**COFE 2017**

**“Forest Engineering, from Where We’ve Been, to Where We’re Going”**

**July 30 – August 2, 2017**

Sunday 7/30 Travel Day

4:30pm-7:30pm Registration

5:00pm-6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:30pm-8:00pm Evening Social/Reception at the hotel

Dinner on your own

Monday 7/31 7:30am Registration

7:30am-8:30am Breakfast

8:30am-8:45am Welcome – Ray Berthiaume COFE 2017 Co-Chair

8:45-9:00 Welcome – Anil Kizha COFE 2017 Co-Chair

9:00-9:30 Keynote Address – Steve Shaler, Director SFR Univ. of Maine

9:30-10:00 Cooperative Forest Research Unit – Brian Roth, Director

10:00am-10:30am Break

10:30am-11:00 Status of the Maine Forest – Dave Struble, MFS

11:00-11:30 Status of the Forest Products Industry – Patrick Strauch, MFPC

11:30-12:00 Professional Logging Force-Master Logger – Dana Doran, PLC

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-1:30 Maple Sugaring, Income Augmentation for Timberland Owners

1:30-2:00 Biomass Energy; A Forest Mgt. Perspective – Han-Sup Han

2:00pm-2:30pm Break

2:30pm -3:00pm How a forest company is working in partnership with its contractors, the

machine manufacturer and the equipment dealer to unlock the potential of

human and machine. The “sectors and settings” initiative KETTERLING PANEL

3:00pm -3:30 pm Loggers for the Future FARRAND

3:30pm -3:50 pm Big Data in Forestry: Big Problems? Tim McDonald

3:50pm-4:10pm Review of Logging Business Characteristics: Comparisons across time and

Between Regions JOSEPH CONRAD

6:00-8:00 Dinner – Bus leaves hotel @5:30pm

Travel to The Sea Dog Restaurant in Bangor for dinner and awards presentation.

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**Agenda (cont.)**

Tuesday 8/1 7:00am-7:45am Breakfast

8:00am Bus leaves for travel to active Logging Operation, Location TBD

Tour the operation, interview the contractor/operators

Travel to Leonard’s Mills

12:00pm Bean hole bean Lunch; tour of the facility with discussions and presentations about the different mills and equipment

Travel to U of Maine

3:00 pm Tour the Advanced Structures and Composites Lab

Travel to Steam Plant Lot along the Stillwater River

5:30pm Van for companions departs the hotel for dinner

6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner along the river: Lobster feed

8:30pm Arrive back at the hotel.

Wednesday 8/2

7:00am-8:00am Breakfast

8:30am-10:30am Concurrent Sessions A & B

10:10am-10:30am Break set up

10:30am-12:30pm Concurrent Sessions C & D

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Wrap up, Business Meeting, COFE 2018 & COFE 2019

There will be water, ice tea, juice, and snacks available during the field day while traveling between locations. There will also be transportation provided from the hotel to the site of the lobster dinner for those companions not attending the field day.

Thank you all for your time, cooperation, and dedication to our organization. I look forward to seeing you and talking with you soon.

Ray