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Member Opportunities

USBCA Technology Meeting – November 4

The U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance (USBCA) Domestic Working Group Technology Meeting on November 3-4 at Arent Fox, LLP in Washington, D.C. All NAEGA member representatives and Washington representatives are invited to attend. The meeting will be followed by a closed meeting of the USBCA's Board of Directors. A draft agenda for the DWG Technology meeting can be found [here](#).

For more information, please contact Ryan or Gary.

NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting

The NAEGA Production Technology Committee will hold a committee meeting on Friday, November 4 at 12pm to consider NAEGA view and future with the U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance (USBCA). The meeting will take place in the Judiciary Conference Room at Arent Fox, LLP at 171 K Street NW Washington, D.C. 20006 and will precede a meeting of the USBCA's Board of Directors scheduled to take place at 1:45 that day. The committee will consider the following document during the meeting:

- [USBCA IWG Work Plan](#)
- [USBCA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda](#)
- [USBCA Technology Meeting Agenda](#)

Please contact Ryan or Gary if you would like to attend. Lunch will be provided.

IGTC Meetings and General Assembly – November 8

All NAEGA members are invited to attend two exciting International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) meetings happening in Geneva, Switzerland on November 8. You can register for both events by clicking [here](#).

IGTC Strategy Session

November 8 – 8:00am-12:30pm

Location: Cargill International SA, Chemin De-Normandie, 14, Geneva

[Click here for an agenda](#)

IGTC General Assembly

November 8 – 1:00-3:00pm

Location: Cargill International SA, Chemin De-Normandie, 14, Geneva

[Click here for an agenda](#)

These meetings are timed to coincide with the Global Grains Geneva Conference which will take place on November 8-10.

For more information on the Strategy Session and General Assembly, or if you would like to contribute a proposal for IGTC action, please contact the Acting IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee.

IGTC WTO Event – November 10

All NAEGA members are invited to attend a special event hosted by the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) entitled *The Grain Trade's Contribution to Global Food Security and Economic Development*. The event will take place in Geneva, Switzerland at the WTO Room S2 on November 10 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

If you are interested in attending this event or would like more information please contact Acting IGTC Secretariat Katy Lee at secretariat@igtglobal.org.

APHIS Biotech Stakeholders Meeting – November 16

Please “save the date” for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Biotechnology Regulatory Service (BRS) annual stakeholder meeting (virtually and in-person) on Wednesday, November 16. The in-person meeting will take place at the USDA Center at Riverside at 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

Additional information and registration will be available in the coming weeks. Please visit the [APHIS website](#) for information on past stakeholder meetings.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars

On October 20 in Portland, Oregon NAEGA conducted a Contracts and Best Practices Seminar. The general program incorporated current practices and commercial experience of interest to the entire trade. Thanks to all who attended!

Please let us know if you are interested in attending or hosting a NAEGA Seminar! Click [here](#) for more information the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!.

Internships

Information on working for NAEGA as an intern can be found [here](#).

Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member's Only Page](#).

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Action Reports

Recent Actions:

Grades and Inspections Committee Meeting

On October 18, the NAEGA Grades and Inspection Committee and the NGFA Grains, Grades and Weights Committee held a joint committee meeting at the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland,

Oregon. During the meeting, the Joint Committees discussed the recent changes that were proposed and implemented under the reauthorized U.S. Grain Standards Act (USGS), opportunities to promote committee policy objectives over the next two years ahead of the next USGSA reauthorization and ongoing issues with grading and inspection services.

A copy of the Joint Committees minutes will be available soon. For more information please contact Gary or Ryan.

NAEGA-NGFA-PNWGFA Industry Workshop

On October 18, NAEGA, NGFA and the Pacific Northwest Grain and Feed Association (PNWGFA) held Pacific Northwest Industry Workshop at the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland, OR. During the workshop participants heard reports from U.S. government agencies including the U.S. Coast Guard, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). Larry Mitchell, Administrator of the Grain Inspectors, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Randal Jones, Deputy Administrator of GIPSA and staff attended to provide an update on regional developments related to GIPSA, including implementation of the USGSA and the new policy bulletin on midstream transportation of FGIS employees. APHIS personnel also provided an update and overview of its Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking System (PCIT) database.

A copy of the agenda for the industry workshop can be found [here](#). For more information please contact Ryan or Gary.

Board of Directors Meeting

NAEGA's Board of Directors met on Wednesday, October 17 in Portland, OR to discuss ongoing business, budget revisions, reports from staff, Committees and long-time legal counsel Marc Fleischaker.

The Board determined that NAEGA Dues and Fees will be unchanged for 2017. Members and Associates will be invoiced in early January so that a final 2017 budget can be approved at the upcoming March 20 NAEGA meetings in New Orleans.

Marc reported on his extensive work on our behalf of NAEGA and made us aware he will be transitioning his practice, resulting in a need for NAEGA to revise its approach to legal services. Please join the NAEGA Board and Staff in thanking Marc for his service and dedication to our interests!

The Board also approved the meeting minutes of the March 14 Board of Directors meeting in Coronado, CA, updated the NAEGA Directory, and approved NAEGA operating policies and procedures. Considerable advice was provided to staff regarding NAEGA international programs including recommendations for changes to the International Grain Trade Coalition business plan. Coronado minutes, including draft members meeting minutes' subject to approval at the next meeting of Members, can be found [here](#). A copy of the most recent directory can be found [here](#), [please let us know of any needed changes!](#) . NAEGA operating policies and procedures, including procurement, fraud prevention, senior advisor operating protocols, document retention and

destruction, whistleblower and antitrust, can be found [here](#). Gary will be presenting a revised IGTC Business Plan at next week's IGTC meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

A copy of the minutes and a further report on actions from the October 17 meeting will be available soon.

Contracts Committee Meeting

On October 19, the NAEGA Contracts Committee held a meeting in Portland, Oregon to discuss ongoing committee business and proposed changes to the NAEGA No. 2 Model Contract. During the meeting the committee, for the first time, welcomed a new Committee Apprentice. The committee also heard reports from the Clause 7 and Clause 20 subcommittees and began a clause by clause review of the NAEGA contract to consider proposed changes. The Committee agreed on regular calls to consider proposed changes to the NAEGA No. 2 Contract, the first of which will occur Wednesday, November 2 at 4:00pm Eastern time. These regular calls will attempt to reconcile proposed changes that have been suggested to the committee by both NAEGA members and the Clause 7 and 20 Subcommittees, with a preliminary goal of updating the contract in 2017.

A copy of the committee's minutes will be available soon. For more information on the committee meeting or changes to the NAEGA No. 2 Contract, please contact Gary or Ryan.

AQSIQ and APHIS Elevator Tour

NAEGA would like to thank TEMCO of Tacoma, Washington for their willingness to host a delegation of visiting personnel from the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) for an elevator tour on October 21, 2016. While the Chinese delegation was unable to join the facility tour, APHIS was able to attend and learn more about grain handling, storage and loading operations.

For more information on the October 21 planned APHIS and AQSIQ tour in Tacoma please contact Gary.

Vietnam Fumigation Requirements

NAEGA continues to work closely with industry and government stakeholders, including the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), the Grain Inspectors, Packers and Stockyards Association (GIPSA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regarding new requirements by Vietnam for per-shipment fumigation with methyl bromide on shipments of wheat, corn and DDGS to Vietnam. Currently, the December 1 deadline for pre-shipment fumigation of corn, wheat and DDGS with methyl bromide stands. However, APHIS continues to pursue a strategy of that supports phosphine fumigation in all cases, with increased measures to protect against pest infiltration during transport and storage. For DDGS, APHIS has proposed in an [October 26, 2016 letter](#) a pilot program for phosphine fumigation that would allow for the importation of DDGS beyond the December 17, 2016 suspension date. The pilot program would include increased inspections, requirements for longer fumigation period and the use of best practices for the fumigation of containers. APHIS proposes the following timeline for the pilot program:

DATE	DETAILS
November 1-15	APHIS field team to Illinois DDG operations for fact finding And Vietnam provides report on pest detection in U.S. bulk grain
November 18	APHIS presents proposed requirements to U.S. industry
November 21	APHIS presents detailed action timeline to Vietnam, including modified phosphine treatment measures, safeguarding and update on the development of best management practices for DDG warehousing
December 17	First certification of DDG under modified phosphine treatment measures.
February 1	First container arrivals
April 1	Preliminary evaluation by PPD of effectiveness of modified measures shared with APHIS. If piloted fumigation is successful, no further changes necessary. If not, further action to be determined bilaterally.

For wheat and corn, APHIS is currently awaiting a full report from Vietnam PPD on pest detections for those commodities. APHIS expects this report no later than November 15, 2016.

Another conference call is expected in the coming days.

NAEGA will continue to follow these developments closely and inform members as new information become available. Please contact Gary or Ryan if you have any questions.

USTR National Trade Estimates - Comments

On October 27, 2016 NAEGA, along with the National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) and the American Soybean Association (ASA), submitted comments to the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for the annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). The NAEGA-NOPA-ASA comments highlight Argentina's continued use of differential export taxes (DET) for soybeans and soybean products. As have been noted in [previous NTE reports](#), Argentina's export tax for soybeans is generally set at a higher rate than the sale price of the product, a policy that encourages domestic value-added production and discourages imports. This year's comments to USTR highlight the continued use by Argentina of DETs and a 2013 U.S. Soybean Export Council commissioned report that highlights a \$428 million benefit to U.S. industry to an end of Argentina's DET policy for soybeans. The comments request that this year's NTE conduct a comparative analysis of the barrier's effect on a range of industries and conclude that immediate action must be taken by Argentina to eliminate its DETs.

A copy of the NAEGA-NOPA-ASA comments on the NTE can be found [here](#). Please contact Gary or Ryan if you have any additional questions.

USDA APHIS Grain Commodity Sector Meeting

NAEGA and NGFA concerns were central to most of the discussion at 4th Grain Sector Stakeholder meeting with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) leadership. The importance of deploying the most trade supportive measures as part of regulatory implementation, including incorporating new and innovative practices like those provided for in the regulatory coherence and rapid response provisions in the Trans Pacific Partnership negotiated text was emphasized by NAEGA. We were able to build upon excellent collaboration with top officials of this key USDA agency on electronic phyto certificates; developing SOPs on protocols and exit strategies when the agency becomes aware of biotech wheat plant material propagating after field trials (as has occurred in Oregon, Montana and most recently Washington state); the importance of the U.S. government getting buy-in from its international counterparts on appropriate premarket regulatory review of plant breeding innovation including transgenic/GMO events; and resolving current sanitary/phytosanitary trade-related issues including those with Mexico, Vietnam, China, Korea, India, and Russia.

IMO CCC Trip Report

To accomplish the NAEGA UES objectives of continued engagement and monitoring of international efforts related to the regulation of the bulk grain trade by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), NAEGA Senior Advisor Jerry Cotter traveled to London, UK on August 30-September 10 to attend a meeting of the IMO's Subcommittee on the Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). A trip report for this travel is now available. During this mission Jerry accomplished multiple goals, including:

- Attendance and NAEGA representation at the Dry Bulk Terminals Group (DBTG) Executive Committee meeting. NAEGA is a member of the DBTG and Jerry sits on the committee as the NAEGA representative.
- Attendance and NAEGA representation at the IMO CCC's Subcommittee meeting.
- Briefing for Katy Lee, Acting Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) on IMO issues.

A copy of the trip report can be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Gary or Ryan.

IGC MCC Trip Report

To accomplish NAEGA UES objectives related to the International Grain Trade Coalition's (IGTC) continued outreach and coordination with the International Grains Council (IGC), Katy Lee, Acting Secretariat of the IGTC, traveled to London, UK on September 8-9 to attend and present before a meeting of the IGC's Market Conditions Committee (MCC). A copy of the trip report for this mission is now available. In London, Katy attended a meeting of the IGC MCC and presented before the committee on *Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice*, during which she educated MCC members on IGTC policy files and objectives.

A copy of the trip report can be found [here](#). For more information please contact Katy at secretariat@igtglobal.org or Gary in this regard.

Future Actions:

IGTC Meetings and General Assembly – IPPC E-Phyto Project – November 7 – 12

On November 6-12 NAEGA President Gary Martin, who is also president of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC), will travel to Geneva, Switzerland and Brussels, Belgium. In Geneva Gary will preside over meetings of the IGTC, including a General Assembly and Strategy Session. In Brussels, Gary will he will represent IGTC at a November 11 meeting of IPPC ePhyto Industry Advisory Group. Agendas and Post Notices for the meetings and travel can found here:

1. The IGTC meetings and Post notice [here](#)
2. the IPPC's ePhyto IAG agenda is available [here](#). A copy of the Notice to Post [here](#).

Your input and questions are welcome! Please contact Gary to discuss.

USAEDC Annual Workshop – November 15-16

On November 15-16 NAEGA Director of Operations Ryan Olson will travel to Baltimore, MD to participate in the [U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council's \(USAEDC\)](#) annual workshop at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The USAEDC annual workshop includes presentations by U.S. government officials, including APHIS and USDA FAS, and industry stakeholders on issues including: U.S. relations with Cuba, public-private partnerships, the proliferation of MRLs and agribusiness trading missions.

A copy of the agenda is available [here](#). For more information please contact Ryan.

2nd Annual World Grain Forum – November 18-19

On November 18-19 NAEGA President and CEO Gary Martin will travel to Sochi, Russia to present at the 2nd Annual World Grain Forum. Gary was invited to present on *Global View of Key Dynamics in Policy and Commerce for Grains, Oilseeds and other Agri-bulks* by the Russian Grain Union (RGU). A copy of the preliminary agenda for the World Grain Forum can be found here. A notice to post for this travel will be available soon.

Please contact Gary or Ryan for more information.

GHS Subcommittee Meeting – December 7-9

On December 6-9, 2016 NAEGA volunteer Jess McCluer, who serves as the National Grain and Feed Association's (NGFA) Vice President for Safety and Regulatory Affairs, will travel to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in a meeting of the [United Nation's \(UN\) Globally Harmonized System \(GHS\) Subcommittee of Experts on the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals](#). A copy of the preliminary agenda for the Subcommittee meeting and a notice to post for this upcoming mission will be available soon.

Please contact Gary or Ryan for more information or if you would like to contribute to this mission.

Pending Actions:

NAEGA is considering making comments on the following items. Please contact us with your advice or suggestions:

CFTC Supplement to Position Limits Rule

On May 26, the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announced that it will issue for public comment a supplement to its position limits proposal. The proposal will modify the procedures for those seeking exemptions from speculative position limits for non-enumerated bona fide hedging. The supplement would provide a new process for exchanges to recognize certain positions in commodity derivative contracts as non-enumerated bona fide hedges or enumerated anticipatory bona fide hedges, as well as to exempt from federal position limits certain spread positions, in each case subject to CFTC review.

Comments on the supplemental may be submitted electronically through the CFTC's website. If you are interested in contributing to comments on the supplemental, please contact Gary or Ryan. For more information, click [here](#).

EU Environmental Footprint Pilot

At the end of July, the European Commission launched its public consultations on Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for feed, food and drink products. The PEFCR is a pilot project to develop an approach to calculate the environmental footprint of different products with the goal of measuring environmental performance of products for future policy making. The PEFCR is an effort to measure and communicate the EU's environmental goals under its *Building the Single Market for Green Products Initiative*.

The EC has developed draft PEFCRs for each product under consultation from product secretariats formed by representatives of trade associations, companies and supply chain experts. The draft PEFCRs developed by the secretariats are now available for public consultation and comment. The comment period will be open until the first quarter of 2017.

More information on contributing to comments on the draft PEFCRs can be found [here](#). If you are interested in contributing comments to the draft PEFCRs please contact Gary or Ryan.

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In the News

Policy Bulletin on Transportation of FGIS Employees

On October 14, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) issued a policy bulletin updating agency policy on the transportation of FGIS employees to midstream ships, barges and floating rigs. The updated policy requires that FGIS personnel may only make use of launch boat services if a deckhand qualified to render aid in emergency situations is on board the boat, in addition to the captain. Service providers who are not able to immediately satisfy the policy set forth should

immediately contact their field office manager to make the necessary arrangements for transportation of FGIS employees.

A copy of the policy bulletin, which was posted on the interagency website [InGIPSA](#) on October 17, can be found [here](#).

Post-Marketing Monitoring Plan for GMOs

The European Commission, EU biotech providers and the grain trade industry agreed on October 25 to wording related to post market monitoring (PMM) for genetically modified organisms with enhanced nutritional characteristics. The aim of the PMM was to come up with a commonly agreed language for plans to secure harmonized reporting modalities and proper allocation of responsibilities throughout the supply chain for GMO events with enhanced nutritional characteristics. According to the new language, technology providers must cooperate with third parties such as farmers, crushers and exporters to provide information on the quantities of GM events imported into the European Union that will be crushed and used as food.

A copy of the PMM language can be found [here](#). A letter from COCERAL to EuropaBio regarding the agreement on language in the PMM can be found [here](#).

If you would like more information, or wish to provide comments on any of these news topics monitored by NAEGA, please contact us.

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November

2 – USGC ASP Providers – NAEGA Offices – Arlington, VA

2 – NAEGA Contract Committee Call – Virtual – 4:00pm Eastern

3-4 – USBCA Biotechnology Working Group Technology Meeting – Arent Fox, LLP – Washington, D.C.

4 – NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting – Arent Fox, LLP – Washington, D.C. – 12:00-1:30pm.

4 – USBCA Board Meeting – Arent Fox, LLP – Washington, D.C – 1:45-4:00pm

8 – Election Day – U.S. House, Senate and Presidential elections.

8-9 – Global Grain Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland

8-10 – IGTC General Assembly and Strategy Session – Geneva, Switzerland

10 – IGTC WTO Side Event “The Grain Trade’s Contribution to Global Food Security and Economic Development” – Geneva, Switzerland – 1:00-4:00pm local time

10 – IPPC ePhyto Industry Advisory Group, Brussels, Belgium

14-17 – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD

16 – APHIS Biotech Stakeholders Meeting – Riverdale, MD

18-19 – 2nd World Grain Forum – Sochi, Russia, Gary Presenting and Moderating.

December

4-17 – COP-MOP Meetings to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols – Cancun, Mexico

7-9 – UN GHS Subcommittee Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland – Cotter Attending.

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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March

TBD – Global Low Level Presence (LLP) meeting

19-21 – NAEGA Annual Meeting at the NGFA Annual Convention – New Orleans, LA

April

5-11 – IPPC CPM-12 – Incheon, South Korea

10-12 – Canadian Global Crops Symposium – Alberta, Canada

June

6 – IGC Annual Conference – London, UK

14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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14 – IGTC Management Council Meeting – Virtual

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