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# 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2018 • WASHINGTON, DC

# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 5 • 4:30PM

Washington Court – Capitol Conference Room

### 4:30 PM – NCAE Executive Committee Meeting

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6 • 8:30AM – 4:15PM

Washington Court – Atrium Ballroom

### 8:30 AM – Opening Remarks and Introductions

Speakers:

- Rick Hanas – NCAE Executive Member - Invocation
- Joe Young – NCAE Chairman
- Michael Marsh – NCAE President & CEO
- Autumn Lippy – Maryland FFA State President
- Cahlen Cheatham – Maryland FFA State Vice-President

### 9:00 AM – Kick-off Keynote

Keynote Speaker:

- Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) – U.S. Representative for Florida's 25th Congressional District

### 9:45 AM – 2018 Political & Regulatory Update

Speaker:

- Charlie Garrison - President at The Garrison Group LLC

### 10:30 AM – Break

### 10:45 AM – Ag Labor Demographics: Present and Future

What the Future of Ag Labor Looks Like: Where will we find our workers and at what cost?

Speaker:

- Dr. Stephen Bronars – Partner at Edgeworth Economics

### 11:30 AM – Keynote

Speaker:

- Congressman Jeff Denham (R-CA) – U.S. Representative for California's 10th Congressional District, invited

### 12:00 PM – Lunch

### 1:15 PM – Agriculture Working Together

An Update on the Agricultural Workforce Coalition

Speaker:

- Lynn Jacquez – Principal of CJ Lake LLC

### 2:00 PM – Break

### 2:15 PM – The Culture of Safety

Speaker:

- Frank Gasperini – President & CEO of Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)

### 3:00 PM – Worker Protection Standards

What Employers Need to Know for 2018

Speakers:

- Paul Schlegel – Deputy Executive Director of Public Policy at the American Farm Bureau Federation

### 3:45 PM – NCAE Updates

Q&A with Michael Marsh to set the stage for 2018 and Beyond

Speaker:

- Michael Marsh – President of NCAE

### 4:15 PM – Annual Meeting of NCAE Members



## **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6 • 4:45PM – 6:00PM**

Washington Court – Atrium Ballroom

**4:45PM – Full NCAE Board Meeting** (All Members Encouraged to Remain)

**6:00 PM – Reception in Executive Room**

## **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 • 7:45AM – 10:30AM**

Washington Court – Atrium Ballroom

**7:45 AM – Continental Breakfast Provided**

**8:15 AM – Hill Day Briefing and Role Play**

Speakers:

- Michael Marsh – President & CEO of NCAE
- Sara Neagu-Reed – Legislative Associate at California Farm Bureau Federation
- John Kran – Associate National Legislative Counsel at Michigan Farm Bureau

**9:00 AM – Hill Day Kick-off Keynote**

Ag Labor & Immigration Issues in the U.S. House of Representatives

Keynote Speaker:

- Congressman Robert Goodlatte (R-VA) – Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee

**10:00 AM – NCAE Members Head to Capitol Hill**

## **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8 • 8:30AM – 3:30PM**

Washington Court – Atrium Ballroom

**8:30 AM – Opening Remarks and Introductions**

**9:00 AM – U.S. Department of Labor: ETA, OFLC and Wage & Hour**

Speakers:

- Bill Thompson – Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Brian Pasternak – Director of Programs, Planning and Outreach
- Whitney Ford – representative from Wage and Hour
- Jennifer Amore – representative from Wage and Hour

**10:00 AM – U.S. Department of State**

Speaker:

- Mike Dolce – Visa Policy Analyst, Visa Office - Field Operations Division
- Joel Nantais – Division Chief, Visa Office - Field Operations Divisions

**10:45 AM – U.S. Department of Justice**

Speaker:

- Jodi Danis – Special Litigation Counsel of Immigrant and Employee Rights Section

**11:15 AM – USCIS Ombudsman's Office**

Speaker:

- Carrie Anderson - Assistant Chief for Employment
- Carlos Lobo – Immigration Law Analyst

**12:00 PM – Lunch**

**1:00 PM – Lawyers Panel**

Panelists:

- Ann Margaret Pointer – Partner at Fisher & Phillips
- Chris Schulte – Associate at CJ Lake LLC
- Josh Viau – Counsel at Fisher & Phillips

**2:30 PM – NCAE Outlook and H-2A Committee Goals for 2018**

Panelists:

- Michael Marsh – President & CEO of NCAE
- Troy Frostad – Manager of Mid Columbia AG SVS LLC
- Ryan Ayres – Chief Human Resources Officer at Mercer Ranches





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**2018 Ag Labor Forum**  
November 28 - 30  
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**2019 Annual Meeting**  
February 5-7  
Westin City Center - DC