

What's Happening at NCIS

April 1, 2013

Topics this week:

- Regional/State Chairmen Training Meeting
- Senate Agriculture Committee Briefing

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.



Regional/State Chairmen Training Meeting

The Regional/State Chairmen met at NCIS in Overland Park this past week. The NCIS Regional/State committee structure is divided geographically into eighteen committee groups. Each committee conducts its Annual Meeting during the first quarter each year. Following these annual meetings, the Chairmen meet each March to participate in a two-day training session to educate on NCIS functions and prepare them to run their committee meetings efficiently and effectively. The training topics this year included: Antitrust Compliance, Industry Public Relations and Media Training, Successful Meeting Planning Organization, and Loss Adjuster School Training. The Regional/State committees are the grass-roots of our committee structure, and we appreciate the time and effort of those participating as well as the companies for allowing their staff to serve in these important capacities.



Senate Agriculture Committee Briefing

On Monday, March 25, Keith Collins participated in a briefing for Senate Ag Committee legislative assistants. The briefing provided attendees information about crop insurance – how it works and why it is a major piece of the 2013 Farm Bill and was geared toward staff education in advance of consideration of the Farm Bill. Mary Kay Thatcher, Senior Director for American Farm Bureau Federation, also participated. Turnout was quite good with about 50 staffers and 40 Senate offices represented.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2013 Meetings		
Data Mining Committee	April 2-3	Durham, NC
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Communications & Outreach Meeting	April 10	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Training & Education Meeting	April 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NCIS MPC/PPA Meeting	April 23-24	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Approved Insurance Providers Meeting	April 24-25	Overland Park, KS
NCIS CH/PPA Meeting	April 30-May 1	Overland Park, KS
Canadian Crop Hail Association	May 1	Overland Park, KS
NCIS TIP Meeting	May 7-8	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Crop Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
NCIS PDC Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 24-25	Offsite
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	Sept 29-Oct 2	Vienna, Austria
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 6-7	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC
2014 Meetings		
2014 Claims Managers Conference	January 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 9-12	Scottsdale, AZ
2015 Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
2015 Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS