

VLA 17th Annual Conference
August 23 – 25, 2019
The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA

Invitation

Virginia Loggers Association invites you to join your friends and associates at the Homestead on August 23 – 25 and celebrate our 17th year representing loggers and forest industry. Register today and reserve your lodging now to make this year our best ever reflecting our joy and love for our industry! We are the stewards of the forest!

Look for the special remembrance of those who have passed away!

At a Glance.....

Thursday Evening (7 PM – 11 PM)	Registration, Exhibitors and Hospitality Room Open
Friday Morning (8 – 11:30 AM) - Optional	Tour Speyside Bourbon Stave Mill
Friday (8 AM – 11 PM)	Registration, Exhibits, Homestead Activities, Memorial to Loved Ones

Presentations

Friday Afternoon (12:45 – 5:15 PM)

- Rob Farrell, Virginia State Forester, Welcome & Virginia Hardwoods
- Marinho Goncalves, VOSH
- VA State Police, Motor Carrier Changes and Updates
- Stephen Setliff, Attorney Setliff Law, Casualty Claims
- Scott Barrett, VT Associate Professor & SHARP Logger

Friday Evening (6 – 9 PM)	Welcome Reception (Virginia Representatives Invited)
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Friday Evening (9 - 11 PM)	Hospitality Room Open
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Saturday Morning (6:30 – 8:30 AM)

Breakfast

Presentations

Saturday Morning 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM

- Ewell Smith, CLA Ex. Director, Rebuilding Following Disasters
- Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry, Forests & Markets
- Miranda Gowell, TEAM Safe Trucking Special Projects Manager
- Nikki – Dee Ray, Television Meteorologist, Weather Tips in the Woods
- Terry Austin, VA House of Delegates Virginia’s Transportation Challenges & I 81

Saturday Morning Optional Events

- Visit Exhibits
- Workshop (“Christmas In August”) create something for home
- Walking Tour with a Homestead Guide
- Homestead Activities (see Activity Rate Sheet in Your Packet)
- Shopping and More.....

Saturday Afternoon Options (1:00 – 5:00 PM)

SHARP Logger Required Training (1-3PM), Family Time, Homestead Activities

Saturday Evening (6 – 11 PM)

Reception, Dinner, Awards, Auction, Memorial Celebration

Sunday Morning (11 AM)

Check Out! You can also extend you stay for two days at the discounted rates!

Lodging Information

Easy to make reservations at the Homestead either online or by telephone:

Online: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/homestead-virginia/meetings/virginia-loggers-assn-annual-meeting-2019>

Telephone: 1.800.838.1766

Run of House \$156/night single \$156/night double

Upgraded Rooms and Suites also available for you!

Speakers:

Delegate Terry L. Austin



Elected in 2013 to the House of Delegates, Terry has served the constituents of the 19th District for five years. His current committee assignments include Transportation, Rules, Counties, Cities and Towns. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia and Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS). In 2017 he was appointed to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), which seeks to ensure that the Commonwealth's appropriated funds are being utilized effectively and efficiently.

Terry is also a member of the Rotary Club of Buchanan and serves on the Board of the Bank of Botetourt. Terry and his wife, Kathy, live in the Buchanan area of Botetourt. Terry has three adult children, Catie Austin-Brown, Natalie Austin and Benjamin Austin and a grown stepson, Josh Boblett. He also has eight grandchildren, Jack, Ella, Addie, Tate, Silas, Birdie, Ruby and Ann.

Dr. Scott Barrett, Virginia Tech



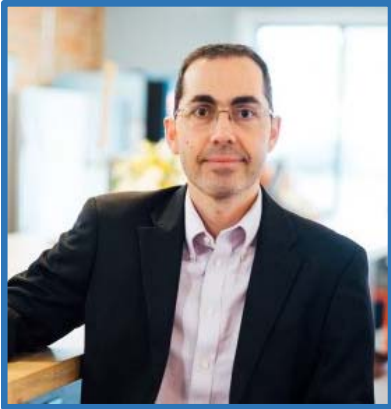
Scott Barrett is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Forest Operations in the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation. He has been involved in research projects related to biomass utilization, implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the protection of water quality, and recently completed a research project focused on log truck crashes. He also serves as the coordinator for the Virginia SHARP logger program (www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) which is Virginia's SFI Logger training program and has over 1300 individuals that are active in the program. He has worked at Virginia Tech since 2002 as the Coordinator for the VA SHARP Logger Program. Scott received his degrees in Forestry from VA Tech. He received a B.S. in Forestry in 1998, an M.S. in Forest Operations in 2001, and a Ph.D. in Forest Operations in 2013.

Rob Farrell, VA State Forester



Rob Farrell was appointed State Forester of Virginia by Governor Ralph Northam in January 2018. Prior to this he served as the Deputy State Forester for the past five years. Rob joined the Department of Forestry as the Area Forester for Gloucester and Mathews Counties in 2000. In 2007 he moved to the DOF headquarters in Charlottesville as the director of the new forestland conservation program. Prior to the DOF, Rob worked as an arborist and urban forester in Maryland and Virginia. He is a Certified Arborist and has a B.S. and M.S. in Forestry from Virginia Tech.

Marinho Goncalves, VOSH



Marinho Goncalves joined the Department of Labor and Industry – VOSH Consultation Program in 2018 to be part of the Central Region team (Richmond Office). Marinho is a graduate of UTAD and FCT (Portugal) with a Master’s in Forestry and Bioenergy and is currently pursuing a MBA with a focus in Renewable Energy and Energy Management. Marinho has close to 15 years of experience working in the Forestry and Biomass to Energy sectors. He has worked in the R&D sector for the Pulp and Paper sector in Portugal and in the Renewables Sector in the Caribbean/CentAm region. Currently Marinho focus on providing Safety and Health services to Small to Mid-Size companies with a special focus on Logging/Landscaping/Tree Trimming companies

Miranda Gowell



Miranda is Special Projects Manager for TEAM Safe Trucking. Miranda’s career has focused on many types of Construction/Contracting professions. They include Tower Erecting, General Construction, Electrical, and Logging. She is a certified OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 HR Construction trainer. She facilitates “train-the-trainer” programs for Tower Rescue, Fall Protection Systems, Fall Prevention, Fork Lifts and Confined Space Entry. She is a Certified Safety and Health Specialist in Construction and is two classes away from becoming an OSHA Certified Safety and Health Official.

Miranda has a Degree in Project Management and has completed Master’s Level coursework in Education, Leadership, and other Occupational Safety and Health areas.

Nikki-Dee Ray



Meteorologist Nikki-Dee Ray can be seen weekdays on Central Virginia's number one morning show, CBS 6 This Morning. The Alabama native attended Auburn University and Mississippi State University where she graduated with a B.S. in Atmospheric Sciences.

As the nation’s youngest female chief meteorologist, Nikki-Dee led a team of Texas meteorologists through numerous severe weather events. She was awarded “Best Local TV Weathercaster” in 2013 and 2014. Since joining the Central Virginia community, Nikki-Dee has been named Style Weekly’s “Favorite Meteorologist” in 2016 & 2017.

Bettina Ring, Secretary of Ag & Forestry



A Virginia native, Bettina Ring was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to serve as the 7th State Forester in this Commonwealth's history, leading the Virginia Department of Forestry into its second century of serving and protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth. Bettina began her career with the VDOF and held a number of leadership positions within the agency, including deputy state forester, during her 14 years with the agency. Bettina most recently came to VDOF from the American Forest Foundation where she was the senior vice president of family forests, a position responsible for overseeing the American Tree Farm System – the largest and oldest sustainable woodland program in America. Bettina has also served as executive director of the Bay Area Open Space Council in San Francisco and was the executive director of the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts. She holds a BS Degree in Forestry and Wildlife from Virginia Tech and a Masters of Business Administration from James Madison University.

Stephen Setliff, Setliff Law



Stephen Setliff represents trucking companies, their insurers and their drivers in a wide variety of claims, including catastrophic personal injury, property damage, and toxic cleanup. He also handles worker's compensation claims, negotiating, drafting and enforcement of commercial agreements, including brokerage and independent contractor agreements, traffic citations including felony charges, and employment claims under the Surface Transportation Assistance Act. His practice covers the gamut of trucking litigation, from first scene accident investigation to effectively and efficiently trying cases to verdict. He serves as the General Counsel to the Virginia Trucking Association and is an active member of the Virginia Movers and Warehousemen Association, the American Moving and Storage Association, the International Association of Movers, The National Truck and Heavy Equipment Claims Council, and the Virginia Loggers Association.

Ewell Smith, Executive Director Carolina Loggers Assoc.



Leveraging prior crisis experiences, Ewell created Logs For The Cause to aid first responders and veterans impacted by Hurricane Florence. Ewell serves as the chairman of CLA's Pro Trucking program. Prior to CLA, Ewell was Executive Director starting the Gulf Seafood Institute which is now the go-to source for Congress for all fisheries issues related to the Gulf of Mexico. Ewell is the co-chair of GSI's Gulf Seafood Foundations' crisis committee. Prior to GSI, Ewell was the Executive Director of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board building the Louisiana Seafood brand nationally and entering into to global markets. Ewell led the Louisiana and Gulf seafood industries through two of our nation's largest disasters, Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill. Ewell created and served as Executive Producer of the Great American Seafood Cook Off seen on Food Network and PBS. Prior to his time with the seafood board, Ewell traveled the US as a spokesperson at major universities and architectural firms representing the Southern Forest Products Association. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans, a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Louisiana State University and he's a graduate of NFI's Future Leaders and LSU Ag Leadership Development programs.