

Tuesday November 27th

Trinidad 6

NCAE Advocacy Boot Camp

8:00AM – 12:30PM

NCAE will be hold its first "Advocacy Boot Camp" at its 5th Annual Ag Labor Forum at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas on November 27th beginning at 8 am.

This exciting opportunity will provide participants with background and skills to make them effective advocates in any political arena...from the school board to the board room to Congressional offices.

The "boot camp" will be limited in participant numbers so that up to 10 "recruits" will be afforded individual attention and assistance to master the advocacy process. Some advance preparation will be required to assure that all participants are ready to jumpstart their advocacy training. Interactive media, skills practice and active participation will be employed to really round out the advocacy training.

"Drill Sergeants" who will take the "boot camp" participants through their paces include:

Mark Looker of Looker Communications Consulting. Mark has a long background in public advocacy and communications. Mark has also managed the successful campaigns of numerous candidates for office including that of former House Majority Whip Tony Coelho.

Sara Neagu-Reed formerly worked in government relations with the National Corn Growers Association. She is now a legislative associate in the California Farm Bureau Federation Federal Policy Department.

Michael Marsh is the President and CEO of NCAE and a registered federal lobbyist.

Calisthenics and a 100-mile forced march through the Nevada desert are completely optional.

Trinidad Foyer

Registration Opens

12:00PM

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Executive Committee Meeting

3:00PM – 6:00PM

Wednesday November 28th

Trinidad 1	
Registration 7:30AM	Lunch 12:00PM
Breakfast 7:45AM	Protecting Your Business Against Prohibited Fee Charging: Do's, Don't's and Solutions 1:00PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karla Gisela Quintero Diaz, Servicio Nacional de Empleo (invited), Mexico City • Samantha Portillo Fragaoso, Associate, Hall Law Office, Washington, DC • Moderator
Welcome 8:15AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invocation – Michael Lalich, Low Country Labor, NCAE Treasurer • Welcome – Joe Young, New England Apple Council, NCAE Chairman • Introduction of Program – Michael Marsh, President and CEO, NCAE • Nevada State FFA President 	Ethical Charter on Responsible Labor Practices 2:00PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Stenzel, President and CEO, United Fresh Produce Association, Washington, DC
The View from Capitol Hill: Washington, DC Update Post Mid-Terms 8:45AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Regelbrugge – Senior Vice President, AmericanHort, Washington, DC 	Break 2:45PM
Break 9:30AM	Consumer Demand for Responsible Labor Practices 3:00PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherry Singh, Director Strategic Initiatives, Walmart Foundation, Bentonville (invited) • Costco (invited) • Moderator
NCAE Strategic Plan and Vision Forward 9:45AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Marsh, President and CEO, NCAE, Washington, DC 	California and Washington Labor Update: A Legal World All Their Own 4:00PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Saqui, President/CEO, The Saqui Law Group, Sacramento • Diane Butler, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine, Seattle
Social Media: Making Your Company's Presence Sizzle! 10:15AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Looker, CEO, Looker Communications Consulting, LLC, Modesto 	Wine Tasting Reception 5:15PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored by Mercer Ranches & DUDA
The 2018 Tax Bill and Consequences to Farmers and Agribusinesses 11:00AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Kantrovich, PhD, Clemson University, Clemson 	

Thursday November 29th

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<p>Breakfast 7:45AM</p>	<p>Lunch 12:00PM</p>
<p>Enhancing Community Relations for H-2A Housing 8:15AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Gempler – Washington Growers League 	<p>Janus v. AFSCME: What It May Mean For the Private Sector 1:00PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Viau – Of Counsel, Fisher & Phillips, Atlanta
<p>Anatomy of a HR Lawsuit 9:00AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Viau – Of Counsel, Fisher & Phillips, Atlanta 	<p>Improving Employee Relationships to Thwart Collective Bargaining 1:45PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne Malitz – Principal, Malitz Law, inc., San Diego (invited)
<p>Break 10:00AM</p>	<p>Break 2:30PM</p>
<p>Legal Responses to Lingering HR and H-2A Questions 10:15AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Schulte – Associate, CJ Lake LLC, Washington, DC 	<p>Evidence Development for H-2A Reform 2:45PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troy Frostad – Manager, Underwood Fruit and Warehouse Company, Yakima • Ryan Ayres – Chief HR Officer, Mercer Ranches, Prosser • Chris Schulte – Associate, CJ Lake LLC, Washington, DC • Michael Marsh, President and CEO, NCAE, Washington, DC
<p>H-2A and Your Employee Benefits (via Videoconference) 11:00AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorie Maring – Of Counsel, Fisher & Phillips, Atlanta 	<p>Trinidad 2</p>
	<p>OFLC Technology Modernization Forum • Brian Pasternak – Director of Program Planning and Outreach, USDOL OFLC, Washington, DC</p>

Friday November 30th

Trinidad 3

H-2A 101

8:00AM

- Brian Pasternak – Director of Program Planning and Outreach, USDOL OFLC, Washington, DC

H-2A Workshop for Agents and Users

9:00AM

- Brian Pasternak – Director of Program Planning and Outreach, USDOL OFLC, Washington, DC
- USCIS Ombudsman (invited)
- US Department of State (invited)

Lunch (on your own)

12:00PM

ASCHA Farm Safety Seminar

1:00PM

- Frank Gasperini, Principal, FGasperini Associates, LLC, Leesburg