



2016 Government Affairs Conference

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Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

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Saturday, September 10, 2016

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Congressional A
RAC Committee Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

1 to 4:30 p.m.
Congressional A
NEI Committee Meeting

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Congressional A
Legislative Committee Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

5:30 to 8 p.m.
Capitol B
APN Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

Sunday, September 11, 2016

7:30 to 10:15 a.m.
Capitol
Transportation Committee Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Capitol
Customs Committee Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

1:30 to 5 p.m.
Columbia AB
Board of Directors Meeting
(Open to all NCBFAA Regular Members)

3 to 5:30 p.m.
Columbia Wall
NCBFAA Registration Desk Opens

6 to 7 p.m.
Thornton, 11th Floor
Opening Reception (For All Attendees)
Hosted by NCBFAA PAC Committee
Leah Ellis, JAS Forwarding USA Inc. - NCBFAA PAC Chair

Monday, September 12, 2016

6:30 to 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast on Your Own**

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Columbia Wall **NCBFAA Registration Desk Open**

8:45 to 9 a.m.
Columbia **Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks**

Presenters:

- Geoffrey C. Powell, C. H. Powell Co. - NCBFAA President
 - Jerry Becnel, J. W. Allen & Co., Inc. - NCBFAA GAC Chair
 - Leah Ellis, JAS Forwarding USA Inc. - NCBFAA PAC Chair
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9 to 9:45 a.m.
Columbia **Forecast for Trade –A Congressional View**

Précis: 2016 has been a bad political year for trade -- but advocates for expanded trade must be undeterred. Everett Eissenstat is the top Senate staff person in trade and will outline future possibilities for free trade agreements, trade logistics legislation and oversight of CBP. This is a mandatory primer for your visits on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

Speaker: Everett Eissenstat, Chief Trade Counsel, Senate Finance Committee

Introduced by: Jon Kent, Kent & O'Connor, Inc. - NCBFAA Legislative Representative

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
Columbia **Regulations under the New Customs Act**

Précis: With passage of the Customs Reauthorization bill early in 2016, brokers have witnessed the balance between facilitation and enforcement tipped in the direction of new regulatory requirements, the bill will spawn regulations that will require brokers to gather identifying information from their importers, to meet as-yet-to-be-determined PGA requirements for higher *de minimis* shipments, and comply with long-awaited broker rules. The panel will discuss those changes.

Panel:

- Alan Klestadt, Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt LLP - NCBFAA Customs Counsel
- Dan Meylor, Carmichael International Service - NCBFAA Customs Committee Vice Chair
- Jerry Malmo, Director, CBP Commercial Fraud Division

Moderator: Mary Jo Muoio, OHL dba Barthco - NCBFAA Customs Committee Chair

10:45 to 11 a.m.
Columbia

Networking Break

11 to 11:45 p.m.
Columbia

FMC Chairman's Comments to Industry

Précis: The past 12 months have witnessed strong engagement between the Federal Maritime Commission and Industry. A notable example has been FMC's behind-the-scenes role in bringing SOLAS to a more satisfactory conclusion on July 1. Additionally, the agency has published OTI regulations, which were modified during the comment process to meet the concerns of industry. Chairman Mario Cordero will provide the conference a look-back at the FMC's accomplishments, and a glance at the future.

Speaker: Mario Cordero, Federal Maritime Commission Chair

Introduced by: Jan Fields, John S. James Company - NCBFAA Transportation Committee Chair

12 to 1:30 p.m.
Capitol

Lunch
Report from the Executive Assistant Commissioner

Précis: Executive Assistant Commissioner Brenda Smith is expected to draw on her recent experience with the industry's move to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) to summarize activity to date, as well as provide her perspective on the ultimate outcome of the system rollout. Following her address, she may be able to entertain a few questions from the audience.

Speaker: Brenda Smith, CBP Executive Assistant Commissioner

Introduced by:

- Geoffrey C. Powell, C. H. Powell Co. - NCBFAA President

Special Recognition and Remarks Honoring:

- Captain Domenic Veneziano, Retired,
FDA, Director, Division of Import Operations

1:30 – 1:45 p.m
Columbia

Networking Break (Transition to Meeting Room)

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.
Columbia

Preparation for Hill Visits & Discussion of Issues for Congressional Meetings

Précis: Are you a tenderfoot or a long-time pro at persuading your Congressman or Senator on what is good for your industry? It doesn't matter. This session will help you with last minute adjustments in your approach, answer questions about the issues that you'll discuss, or just make you more comfortable that you've dotted all the "i's" for your meeting.

Presenter:

- Jon Kent, Kent & O'Connor, Inc. - NCBFAA Legislative Representative
 - Jerry Becnel, J. W. Allen & Co., Inc. - NCBFAA GAC Chair
 - Charles Riley, John A. Steer Co. - NCBFAA Legislative Committee Chair
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2:15 to 3 p.m.
Columbia

Transportation Committee Report Card

Précis: These presentations represent a *tour de force* in the wide-ranging activities of the Transportation Committee this year: exports; port congestion and SOLAS; and air cargo regulation. Each subcommittee chair will share those "hot issues" that dominate their agenda -- the challenges facing forwarders, NVOCCs and Indirect Air Carriers and the steps being taken to keep cargo moving.

Panel:

- Rich Roche, Mohawk Global Logistics - NCBFAA NVOCC Subcommittee Chair
- Donna Mullins, Mullins International Solutions - NCBFAA Air Cargo Subcommittee Chair
- Paulette Kolba, DSV Air and Sea, Inc. – NCBFAA Export Compliance Sub-Committee Chair

Moderator: Edward Greenberg, GKG Law, P.C. - NCBFAA Transportation Counsel

3 to 3:15 p.m.
Columbia

Networking Break

3:15 to 4 p.m.
Columbia

The Challenge for PGA Transition to ACE

Précis: More than ever before, the Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) have become an integral part of our work processes. With the President's Executive Order, we are facing the challenge of their transition to ITDS/ACE. Our Regulatory Affairs Committee Chair will explore the details of that transition with three agencies of great interest to customs brokers. In turn, attendees will have the opportunity to share their experience with these key PGAs.

Panel:

- John E. Verbeten, Food and Drug Administration
- Sheila Einsweiler, Fish and Wildlife Service
- Cindy Walters, APHIS

Moderator: Roger Clarke, Williams Clarke Company, Inc. - NCBFAA Regulatory Agencies Committee Chair

4 to 5:30 p.m.
Columbia

ACE Implementation: Where Does It Stand and What Can We Expect in the Future

Précis: ACE has dominated 2016. This successor to ACS has consumed a multitude of resources -- in time and money, as well as keeping brokers, software vendors and other key industry participants awake at night. In the backdrop of the system becoming mandatory, ACS being shut off, and PGAs transitioning, concerns abound about its December deadline and completing the unfinished elements of ACE after that. This panel will assess where we are and where ACE is going.

Panel:

- Amy Magnus, A. N. Deringer, Inc. - NCBFAA Vice President
- Stuart Schmidt, UPS Supply Chain Solutions - NCBFAA Customs Committee Member
- Myra Reynolds, John S. James Company - NCBFAA Customs Committee
- Michael Cerny, Global Customs & Trade Specialists, Inc. - NCBFAA Drawback Committee
- Cynthia Whittenburg, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Trade, CBP

Moderator: Cindy Allen, FedEx Trade Networks - NCBFAA Customs Committee

5:30 to 7 p.m.
Congressional B Drawback Committee Meeting

6 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

7:30 to 9 a.m.

Capitol

(Please be prompt, breakfast service ends once presentation begins)

Breakfast Session

CBP Report from the Commissioner

Précis: CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske concludes his time at the helm of the agency at the end of this year. He has forged an especially strong relationship with NCBFAA, as we have worked together to address a myriad of issues. Of special note is the transition to ACE for CBP and the Participating Government Agencies. 2016 also witnessed the passage of the Customs Reauthorization Bill, which has brought a great number of new enforcement challenges to us both. The Commissioner will bring attendees up to date on what lies ahead for CBP and the Association.

Speaker: R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs & Border Protection

Introduced by:

- Geoffrey C. Powell, C. H. Powell Co. - NCBFAA President
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9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Congressional Appointments on Capitol Hill

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Rayburn House Office Building,

Room TBD

Congressional Appointments Debriefing

Moderator:

- Jon Kent, Kent & O'Connor, Inc. - NCBFAA Legislative Representative
 - Jerry Becnel, J. W. Allen & Co., Inc. - NCBFAA GAC Chair
 - Charles Riley, John A. Steer Co. - NCBFAA Legislative Committee Chair
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6 - 8 p.m.

Rayburn HOB,

Gold Room 2168

Congressional Reception

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Congressional CD

Transportation Committee Meeting (Regular Members Only)

Continental breakfast will be provided for the Transportation Committee and FMC attendees only; all others will have breakfast on their own.

Moderator: Jan Fields, John S. James Company - NCBFAA Transportation Committee Chair

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Capitol

Customs Committee Meeting with CBP (Regular Members Only) Continental breakfast will be provided for the Customs Committee and CBP attendees only; all others will have breakfast on their own.

Moderator: Mary Jo Muoio, OHL dba Barthco - NCBFAA Customs Committee Chair

12 – 1 p.m.

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Lunch will be provided for the Customs Committee and CBP attendees only, all others will have lunch on their own.