



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- CH PPLA Meeting
- SILA National Education Conference
- Casualty Actuarial Society Meeting



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Another active week at NCIS. With many new and important developments taking place in our industry, we bring you a "round-up" of NCIS activities, meetings, projects and progress. A list of future events will also be included in each edition.

We welcome your comments and look forward to sharing this update with you.



NCIS Offices Are Closed Today!

Crop-Hail Policy Procedure and Loss Adjustment (CH/PPLA) Committee Meets at NCIS

The NCIS CH/PPLA met at the NCIS offices in Overland Park, Kansas, this past week. NCIS' Loretta Sobba and Chair Larry Ewart, Farmer's Mutual Hail, lead the committee, which is comprised of fourteen member company representatives who write crop-hail insurance. Issues discussed included changes to corn stand reduction loss charts, loss procedures for small grains, chile peppers and canning-freezing peas, and protocols for new crop research projects. The Committee also reviewed and discussed state amendatory endorsements and issues encountered because of drought conditions in 2012..





Securities and Insurance Licensing (SILA) National Education Conference Held in Denver, Colorado

NCIS Senior Vice President Mike Sieben and Training and Development Specialist Dean Strasser attended the SILA National Education conference in Denver, Colorado, this past week. The mission of SILA is to “provide an educational forum for members to exchange information, best practices and ideas that resolve issues common to the industry and to improve licensing and registration across the country” in the complex insurance industry. This five-day conference provided numerous workshops on licensing, registration and compliance.



Casualty Actuarial Society Meeting Held in Baltimore, Maryland

NCIS President Tom Zacharias and Senior Vice President Frank Schnapp were invited to give a presentation at a seminar in Baltimore hosted by the Casualty Actuarial Society on October 4. The focus of the seminar was evaluating and managing natural and man-made catastrophic risks from the perspective of the insurance industry and society in general. The subject of their presentation, “Current Issues in Crop Insurance,” provided a review of the basics of the Crop-Hail and Federal crop insurance programs with an emphasis on the unique characteristics of the Federal program, which included a discussion of program oversight by RMA, the impact of the 2008 and upcoming Farm Bill, recent SRA negotiations, RMA ratemaking methodology changes, and current drought conditions on 2012 experience as well as on the future financial performance of the crop insurance industry.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>		
FCIC Board Meeting	November 6-8	Washington, DC
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 7 & 8	Overland Park, KS
Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting (Tentative)	November 27 & 28	Washington, DC
NAIC Fall Meeting	Nov 29 – Dec 2	Washington, DC
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 13 & 14	Off-site
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
NCIS Claims Managers Conference	January 23 & 24	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention	February 10-13	Indian Wells, CA
Commodity Classic	Feb 28 – March 2	Kissimmee, FL
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16 & 17	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 6 & 7	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC