



2024 ANNUAL MEETING

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
FRA SOUTHCENTRAL REGION
SPRING MEETING

THE WESTIN
NASHVILLE
APRIL 29 - MAY 1
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



FRA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

In Conjunction with the FRA 2024 Southcentral Region Spring Meeting

“Sustaining Progress, Navigating Change”

Monday, April 29 – Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Westin Nashville – Nashville, TN

All times are listed in Central

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:00AM – 5:00PM Registration

ROOM

Vanderbilt Prefunction

FRA 2024 Southcentral Region Meeting

8:00AM – 9:30AM Southcentral Region Meeting Awards Breakfast

Vanderbilt III-V

9:30AM – 11:45AM Southcentral Region Meeting

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9:30AM – 10:15AM SmartLam’s US Operations and the Future of Cross Laminated Timber/Mass Timber

Derek Ratchford – CEO, SmartLam North America

10:15AM – 11:00AM FRA & University Partnerships: Can the Timber Harvesting & Procurement Short Course Be a Model for Future Collaboration?

Dr. Dale Greene – Retired Dean, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources (University of Georgia)

Dr. Tom Gallagher – Emeritus Professor of Forest Operations, Auburn University

Panel Moderator: Dr. Joe Conrad – Associate Professor of Forest Operations, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources (University of Georgia)

11:00AM – 11:30AM An Innovative Approach to Promote Logger Safety

*Candace Dinwiddie – Executive Director, Tennessee Forestry Association
Heather Slayton – State Forester and Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Division of Forestry*

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM Society of American Foresters (SAF) Update

Rebecca Barnard – 2024 President, Society of American Foresters



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11:45AM – 1:00PM Southcentral Region Steering Committee Business Meeting Vanderbilt III-V
1:00PM Southcentral Region Meeting Adjourns

FRA 2024 Annual Meeting

11:30AM – 2:30PM Executive Committee Meeting with Working Lunch Gulch I-II
By Invitation Only

12:30PM – 2:00PM Welcome Lunch Gulch III

3:00PM – 3:30PM FRA 2024 Annual Meeting Kick-Off Vanderbilt III-V
Video Welcome Message - Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
Heather Slayton - State Forester and Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Division of Forestry

3:30PM – 5:00PM National Public Policy/Advocacy Committee Session Vanderbilt III-V

3:30PM – 4:15PM National Forest Operations Training Coalition: Inception and Next Steps
Les Werner- Director of Wisconsin Forestry Center, College of Natural Resources, UW Stevens Point

4:15PM – 5:00PM The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)
Rebecca Barnard – Forestry Certification Manager, Sappi North America

5:00PM – 5:15 PM Committee Business Meeting

5:30PM Welcome Reception & Dinner L-27 Roof Terrace

From 7:00 PM Enjoy Broadway at your Leisure

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM – 5:30PM Registration Vanderbilt Prefunction

7:00AM – 8:00AM Breakfast Gulch

8:00AM – 8:45AM FRA Annual Member Meeting Gulch

9:00AM – 9:45AM CEO Speaker Session: Vanderbilt III-V
Forester as CEO: Lessons Learned on a Leadership Journey
Brad Southern – Chairman and CEO, LP Building Solutions

10:00AM – 10:45AM Speaker Session: Vanderbilt III-V
Time to Accept the Economy is Good- How Long Can It Last?
Curtis Dubay – Chief Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

10:45AM – 11:00AM Break



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11:00AM – 12:30PM	National Supplier/Consumer Relations Committee Meeting	SoBro
11:00AM – 11:45AM	Tracking Wood from Harvest Site to the Mill: Meeting Geolocation Criteria for EUDR <i>Jeff Widmer - Senior Business Consultant, Trimble</i>	
11:45AM - 12:30PM	Committee Business Meeting	
12:30PM – 1:30PM	Lunch	Gulch
1:30PM – 2:15PM	CEO Speaker Session: Consulting Business Perspective on Forest and Land Management Changes <i>Lee Ann Steigerwaldt – President and CEO, Steigerwaldt</i>	Vanderbilt III-V
2:30PM – 4:00PM	National Operations Committee Meeting	SoBro
2:30PM – 3:15PM	Changing the Narrative: Safety & Sustainability <i>Haroon Syed – VP of Dedicated Services, Schneider</i>	
3:15PM - 4:00PM	Committee Business Meeting	
5:30PM – 6:15PM	Reception	Vanderbilt Prefunction
6:15PM	National Awards Dinner and THATS Live Auction	Vanderbilt

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

ROOM

7:00AM – 9:00AM	Breakfast	Gulch
7:30AM – 9:00AM	THATS Foundation Meeting	SoBro II
9:00AM – 9:30AM	Speaker Session: Wood Innovations Program: Impacts and Opportunities <i>Adam Smith - Wood Innovations Specialist - U.S. Forest Service</i>	Gulch
9:30AM – 11:30AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Gulch
11:30AM	FRA 2024 Annual Meeting Adjourns	

Meetings are open to all unless otherwise stated.