

Meeting Agenda

FRA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

In conjunction with the FRA 2024 Southcentral Region Spring Meeting

Monday, April 29 – Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Westin Nashville – Nashville, TN

“Sustaining Progress, Navigating Change”

All times are listed in Central

MONDAY, APRIL 29

ROOM

8:00AM – 5:00PM Registration 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	Vanderbilt III-V
9:30AM – 10:15AM	SmartLam’s US Operations and the Future of Cross-Laminated Timber/Mass Timber <i>Derek Ratchford – CEO, SmartLam North America</i>	
10:15AM – 11:00AM	FRA & University Partnerships: Can the Timber Harvesting & Procurement Short Course Be a Model for Future Collaboration? <i>Dr. Dale Greene – Retired Dean, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia</i> <i>Dr. Tom Gallagher – Emeritus Professor of Forest Operations, Auburn University</i> <i>Panel Moderator: Dr. Joe Conrad – Associate Professor of Forest Operations, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia</i>	
11:00AM – 11:30AM	An Innovative Approach to Promote Logger Safety <i>Candace Dinwiddie – Executive Director, Tennessee Forestry Association</i> <i>Heather Slayton – State Forester and Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Division of Forestry</i>	
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Society of American Foresters (SAF) Update <i>Rebecca Barnard – 2024 President, Society of American Foresters</i>	
11:45AM – 1:00PM	Southcentral Region Steering Committee Business Meeting	Vanderbilt III-V
1:00PM	Southcentral Region Meeting Adjourns	

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FRA 2024 Annual Meeting

11:30AM – 2:30PM	Executive Committee Meeting with Working Lunch <i>By Invitation Only</i>	Gulch I-II
12:30PM – 2:00PM	Welcome Lunch	Gulch III
3:00PM – 3:30PM	FRA 2024 Annual Meeting Kick-Off <i>Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) - Video Welcome Message</i> <i>Heather Slayton - State Forester and Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Division of Forestry</i>	Vanderbilt III-V
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 <i>Les Werner- Director of Wisconsin Forestry Center, College of Natural Resources, UW Stevens Point</i>	
4:15PM – 5:00PM	The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) <i>Rebecca Barnard – Forestry Certification Manager, Sappi North America</i>	
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

ROOM

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: Forester as CEO: Lessons Learned on a Leadership Journey <i>Brad Southern – Chairman and CEO, LP Building Solutions</i>	Vanderbilt III-V
10:00AM – 10:45AM	Keynote Speaker Session: Economic Outlook – How Stable is the U.S. Economy? <i>Curtis Dubay – Chief Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce</i>	Vanderbilt III-V
10:45AM – 11:00AM	Break	

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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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.