



## NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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**1. 2011 Dues.** Dues for 2011 are payable with the enclosed notice at the rate of **\$60 for Supporting Member Firm Membership** or **\$20 for an Individual Membership**. If you have already sent payment, we thank you. 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 2011 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. 2011 OFFICERS.** At our 2010 Annual Business Meeting, in Sherburne, New Hampshire, the following people were elected to serve as NEKDA Officers and Board Members for 2011:

President	<b>Jason Ayer, Hardwick Kilns</b>
First Vice President	<b>Wayne Cate, H.G. Wood Industries</b>
Second Vice President	<b>Brian Hughes, Wagner Hardwoods</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>Dean Prentiss (2011), Rex Lumber</b>
	<b>Dave Nichols (2011), Technical Services</b>
	<b>Tom Graber (2012), Baillie Lumber</b>
	<b>Matt DeHart (2012), Gutchess Lumber</b>
	<b>Arthur Routhier (2013), Maine Woods</b>
	<b>Peter Duerden (2013), U*C Coatings</b>
	<b>Peter Garrahan, FPIInnovations.</b>
Past President	

Retiring President Peter Garrahan given a well deserved round of thanks and presented with an engraved gavel by 2011 President Jason Ayer 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. 2011 Spring Meeting.** Mark your calendar today for our **2011 Spring Meeting** to be held **April 6&7** at the Holiday Inn, in Oneonta, New York <http://www.hioneonta.com>. The hotel is conveniently located just off of I-88, and many of you may recall us meeting here in 2003 and 1998. Check the NEKDA website [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) and your mail for details of our excellent technical program, interesting plant tours including Baillie Lumber and Wightman Lumber, and meeting registration.

**4. Contributions to the 2010 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 2010: Delmhorst Instrument, Towaco, NJ; Dick Hale, Orono, ME; MacGregor Mill Systems, Belfast, ME; Andy Oleksak Lumber Co., Westfield, MA; Jim Costello, Morrisville, NY; Qubica AMF Inc., Lowville, NY; Bill Rice, South Hadley, MA; Stevens Kiln Drying, Wolcott, VT; Bill Smith, Syracuse.

**5. 2011 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. Everett Rockwell, North Hudson Woodcraft, Dolgeville, NY was winner of this award in 2010. 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. 2011 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. Mark Strail, Harden Furniture, McConnellsville, NY was winner of this award in 2010. 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. 2010 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.** At our 2010 award program the following students were presented with NEKDA Scholarship Awards:

<b>Andrew Hamilton,</b>	SUNY ESF Wood Products,	Maurice Roy Award (\$1,200)
<b>Olivia Kasprzyk,</b>	SUNY Morrisville State College,	J. Harry Rich Award (\$1,000)
<b>Corey Tighe,</b>	SUNY Morrisville State College,	Bill Delmhorst Award (\$800)
<b>Jacob Rome,</b>	SUNY ESF Wood Products,	Jack Bent Award (\$500)

These students have keen interests and capabilities in developing a professional career in the field of wood drying, manufacturing and 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. 2010 Review.** We held two very successful meetings last year; in Keene, New Hampshire in April and, Shelburne, New Hampshire in November. 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 tour was at *Cersosimo Lumber*, Brattleboro, Vermont. Our technical presentations included:

***Internet Tools which can Assist Lumber Drying***

Bob Pope, *USNR*, Montpelier, VT

***APHIS and Phytosanitary Aspects of Lumber and Wood Processing***

Scott Myers, *USDA APHIS*, Buzzards Bay, MA

***Drying Practices and Procedures for White Woods***

Tom Graber, *Baillie Lumber*, Smyrna, NY and Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

***Implementation of APHIS Rules and Procedures***

Scott Myers, *USDA APHIS*, Buzzards Bay, MA

***Operating Wood-Fired Boilers at Varying Loads- Issues and Solutions***

Francis Nichols, *Technical Services*, Claremont, NH

***Dry Kiln Management is Integral to the Lumber Production Team***

Scott Ferland, *Cersosimo Lumber*, Brattleboro, VT

In November we toured *Milan Lumber*, Milan, New Hampshire. Our technical presentations included:

***Wood Packaging Material and the Mechanics and Logistics of Heat Treating***

Marc Moore, *NeLMA*, Cumberland Center, ME

***Dry Kiln Heat Exchangers – User's Perspective***

Jim Robbins, *Robbins Lumber*, Searsmont, ME

***Drying Economics – Return on Investment***

Yves Fortin, *University of Laval*, Quebec City, Quebec

***The SCS In-Kiln Meter and Your Drying Operation***

John Wallace, *SCS Forest Products*, Vancouver, BC

***Pathology in the Tree and Wood Quality***

Walter Shortle, *USDA Forest Service*, Durham, NH

***Drying Stress and How to Deal with It***

Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

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 10-13, 2011 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 check regularly our NEKDA website at [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) for information on upcoming meetings and events, award applications, membership forms, current and past program details, technical presentations, contacts, and other worthwhile information on drying and wood products manufacturing and processing. You might also want to show your NEKDA membership, with a link to the NEKDA site, on your own website.

The Officers and Board Members of the NEKDA wish you a  
very healthy, safe, peaceful and prosperous 2011!