

# NGFA 119th Annual Convention

## Agenda (as of March 2)

### Saturday, March 14

6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Chairman's Reception (invitation only)

### Sunday, March 15

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration Open

8 a.m.-9:15 a.m. National Grain and Feed Foundation Trustees (closed)

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Executive Committee (closed)

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Past Presidents'/Chairmen's Lunch (invitation only)

1-3 p.m. Country Elevator Committee Grain Grades & Weights Committee  
International Trade/Agricultural Policy Committee Trade Rules Committee

1-3 p.m. Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee (closed)

3:15-5:15 p.m. Committee Meetings

- Biofuels Committee/Feed Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee/Feed Manufacturing and Technology Committee (joint meeting)
- Biotechnology Committee
- Risk Management Committee/Finance and Administration Committee

3:30-5:30 p.m. Transportation Open Forum  
*Hosted by Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee/Waterborne Commerce Committee*

Moderator: Kevin Thompson, Chairman, NGFA Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee; Assistant Vice President, Transportation Lead, Cargill Inc.,

- **Crude by Rail -- The Ground Truth:** Bryan Boaz, Manager, Rail Asset Performance, Development and Enterprise Risk, Enbridge Energy Partners
- **Economic Benefits and Prospects for Beginning Inland Waterways Projects:** Debra Colbert, Senior Vice President, Waterways Council; and Rick Calhoun, Chairman, NGFA

Waterborne Commerce Committee, Senior Vice President,  
Grain and Oilseed Supply; President, Cargo Carriers, Cargill, Inc.

- **Changing the Rules of the Road: Reauthorizing the Highway Bill and Increasing Truck Weight Limits:** John Runyan, Executive Director, Coalition for Transportation Productivity; President, Runyan Public Affairs

5:30 p.m. New Member/First-time Attendee Reception (invitation only)

6-7:30 p.m. CoBank Welcome Reception-Alamo Plaza

## **Monday, March 16**

7 a.m.-Noon Registration Open

7:30-8:45 a.m. Rail Arbitration Rules Committee

8-9 a.m. Grain and Feed PAC Coffee

9-11:30 a.m. Spouse/Guest Breakfast and Activity

## **Grand Opening Breakfast/General Session (sit-down, plated breakfast) General Session**

9-11:30 a.m. Gary Beachner, NGFA Chairman, Chairman's Address

George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner

Carl Ice, President/CEO, BNSF Railway

Membership Awards Ceremony

Noon-6 p.m. NGFF Classic Golf Tournament The Quarry Golf Club  
(Bus departs hotel at 11:45 a.m. sharp!)

1-5 p.m. Tour

6:30-7:30 p.m. Bunge North America Inc. Reception

Evening Open for Private Dinners

## **Tuesday, March 17**

7-8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Committee Meetings

- Arbitration Appeals Panel (closed)
- Membership and Marketing Committee

- Waterborne Commerce Committee

7 a.m.–Noon

Registration Open

8:30-9 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting and Industry Recognition

9 a.m.-Noon

General Session

**Futures Markets-Change and Innovation**

Chairman Timothy Massad, Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Break

**Beyond Biotechnology – The Next Innovations in Seed Technology**

Tom Koch, vice president of research for AgReliant Genetics

Dr. Marcel Bruins, Secretariat, International Grain Trade Coalition

**Canadian Perspective: Future Prospects for Key Agriculture Policy and Economic Concerns**

The Honourable Gilles Gauthier, Minister (Economic), Embassy of Canada

Noon-3:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Lunch/Meeting

1-5 p.m.

Afternoon Tours

3:30-4 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting (closed)

6:30-10 p.m.

Cocktail Reception/Banquet & Entertainment/PAC Live Auction