

**Virginia Loggers Association  
2025 Annual Meeting Outline  
August 7– 10, 2025**

**Thursday August 7**

- Registration Setup
- Exhibitors Setup
- Board Meeting – Thursday evening (*SOLITUDE*)

**Friday August 8**

- **9 – 11 am** -- Legal Workshop – Friday morning Setliff Law (Mitchell Goldstein, Stephen Setliff, John Stacey) (*SOLITUDE*)
- Registration – all day (*LATHAM FOYER*)
- Exhibitors Setup

**Presentations 1 to 5 pm**

**Hour One – 1 to 2 pm** (*LATHAM Ballroom*)

Frank Myers, President, *Opening Message*  
Dr. Saskia van de Gevel, Dean of VT CNRE, *Welcome & CNRE's Vision*  
Scott Barrett, Associate Professor VT CNRE, *Virginia's Logging Business Survey, and Updates from Virginia Tech Forest Operations Extension.*

**Hour Two – 2 to 3pm** (*LATHAM Ballroom*)

Dominion Energy Message – *A Message from Dominion Energy*  
Noah Knight & Chris Brooks - Virginia State Police, *National Registry Integration Initiative and/or Clearinghouse II*  
Kim Claytor, Fleet Safe Solutions, *Managing the DOT and Non-DOT Positive Drug/Alcohol Test: What You Need to Know*

**BREAK TIME – 3 to 3:20 pm** (*LATHAM FOYER*)

**Hour Three – 3:20 TO 4PM** (*LATHAM Ballroom*)

John Barksdale, DP Filter Fix, *Diesel Emissions, How it impacts Your Business and What Loggers can do to Reduce Operating Cost*  
Dennis Austin, Georgia Pacific, SFI/SIC – *What it Really Means for our Industry*

**Hour Four – 4 to 5pm** (*LATHAM Ballroom*)

Chris Brown, Enviva, *Taking a Deep Dive into the Wood Pellets Potential*  
Matt Bumgardner, US FS Northern Research Station & Forest Products Laboratory, *Revealing the Facts – Why Hardwoods Have Lost their Appeal?*

**Reception/dinner – 5:30 – 11pm** Sponsor Recognition, President's Award, Special Recognition  
**(LATHAM FOYER AND LATHAM AB)**

**Guest Speaker** – Macy Ware, Carillion Miracle Children Hospital, *Importance of Log a Load for Kids to Carillion*

**Live Auction -**

**Auctioneers** - Blaine Reese & Stacy Reel (J&S Reel Logging)

**After the Auction – Open Bar Continue to Network, Relax and Enjoy Life with Friends!**

**BREAKFAST Saturday August 9**

**General 7 to 8am – (LATHAM BALLROOM)**

**Spouses & Youth Not Attending General Session 7 to 9am – (SOLITUDE)**

**Presentations 8 am to noon**

**Hour One – 8 to 9am (LATHAM Ballroom)**

Frank Myers, *Opening Remarks*

Matthew Lohr, Secretary of VA Agriculture & Forestry, *The Future of Virginia's Forestry*

Erin Smith, J.D. Senior Vice President Truist Wealth, *What the Big Beautiful Bill May Mean for You*

**Hour Two - 9 to 10 (LATHAM Ballroom)**

Hans Klinger, President of Virginia Home Builders Association, *The Outlook for Housing in Virginia - Hear what is happening with the housing market in Virginia and what the future housing market may look like*

Karen Jackson, Sr. Fellow Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics Systems, *What's in the Future for Sustainable Aviation Fuel*

**BREAK TIME -10 to 10:20am (LATHAM FOYER)**

**Hour Three – 10:20 TO 11am (LATHAM Ballroom)**

Pete Stewart, President & CEO Resource Wise, *Timber Markets and How Loggers Figure In*

James Sweeney, III, Bank of America CFA Managing Director Market Investment Executive, , *Navigating the Economic Winds and Timber Markets*

**Hour Four – 11 to noon (LATHAM Ballroom)**

Stephen Setliff, Setliff Law & VLA General Counsel, *Bracing for Change: Legal Priorities for Virginia's Timber Industry*

Rob Farrell, VA State Forester, *Virginia's Forests and their Future*

### **Special Activities**

- **9 – 11 am** – Spouses Workshop Rita Hyatt (***DUCK POND***)
- **9 – 11 am** Youth Workshop Department of Wildlife Resources (Lead Belle Simpson)  
**INDOOR WILDLIFE FURS (*DRILLFIELD*), AIR ARCHERY (WEATHER PERMITTING) OUTDOORS (*GREAT LAWN*)**
- **1 – 3pm** - SHARP Logger Required (***DUCK POND***)
- **Noon – 4 pm** - Float the New River
- **6 pm to 11 pm** - Reception & banquet evening/ Guest Speaker Scott Dane (***LATHAM FOYER AND LATHAM AB***)
- Silent auction for Log a Load for Kids Fund Raiser
- Fun & Entertainment – ***Creative Entertainment -DJ***

### **Sunday August 10**

- **8 to 9 am** – Church Service w/Pastor Steve Darr and Country Praise Musicians
- (***LATHAM AB***)
- **10 am** – All exhibits must be removed