**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 Khiza 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 “Sectors and Settings” Initiative – Ketterling (Panel)

 How a forest company is working in partnership with its

 contractors, machine manufacturer, equipment dealer,

 to unlock the potential of human and machine.

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 **Agenda (cont.)**

 3:00-3:30 Loggers for the Future – Farrand

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

 3:50-4:10 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. If time permits and can be arranged, perhaps an

 historic tour of Bangor prior to dinner.

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-7:45am Breakfast

 7:45am-8:30am COFE Business Meeting & Announcements; 2018 & 2019 COFE

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

 10:10am-10:45am Break

 10:45am-12:45pm Concurrent Sessions C & D

 12:45pm-1:35pm Lunch

 1:35pm Wrap Up and Adjourn

 Dinner on your own

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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