

NCAE Annual Meeting Tentative Agenda

59th Annual Meeting

January 31 - February 2, 2023

Hilton Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

8:30 am – Opening Remarks

Invocation - Fred Leitz, *Member/Owner, Leitz Farms*

Welcome & Thank You to Sponsors - Maureen Torrey, *NCAE Vice-Chairwoman, Torrey Farms*

Pledge of Allegiance & Maryland FFA Update - Kendall Abruzzese, *State President*; Hannah Haines, *State Vice-President*, Teagan Flaherty, *State Secretary and National FFA Speak Ag Ambassador*.

9:00 am – Open of Annual Meeting

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“Best Farmworker Housing” Award - Michael Marsh

“Doing Good” Award - Michael Marsh

9:30 am – Legislative Update

Jonathan Sarager, *Western Growers Association*

10:00 am – U.S. Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID)

10:30 am – Break

10:40 am – U.S. Representative Maria Salazar (R-FL) *invited*

12:10 pm – Lunch

**1:15 pm - Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services
Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman)**

Adrienne Chulapakorn, *Chief of Casework, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman)*

Michael Graham, *Policy Advisor, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CIS Ombudsman)*

2:15 pm - Wages Prevailing and Otherwise in the H-2A Program

Steve Bronars, *Ph.D., Edgeworth Economics*

2:45 pm - Litigation Update

Shawn Packer, *JPH Law*

2:55 pm - Break

3:05 pm - U.S. Department of Agriculture invited

Tom Vilsack, *Secretary*

3:35 pm - H-2A Users: What They Need From Ag Labor Reform

Moderator: Ryan Ayres, *H-2A Committee Chair, First Fruit Farms*

Fred Leitz, *Member/Owner, Leitz Farms*

Joel Anderson, *Executive Director, Snake River Farmers Association*

Jamie Fussell, *Director of Labor Relations, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association*

4:45 pm - Annual Meeting of NCAE Members

State of the Council

Michael Marsh, *President & CEO, NCAE*

Remarks

Maureen Torrey, *NCAE Vice-Chairwoman, Torrey Farms*

Q & A

Michael Marsh, *President & CEO, NCAE*

4:15 pm - NCAE Board Meeting (All Members encouraged to remain)

Call to Order

Maureen Torrey, *NCAE Vice-Chairwoman, Torrey Farms*

Roll Call & Minutes – Action

Diane Kurrle, *NCAE Secretary, U.S. Apple Council*

Financial Report – Action

Joel Anderson, *NCAE Treasurer, Snake River Farmers Association*

Other Business

Maureen Torrey, *NCAE Vice-Chairwoman, Torrey Farms*

Adjournment – Action

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5:30 pm – Adjourn to Reception - Springwood

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

7:30 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – U.S. Department of Labor *invited*

Marty Walsh, *Secretary*

9:00 am – U.S. Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)

9:30 am – Ag Labor Reform in the 118th Congress

Moderator: Michael Marsh, *President & CEO, NCAE*

Charlie Garrison, *Garrison Group*

Dennis Nuxoll, *Western Growers Association*

John Hollay, *International Fresh Produce Association*

10:00 am – U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) *invited*

10:20 am – Talking Points for Hill Day

& Congressional Role Play

Michael Marsh, *President & CEO, NCAE*

John Hollay, *International Fresh Produce Association*

10:30 am – Hill Day

Thursday, February 2, 2023

7:55 am – Opening Remarks and Introductions

Michael Marsh, *President & CEO, NCAE*

8:00 am – U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Keith Sonderling, *Commissioner*

9:00 am – Department of Labor: WHD

Jessica Looman, *Principal Deputy Administrator*

10:00 am – Department of Labor: OFLC

Brian Pasternak, *Administrator*

Shane Barbour, *CNPC Center Director*

11:00 am – Department of State

Dale Lim, *Visa Policy Analyst*

11:30 am – United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Eva Millona, *Chief, Office of Citizenship, Partnership and Engagement*

Kyle L. Michaelis, *Adjudications Officer, USCIS Service Center Operations*

12:00 pm – Adjourn