

Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association 2025 Spring Meeting

May 8 - 9
Holiday Inn Express
1711 Riverview Way
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

Program

Thursday, May 8 Friday, May 9 7:30—8:00 AM Meeting Registration at Location: Holiday Inn Express - Conference Room Maple Hardwoods, Inc. 5839 N 3 Mile Rd, Pickford 8:45-9:00 AM Welcome and Announcements 8:00— 9:00 AM TOUR: Maple Sawmill 9:00-10:00 AM The Development of Intelligent **Desiccant- Assisted Heat Pump Kiln** 10:15—11:30 AM TOUR: Northland Harvesting 7300 Co. Rd. 403, Newberry Speaker: Randi Dodgson, MI Tech 11:45—12:30 PM Lunch: Timber Charlies 10:00—10:30 AM Networking Break 110 Newberry Ave. Newberry 10:30—11:30 AM Wisconsin to Maine - Kiln 12:45—2:00 PM TOUR: Michigan DNR Center **Operations in the Northeastern** 5666 State Hwy M 123, Newberry **United States** Speaker: Scott Bowe, Professor at Stress Relief 5:00—6:00 PM Kemp Natural Resources Station, Holiday Inn Express - Hospitality Suite University of WI 6:00—7:00 PM **Board Meeting** 11:30—12:00 PM Networking Break Holiday Inn Express - Hospitality Suite 12:00—1:00 PM Open Forum 7:00 PM Holiday Inn Express - Conference Room

2025 Spring Meeting Speakers

Randi Dodgson is a PhD student at Michigan Technological University. Her dissertation research involves the development of structural grading practices for hardwood lumber. She is the program director of Wood Science Technology at Kirtland Community College. She is a hardwood lumber inspector and regional trainor through the National Hardwood Lumber Association. Prior to her work in academia, Randi worked as an industrial designer in the contract furniture industry.

Scott Bowe is a Professor and Forest Products Extension Specialist in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his Ph.D. in Forest Products from Virginia Tech, a M.S. in Forest Products from the University of Minnesota, and a B.S. in Forest Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Scott works closely with the wood products industry in Wisconsin and neighboring states. His current projects focus on forest products markets, wood manufacturing process improvement, and applications for hardwood lumber drying; all strategies for remaining competitive within a global forest products marketplace. Scott and his family moved to northern Wisconsin in 2015 where he is serving as Director of Kemp Natural Resources Station, a research station in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences dedicated to sustainable natural resources.



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	Add \$5 late registration after April 20, 2025. Questions? Email office@glkda.org or call (906) 875-3720
Accommodations	
Holiday Inn Express 1711 Riverview Way Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Phone: (906) 632-3999	Room cost: \$134 plus taxes and fees When making reservations, request <i>Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association Spring Meeting</i> room block. Deadline for hotel reservations: April 14, 2025
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# of non members attending:X \$145 =	Expiration Date:
# of spouses/guests attending: $X \$30 =$	Security Code (on back of card):
Plus late fee if after April 8 (\$5/person):	Billing Address Zip Code:
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$	
Make your check payable to GLKDA. Send check payable to GLKDA and this registration form to:	Email (for sending receipt):
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