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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to Virginia for the NAASF Forest Utilization Committee Meeting on June 2–5, 2008. We have put together an agenda that should be interesting, fun and informative. To make sure that you get a taste of the South, we plan a road trip starting from Blacksburg to Danville to Charlottesville and back to Blacksburg with a few side trips along the way. We have tour buses scheduled to make it a comfortable trip. **Please be sure to make your own reservations at the hotels listed on the enclosed sheets.** We have blocked out rooms at the government rate for each location.

The official location of the meeting is Blacksburg. We will start and finish there and for those of you who are flying, Roanoke Regional Airport is the best option. A shuttle service runs between the airport and Blacksburg. **Please note that reservations should be made at least 48 hours in advance** (see page 2 of the Hotel Reservations for information on Roanoke Airport Transportation Service, Inc.). We plan to make a stop at an airport hotel in Roanoke on our way back Thursday afternoon for those who want to leave then. Otherwise, there will be shuttles available Friday morning to take you to the airport.

We would like everyone to e-mail their state reports to Arlice Banks at arbanks@vt.edu by May 16 so that we can have them available for everyone at the meeting. We plan to give each state five minutes during the meeting to highlight a project or program. For representatives attending from the Northeastern NAASF states, reimbursement up to \$1,200 per state is available. Reimbursement forms will be available for those individuals at the meeting.

Enclosed are a meeting agenda, registration form, information on hotels, matching funds donation form, and brochures on Monticello (Thomas Jefferson's home) and Michie Tavern, our Wednesday evening tour and dinner (optional). This is a great opportunity to have a special tour of the home and grounds of one of our founding fathers, and to eat in a historic 18th century tavern. Please be sure to indicate if you have any special accommodations or meal needs.

Except for Sunday and Tuesday nights (and those who do not go on the Monticello/Michie Tavern tour on Wednesday) all meals and snacks are included with registration. Monday night we will have the annual state gift swap after dinner. We look forward to a wonderful week of swapping gifts, stories, and experiences old and new.

If you have any questions, please contact Arlice Banks at (540) 231-7051. We look forward to seeing you in June.

Best wishes,

Bob Smith
Co-coordinator

Charlie Becker
Co-coordinator

Enclosures

Invent the Future

Registration

2008 NAASF Forest Utilization Committee Annual Meeting

Holiday Inn, Blacksburg, June 2, – June 5, 2008

****Registration Deadline – May 1, 2008****

Name _____ Spouse (if attending) _____

Representing _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____ E-mail _____

There will be no formal spouse/family program. However, there are a number of attractions and activities in the area. Tours are open to spouses with prepaid full or daily registration.

Full Registration

Includes: *Welcome Reception & Dinner Monday evening*
All Lunches, breaks, and refreshments
Bus travel during the meeting
Continental breakfast

Number of Full Registrations _____ @ \$250.00 \$ _____

Partial-Registration

Includes: Welcome reception, Monday refreshments/lunch and dinner, Bus trip to WERC Center
Tuesday continental breakfast, lunch and tour of VT campus.

Number of Partial Registrations _____ @ \$150.00 \$ _____

Wednesday, June 4 – (Optional) Evening Monticello Tour and Dinner at Michie Tavern @ \$60 \$ _____

Daily Registration for Spouses

Monday, June 2 _____ @ \$25 (Evening welcome reception – Holiday Inn) \$ _____

Wednesday, June 4 _____ @ \$60 (Evening Monticello Tour & Dinner at Michie Tavern) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Northeast Utilization and Marketing Council

Mail registration and payment to:

College of Natural Resources
(Attn. Arlice K. Banks)
Virginia Tech
Room 324 Cheatham Hall, Mail Code 0324
Blacksburg, VA 24061

_____ Please check here if you have special needs in order to participate in this program. We would appreciate you contacting us at least three (3) weeks in advance in order to accommodate your needs. Thank you.

Please note that each registrant is responsible for making their own hotel registrations using the enclosed list of hotel accommodations with telephone numbers listed. Please state that you are with the NE U&M Council to get the conference rate.

Questions???? Please call Arlice Banks @ 540-231-7051 or email her at: arbanks@vt.edu

Hotel Reservations

Below are the meeting hotels and the contact information for each. You will need to register at each one for the nights you will be staying. We have blocks of reserved under “**NE Utilization & Marketing (U&M) Council.**”

Blacksburg – Sunday and Monday nights (June 1 and 2)

Holiday Inn – University

900 Prices Fork Road

Blacksburg, VA 24060

540.552.7001

\$77 (per diem) + taxes

Contact Person: Whitney Altizer

Danville – Tuesday night (June 3)

Best Western Windsor Inn & Suites

1292 S. Boston Road

Danville, VA 24540

434.483.5000

\$70 (per diem) + taxes

Contact Person: Deborah Rosa

Charlottesville – Wednesday night (June 4) - Exit 120 from I-64

Holiday Inn - Monticello

1200 5th Street SW

Charlottesville, VA 22902

434.977.5100

\$93.00 (per diem) + taxes

Contact Person: Aimee Newcomb

Roanoke (Airport Hotel) – Thursday night (June 5)

Hyatt Place
5040 Valley View Blvd.
Roanoke, VA 24012
540.366.4700
\$84 (per diem) + taxes
Contact Person: Libby Camper

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Roanoke Airport Transportation Service, Inc.

For shuttle Service between the Roanoke Regional Airport and Blacksburg, VA. Rate will vary depending on number of people in the group to ride the van. Group discounts available. Please call 1.800.299.1958 for reservations. **Please let operator know that you are with the NE U&M Council Meeting AND if you are willing to share a ride. **Reservations should be made at least 48 hours in advance.****

**Thursday, June 5, Afternoon Session:
Southern Yellow Pine Post and Pressure
Treatment Plant**

12:30 p.m. - Arrive at Madison Wood
Preservatives
Post peeling, Pressure treating,
Drying

3:00 p.m. - Leave for Blacksburg

5:30 p.m. - Arrive at Airport hotel (Hyatt Place)

6:30 p.m. - Arrive at Blacksburg (Holiday Inn)
Dinner on your own

Friday, June 6, Safe Travels

Shuttle to airport

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**Northeastern Area
Association of State
Foresters Forest Utilization
Committee Annual Meeting**

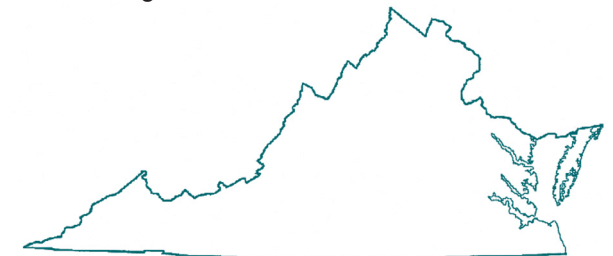
June 2 - 5, 2008
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia

Hosted by:

Virginia Department of Forestry
Department of Wood Science and
Forest Products and the
College of Natural Resources,
Virginia Tech

Sponsored by:

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and Extension Service - Natural
Resource Extension
National Association of State Foresters
NAASF Forest Utilization Committee
Northeastern Area Association of State
Foresters
Virginia Forest Products Association
Wood Education and Resource Center,
Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry,
Forest Service, U.S. Department
of Agriculture



NAASF Forest Utilization Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 2 - Morning Session: Welcome and Setting the Stage

- 8:00 a.m. - Welcome, Orientation - Bob Smith
- 8:15 a.m. - Setting the Stage - Sloane Crawford
- 8:30 a.m. - State & Private Forest (S&FP) Redesign, Program Requirements - Sherri Wormstead
- 9:10 a.m. - National U&M Program - Alec Giffen
- 9:50 a.m. - **Partner Reports**
Forest Products Lab - Rusty Dramm
Forest Service - Ted Beauvais and Steve Yaddof
Research Stations
State Reports (time allows)
- 10:30 a.m. - Leave for WERC Center

Monday, June 2 - Afternoon Session: Wood Education Resource Center and Forest Products Lab, Princeton, WV

- 11:45 a.m. - Arrive at WERC Center and Lunch Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. - Welcome and Update of WERC activities - Steve Milauskas
Key project highlights - Ed Cesa
HONEY!, The Training Information Exchange Information Website, and Hardwood Value Improvement Program (HVIP) updates - Al Steele
Networking Directory Update - Larry Osborn
Biomass Update - Lew McCreery
- 2:15 p.m. - Break
- 2:30 p.m. - Global market update - Al Schuler
- 3:00 p.m. - Tour of WERC facilities and Rough Mill
- 4:00 p.m. - Tour of NRS Lab and presentations
- 5:10 p.m. - Bus departs for Blacksburg
- 6:15 p.m. - Return to Hotel
- 7:00 p.m. - Reception with buffet and State gift swamp, etc.

Tuesday, June 3 - Morning Session: Forest Products Research at Virginia Tech

- 8:00 a.m. - Moderator - Bob Smith
Cellulosic Ethanol - Kevin Edgar
Nanotechnology - Scott Rennecker
Southern Biomass Initiative - Bob Munsel
Lean Manufacturing - Earl Kline
State Reports (time allows)
Other
Lunch at Hotel

Tuesday, June 3, Afternoon Session: Campus and Brooks Forest Products Center Tour

- 1:00 p.m. - Campus Tour
Brooks Center, Welcome - Paul Winistorfer
Pallet Lab
Other
- 4:00 p.m. - Leave for Danville
- 6:30 p.m. - Arrive Danville Hotel
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, June 4, Morning Session: Forest Products Promotion - Education and Economic Development and Swedewood Manufacturing

- 7:30 a.m. - Board buses
- 7:45 a.m. - Arrive Danville Advance Technology Center
Welcome - Gerald Sexton
Economic Development and Forest Products Industry - Paul Winistorfer, Mike Sexton, etc.
Training for new wood manufacturing industries
WoodLINKS
- 10:15 a.m. - Swedewood Tour
- 11:30 a.m. - Leave for Morgan Lumber Company

Wednesday, June 4, Afternoon Session: Morgan Lumber Company Southern Pine Mill

- Noon - Arrive Morgan Lumber
(Boxed lunch)
Welcome by Ken Morgan, Don Bright
Sawmill, Dry Kiln, Planer Mill, Shaving Mill, etc.
- 3:00 p.m. - Leave for Hotel
- 5:15 p.m. - Arrive at hotel (Holiday Inn, Monticello)
- 5:45 p.m. - Leave for Monticello
- 6:00 p.m. - Tour of Monticello
- 7:15 p.m. - Leave for Michie Tavern
- 7:30 p.m. - Arrive at Michie Tavern for Social/Dinner
Return to Hotel by 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 5, Morning Session: Virginia Department of Forestry and Business Meetings

- 7:30 a.m. - Leave for DOF Central Office
- 7:50 a.m. - Arrive at DOF Central Office
- 8:00 a.m. - Welcome by State Forester - Carl Garrison
- 8:15 a.m. - Ecological Services Project - Buck Kline
- 9:00 a.m. - RC&D Forestry Program - David Richert
State Reports
Ailanthus Utilization - Charlie Becker (time permitting)
- 10:00 a.m. - NAASF Forest Utilization Business Meeting - Sloane Crawford
Southern U&M Business Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. - Leave for Madison Wood Preservers (box lunch)

**NORTHEAST U & M COUNCIL
MATCHING FUNDS DONATION FORM**

I agree to donate the time for (Name) _____

an employee of (Agency) _____

(Address) _____

to be used as the match for a federal grant. My agency will not use this time or the dollar amount (including fringe benefits and other associated costs) as either a direct cost or matching funds for any federal grants obtained by my agency.

Name of training program: _____

Total dollars to be used by the NE U&M Council to match the federal grant: _____

Total days _____ Rate per day (include fringe) _____

Travel costs (not billed to U & M Council) _____

Mileage /airfare _____

Hotel _____

Meals _____

Total funds donated (employee pay plus travel costs) _____

Administrator _____

Agency _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Return to:

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