



Celebrating 100 Years

February 20, 2012

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MEMBER ACTION ITEMS:

NAEGA 2012 Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration

The 2012 NAEGA Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration is this week, February 22-23, 2012 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The Annual Meeting Book with agendas and related documents is now available on the [NAEGA Member's Only Page](#) and via direct download at this link. Below is the schedule of events for the week:

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

International Grain Trade Coalition Meeting

8:30am – 4pm –in the Rosslyn Room – 2nd floor

Global Industry Reception

6:00pm – 8:30pm -- Bin 1700 Lounge, Hotel Lobby Level

Acknowledgement of Reception Sponsors

NAEGA Slide Show and History Publication

Thursday, February 23, 2012

NAEGA Annual Meetings - Rosslyn Room – 2nd Floor

8:30am - Grades & Inspections Committee Meeting – Open to All

10:15am - Contracts Committee Meeting

10:15am -11:15am - Committee Business – NAEGA Members Only

11:15am-12:00pm - Guest Panel – Open to All

12:00pm - Members Working Luncheon - NAEGA Members and Invited Guests
12:30pm – NAEGA Annual Membership Meeting - NAEGA Members and Invited Guests
Approx. 1:30pm - Board of Directors Meeting
1:30pm- 3:00pm Board Business – NAEGA Members Only
3:00pm - 4:00pm Guest Speakers – Open to All

Gala Centennial Celebration - Trump National Golf Club, Sterling, Virginia

5:00pm - Buses Depart for Trump National Golf Club Lobby, Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel
6:00pm - Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres Served
Second Floor Bar & Lounge
7:00pm - Dinner Seating begins
Second Floor Ballroom
7:10pm - Dinner Program begins – Featuring a Keynote Address from Canadian Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Gerry Ritz; NAEGA Awards; and entertainment by the [Capitol Steps!](#)
Approx. 10:00pm - Dinner Program Ends, Busses depart for Marriott Crystal Gateway Lobby, Trump National Golf Club

Please note that the dress code is Business Dress for all meetings as well as the Gala Centennial Celebration

If you have any last minute questions or need assistance with any aspect of the meeting, please contact Patrick Hayden at 202-682-4030 or via Cell phone at 202-421-5274. He can also be reached at phayden@naega.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration!

NAEGA Membership Dues – Payments for NAEGA’s 2012 Membership Dues were due on February 1. If you have not yet submitted your payment, prompt action is appreciated. Thank you to all NAEGA members who have already submitted their payments. If you have any questions, please contact the NAEGA office.

RELATED NEWS:

Asian Gypsy Moth Season – USDA APHIS has requested that industry be notified that we are entering Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) interception season. Please find the memo from APHIS on the [NAEGA Grades Committee Website](#).

As a hitchhiking pest, AGM is a significant risk to forest resources and is the highest agriculture risk non-native pest that can be carried on ship's superstructure. Far East Russia, Japan, Korea, and Northern China remain all countries where AGM is prevalent and where seasonal risk occurs. Offshore ship inspections for Asian gypsy moth have increased greatly since last year. Russia has had inspections since 1994 and Japan has participated since 2007 and in 2007 expanded to include additional ports which greatly increasing that program. Additionally, Korea began participating for the first time in 2010 and China began inspections in 2011. It also should be noted that certification will be required for all vessels coming to the United States from all high risk AGM areas for the 2012 shipping season.

Offshore inspections are only one aspect of keeping Asian gypsy moth out of North America. Port of entry inspections by United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) staff continue to increase yearly. These inspections provide quality assurance that offshore inspections and ship

inspections by crew prior to arrival are being carried out in a satisfactory manner. As such, USDA strongly recommends that ships take advantage of AGM certification to reduce the chance of costly delays which can exceed \$50,000 per day. In 2011, eleven (11) vessels were found to have egg masses out of 2709 reported inspections by CBP. Vessels found to be infested with AGM run the risk of being escorted out of the port into international water to be cleaned and will not be allowed back into port to discharge cargo until cleaning, follow up inspection and clearance (re-inspection) occurs. U.S. and Canada continue to work with experts to more precisely determine AGM flight periods for foreign port areas. Currently, late June through September are considered the risk periods. Any port would be a shipping risk if egg masses can be deposited on ships from female flying AGM. For 2012, there is guidance on flight periods for all regions on AGM procedures at the following website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gypsy_moth/index.shtml

CALENDAR & WEBSITE

Official Comments Calendar

February

27 - Comments due to USDA/APHIS on the Dow AgroScience Petition for nonregulated status of GMO corn DAS-40278-9, genetically engineered for resistance to broadleaf herbicides:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-27/pdf/2011-33009.pdf>

27 -Comments due to USDA/APHIS on Monsanto's Petition for nonregulated status of GMO soybean MON 87769, genetically engineered to produce stearidonic acid, an omega-3 non-fatty acid not found in conventional soybeans:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-27/pdf/2011-33002.pdf>

27 - Comments due to USDA's Farm Service Agency on the proposed extension of currently approved information collection that supports the End-Use Certificate Program:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-29/pdf/2011-33443.pdf>

April

9 – Comments due to U.S Customs and Border Patrol on the proposed extension without change of the following information collections: Country of Origin Marking Requirements for Containers or Holders ([Click here](#)) and CBP Form 300, Bonded Warehouse Proprietor's Submission ([Click here](#))

Activities Calendar

22 – Arlington, VA – International Grain Trade Coalition Meeting and NAEGA Global Industry Reception

23 – Arlington, VA – 2012 NAEGA Annual Meetings and Centennial Celebration

March

8-9 – Buenos Aires, Argentina – Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) Western Hemispheric Workshop on Low Level Presence – Gary Martin Attending

18-20 – Charleston, SC – NGFA 2012 Convention

29-31 – Brighton, England – Dry Bulk Terminal Group Meetings. Jerry Cotter attending for NAEGA

May

7-9 – Kansas City, Missouri – 2012 International Food Aid & Development Conference

June

7 – London, United Kingdom – 2012 International Grains Council Grains Conference – www.igc.int

October

1-5 – Hyderabad, India – COP/MOP 6 to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

4-12 – Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom - 52nd European Commodities Exchange
<http://www.ece-edinburgh2012.com/>

NAEGA, Issue Tracking – NAEGA has updated the NAEGA Personal Pages website to include the new Issue Tracking system, which will improve the way NAEGA communicates to members regarding progress on issues.

NAEGA Issues & Decision Memos have been added to the site under the section currently titled “Events”. The events section will be retitled to “Current Issues”, and each Issue has its own page, containing background information on the issue and updates on current progress on the issue. The Issue Pages can be updated by Board, Committee and other persons who have been granted access to add information. New issues will be posted as NAEGA begins work on them. The issues will be sorted by the most recent updates, and the Personal Pages site can be searched by subject. All persons who have set up a Personal Page can access this information.

If you have not yet registered for the Personal Pages, or have forgotten your log in information, please contact Patrick Hayden at phayden@naega.org. He will set up your account or reset your log in information and send you a temporary password. You can find a user’s guide for the [Personal Pages here](#).

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