

AGENDA — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:30-9 AM - [REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST](#)

9-9:15 AM - [WELCOME](#)

SSGA Chairperson; Commissioner Thom Petersen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; SSGA Executive Director Randy Duckworth and Gail Donkers, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

9:15-10 AM - [CHARTING NEW COURSES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCEAN CARRIERS](#)

Hardy Pearson, Hapag-Lloyd and Paul Lesnfsky, Ocean Network Express (North America), Inc.
Introduced by Gail Donkers, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

10:05-10:45 AM - [REMARKS FROM THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE](#) / John Wolfe, Northwest Seaport Alliance

Introduced by JP Lueck, North Dakota Soybean Council

10:50-11:35 AM - [WHAT'S GOING ON WITH SHIPPING?](#) / Salvatore Mercogliano, Campbell University

Introduced by Tina Lyons, SSGA Competitive Shipping action team chair

11:40 AM-12 PM - [A WORD FROM WIMOs - WOMEN IN MARITIME OPERATIONS](#) / April-Hope Wareham

12-1 PM - [LUNCH](#)

1-1:25 PM - [UPDATE FROM THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY](#) / Anthony Fisher, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Introduced by Bryan Severs, Illinois Soybean Association

1:30-2:30 PM - [PANEL: REVITALIZING TRADE ON THE GREAT LAKES](#)

Ken Carey, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation; Maria Cartier, Port Milwaukee; Ian Hirt, Ports of Indiana; and Sten Konst, Spliethoff Transportation

2:35-3 PM - [ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY: A BRIDGE TO UZBEKISTAN](#) / Joe Smentek, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

Introduced by Kate Ferguson, Duluth Seaway Port Authority

3:05-3:45 PM - [SSGA: KEEPING SHIPPING COMPETITIVE](#) / Tina Lyons, Double River Forwarding and Robert Sinner, SB&B Foods

3:50-4:10 PM - [REAL-TIME RAIL INTELLIGENCE & TARIFF IMPACTS: OPTIMIZING AGRICULTURE SUPPLY CHAINS](#) / Adam Nori, RailState, LLC

Introduced by Eric Kresin, SSGA board member

4:10 PM - [SPONSOR RECOGNITION AND CLOSING](#)

6-8 PM - [OFF SITE RECEPTION](#) / Mill City Museum - 704 S 2nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55401

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:30-8:20 AM - [BREAKFAST](#)

8:25 AM - [DAY 2 INTRO](#)

8:30-9 AM - [PORT OF LOS ANGELES: SUPPLY CHAIN IN FOCUS](#) / David Libatique, Port of Los Angeles

Introduced by Chuck Kunisch, SSGA board member

9:05-9:40 AM - [REMARKS FROM THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION](#) / Daniel Maffei, Federal Maritime Commission

Introduced by Derrick Scott, South Dakota Soybean Checkoff

9:40-10:15 AM - [NATIONAL FREIGHT RAIL NETWORK UPDATE AND THE FUTURE OF FREIGHT RAIL](#) / Robert Primus, Surface Transportation Board

Introduced by Steve Wilkens, Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board

10:15 AM - [BREAK](#)

10:30-11 AM - [BIOFUELS STATUS UPDATE](#) / Joe Jobe, SABR

Introduced by Tom Slunicka, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

11:05 AM-12:15 PM - [TRANSPORTATION IN THE NEXT ERA - SHIFTS, INNOVATION AND ADOPTION](#)

Ralph Asher, Data Driven Supply Chain LLC; Brent Bois, Calhoun Truck Lines and Eunice Sun, BNSF Railway
Introduced by Jake Noll, SSGA board member

12:15 PM - [CLOSING AND LUNCH](#)

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