

VLA 2026 Program (*In-Progress*)

August 6 – 9, 2026

Thursday August 6

- Registration Setup
- Exhibitors Setup\
- VWC Biomass Subcommittee Meeting
- Boatd Meeting – 6:30 pm with Secretary Katie Frazier

Friday August 7

- 9 – 11 am -- Legal Workshop (**Subject Matter Subject to Change**)
 - John Stacy – Workers Compensation Claims
 - Caleb Setliff – Commercial Law Issues in Forest Products
- Registration – all day
- Exhibitors Setup

Presentations 1 to 5 pm:

- 1 – 1:15 - Frank Myers, President’s Welcome
- 1:20 – 1:45 - Katie Frazier, Secretary of Ag & Forestry Welcome/Overview of Administration
- 1:50 – 2:15 - Rocky Goodnow, Forest Advisors
- 2:20 – 3:00 - Blake Taylor, FCB, Economic Trends Impacting the Logging Industry
- Break – 3:00 – 3:20
- 3:20 – 4:00 - Sharon Crabbe, FCB, Fraud Prevention for Business Owners
- 4:00 – 4:30 - Ralph (Ed) Thomas, USFS, Research Scientist - Appalachian Hardwood Roundwood Market
- 4:30 – 4:50 – Ben Coates -VSP Updates on Motor Carrier Laws

VLA Legislators’ Reception & banquet evening 6 to 11pm:

- Reception – 6 to 6:45 pm
- Fife & Drum Leads to Dinner
- Banquet – 7:00 – 7:45
- 7:55 – 8:20 - Guest Speaker – **Congressman John McGuire**
- 8:25 – 8:45 - Nation Builder - **Patrick Henry**
- 8:45 – 9:00 - Recognition of Legislators

Live Auction Immediately Following Banquet Events

- 9:00 – 11:00 - Kathryn Ryan, King’s Daughters Children’s Miracle Hospital Opening Remarks
- Auction conducted by Auctioneers Blaine Reese & Stacy Reel

Saturday August 8

Presentations 8 am to noon

- President’s Opening Remarks

- 8:15 – 8:40 - Terry Lasher – State Forester
- 8:45 – 9:25 - Scott Dane – accomplishments, next steps, rebuilding
- 9:30 – 10:20 - Stephen Setliff – What to Do Within 24 Hours Following an Accident
- 10:20 – 10:40 - Scott Barrett, VT CNRE, Supply Chain
- 10:45 – 11:15 - Doug Douglas, BofA, Economy’s Impact on the Timber Industry in VA/NC
- 11:20 – 11:50 - Toni McAllister, VP McMannus Timber Co & Executive Director Louisiana Loggers Association

9 – 11 am – Spouses Workshop

- Rita Hyatt – Leader of Creative Creations

9 – 11 am Youth Workshop

1 – 3pm - SHARP Logger Required

President’s Reception & Banquet 6 to 11pm:

- 6 pm - Reception
- 6:45 – 7:30 pm -President’s Banquet
- 7:35 – 8:10 - Guest Speaker Toni McAllister (*A Logger’s Daughter*)
- 8:15 – 8:30 - Setliff / VLA Safety Award
- 8:35 – 8:50 - Sponsors’ Recognition
- 9:00 – 11:00 - Entertainment & Networking– *Colonial DJs*

Sunday, August 9

- 8:30 – 9:30 am - Church Service - Pastor Shawn Fulks
- 10 am - Check out