



## NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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**1. 2009 Dues.** Dues for 2009 are payable with the enclosed notice at the rate of **\$60 for Supporting Member Firm Membership** or **\$20 for an Individual Membership**. Your membership and contributions are most appreciated and enable the NEKDA to maintain its activities, mission and service to the wood drying and processing industry. Your prompt mailing of the updated membership forms and payment will insure correct listing in the 2009 Membership Directory. Please note the information about your products and services being requested to make our Directory more useful to customers and suppliers. Also, to facilitate electronic communication, please provide email addresses.

**2. 2009 OFFICERS.** At our 2008 Annual Business Meeting, in Waterville, Maine, the following people were elected to serve as NEKDA Officers and Board Members for 2009:

President	<b>Jeremy Jacquet, Caledonia Kiln Corp.</b>
First Vice President	<b>Peter Garrahan, FPIInnovations</b>
Second Vice President	<b>Jason Ayer, Hardwick Kilns</b>
Executive Secretary	<b>Bill Smith, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry</b>
Treasurer	<b>Bob Pope, USNR Irvington Moore</b>
Board Members:	<b>Bob Stevens (2009), Stevens Kiln Drying</b> <b>Wayne Cate (2009), H.G. Wood Industries</b> <b>Brian Hughes (2010), Wagner Hardwoods</b> <b>Scott Ferland (2010), Cersosimo Lumber</b> <b>Dean Prentiss (2011), Rex Lumber</b> <b>Dave Nichols (2011), Technical Services</b>
Past President	<b>Rod Santaw, Morse Hardwoods</b>

Retiring President Rod Santaw was given a well deserved round of thanks and presented with an engraved gavel by 2009 President Jeremy Jacquet as a lasting symbol of our gratitude. Our appreciation and thanks were also expressed to all of the NEKDA Officers and Board Members for the time and contributions which they put into planning our very successful meeting programs and Association activities.

**3. 2009 Spring Meeting.** Mark your calendars today for our 2009 Spring Meeting to be held March 31 and April 1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Lake Placid, New York ( <http://www.lakeplacidcp.com> ) This is a very nice hotel and we have an excellent rate of only \$85 for overnight rooms. Check the NEKDA website [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) and your mail for details of our technical program, plant tours and meeting registration.

**4. Contributions to the 2009 NEKDA Scholarship and Jim Catterick and Bill Rice Award Funds** are greatly appreciated and help enable your association to recognize and support excellence in wood drying and processing. We would like to publicly acknowledge the following people and firms who have generously contributed in 2008: Britton Lumber, Delmhorst Instrument, Richard Hale, MacGregor Mill Systems, Maritime Lumber Limited, Oleksak Lumber Co., Qubica AMF Inc., Bill Rice, Bill Smith, Steinway & Sons, U-C Coatings, and Ward Lumber.

**5. 2009 JIM CATTERICK INDUSTRIAL AWARD.** The NEKDA is again sponsoring its annual **Jim Catterick Industrial Recognition Award** to recognize outstanding performance in the area of dry kiln and drying related and/or associated manufacturing. The award, named in honor of Jim Catterick, will be presented at our Spring Meeting with an engraved plaque and a \$500 cash prize. We encourage you to nominate one of your employees, colleagues, or yourself for this prestigious award. Award application forms can be found online at [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) , or from any NEKDA Officer or Board Member whom you can also contact with any questions.

**6. 2009 BILL RICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** The NEKDA **Bill Rice Achievement**

**Award** recognizes outstanding people who have made significant contributions in service, education, and/or technology in the area of dry kiln and drying related and associated operations. The award, named in honor of **Dr. Bill Rice** for his many contributions to the NEKDA and wood drying technology and industry, will be presented at our Spring Meeting with an engraved plaque and a \$500 cash prize. We encourage you to nominate one of your employees, colleagues, or yourself for this prestigious award. Award application forms can be found online at [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda), or from any NEKDA Officer or Board Member whom you can also contact with any questions.

**7. 2008 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.** At our 2008 award program the following students were presented with NEKDA Scholarship Awards:

**James Brown**, SUNY ESF Wood Products Engineering, Maurice Roy Award (\$1,500)

**Benjamin Jones**, University of Maine, J. Harry Rich Award (\$1,500)

These students have keen interests and capabilities in developing a professional career in the field of wood processing. We encourage you to consider them, along with the other highly qualified Wood Products graduates at these and our other northeastern area Colleges, for your staffing needs.

**8. 2008 Review.** We held two very successful meetings last year; in North Conway, New Hampshire in April and Waterville, Maine, in October. In addition to our traditional *Kiln Operator's Clinics*, we had informative and well presented technical presentations and interesting plant tours of high quality wood products manufacturing and kiln drying operations at each meeting. In April our plant tours were at *Madison Lumber Mill*, Madison, New Hampshire. Our technical presentations included:

*EMC - what is it and Where Did it Come From?*, Peter Garrahan, *FPInnovations*

*Eastern White Pine Markets and Products*, Kim Moore, *Madison Lumber Mill*

*Kiln Maintenance, Practices and Methods that Work*, Adam Collins and Scott Ferland, *Brattleboro Kiln Drying*

*What's Happened and Happening with New Hampshire Wood Energy*, Sarah Smith, *University of New Hampshire*

*Dealing with Regulatory Issues*, Dennis LeGendre and Jim Smith, *Madison Lumber Mill*

*The Use and Care of Wood-Fired Boilers*, David Nichols and Francis Nichols, *Technical Services*

*Drying Exotic Woods*, Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF Wood Products*

In October we toured *Robbins Lumber*, Searsmont, Maine. Our technical presentations included:

*Drying and Mill Yard Management*, Peter Lammert, *Maine Forest Service*

*Improving Operations and Energy Use at Robbins Lumber*, John Benjamin, *Robbins Lumber*

*Impact of Within Kiln Temperature Variations on Final MC Uniformity in SPF*, Marc Savard, *FPInnovations* and

France Thibeault, *Abitibi Bowater*

*Airborne Particles in Sawmills: Is your health at risk?*, Bob Rice, *University of Maine*

*How to get a new kiln: Understanding how management thinks*, Bob Rice, *University of Maine*

*Wood Packaging Inspection, Invasive Insects and Pathogens*, Marc Moore, *NELMA*

*Build New or Renovate- Housing and Dry Kilns for the Next Decade*, Bob Pope, *USNR*

Premier kiln operators and managers know that the best way to become knowledgeable and informed about interesting subjects such as these is to **attend and participate in our meetings!**

**9. Kiln Drying Workshop.** Our "**Kiln Drying Workshop: Drying Quality Lumber for Profit**", was held January 5-8, 2009 at SUNY ESF in Syracuse. For further information on this or other workshops check our website or contact Bill Smith at [wbsmith@esf.edu](mailto:wbsmith@esf.edu) or 315/470-6832.

**10. NEKDA website.** Please link to our NEKDA website at [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) for information on upcoming meeting and events, award applications, dues notices, current and past program details, contacts, and other worthwhile information on drying and wood products manufacturing and processing.

The Officers and Board Members of the NEKDA wish you  
a most healthy, safe, peaceful and prosperous New Year!