Flavors of Tidewater Buffet dinner in Virginia Room DEF
- **Guest Speaker Scott Dane**
- **Frank Myers** Announces President's Award
- 8:00 pm Live Auction by Nicely Auction + Silent Auction in Virginia Room DEF – **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOG – A – LOAD FOR KIDS!**
- 9:00 pm to 11 pm – **Colonial DJs Music, Dancing, Networking** in Colony Room

Sunday August 11:

- 10:00 am - Exhibitors and VLA must complete removal
- Check out or stay an extra day or two!

****NOTE: Program Eligible for SHARP Logger & SAF credits. SHARP = Up to 11.5 CEs; SAF Up to 8.5 CEs**