

## Topics this week:

- Kansas/Oklahoma Regional/State Committees Annual Meeting
- 2013 Crop Insurance Annual Convention
- NCIS Board of Directors Meeting



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We're off to a great start to the New Year! As we all know, 2012 was a challenging year for our Industry. As for 2013, we are anticipating many new and important developments taking place in our industry. The 2013 Regional/State Committee meetings are underway for the next two months. We also bring you a "round-up" of all NCIS activities, 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.



## Kansas/Oklahoma Regional/State Committees Annual Meeting

The Kansas/Oklahoma Regional/State Committee held their 2013 Annual Meeting February 12 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was chaired by Lindsey Schneider (RCIS). In attendance were forty-one committee members from twelve member companies, an agent representative, and a representative from the Oklahoma City and Topeka RMA Regional Offices. Presentations included an update from the two RMA regional offices and NCIS. Unfortunately, weather conditions prevented the guest speaker from the Oklahoma Climatological Survey from being able to attend.

## 2013 Crop Insurance Annual Convention

The 2013 Crop Insurance Annual Convention, sponsored by AACI and NCIS, was held in Indian Wells, California, this past week. Over 370 attendees, plus speakers and guests, participated in this convention. Sponsors included the following: *Platinum*: AgricLogic, ARMtech, Great American, Guy Carpenter, NAU Country, and RCIS; *Gold*: Allied World Re, Farmers Mutual Hail, Munich Re, ProAg, Renaissance Re Syndicate, and Swiss Re; *Silver*: AON Benfield, Canadian Crop Hail Association, Diversified Crop Insurance and Third Point Reinsurance Ltd. Speakers included Michael Scuse, Under Secretary; Brandon Willis, Acting Administrator; Philip Brasher, Editor CQ Roll Call Group; David Wasserman, The Cook Political Report; three panel presentations; and Ed Viesturs, Professional Mountaineer. Five individuals from the Crop Insurance Industry were presented with Awards: Greg Burger, James Deal, and Linda Vickers, 2013 Crop Insurance Industry Lifetime Achievement Award; Max Erickson, 2013 Outstanding Service Award; and, Larry Heitman, 2013 Industry Leadership Award.

## NCIS Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the 2013 Crop Insurance Annual Convention in Indian Wells, California. With the challenges affecting the crop insurance industry today, it is important to exchange information and discuss new initiatives. An all-AIP conference call will be scheduled this month and a date for an all-AIP meeting will be scheduled as well. 2012 Industry results were discussed. Staff presented the audit report, approved by KPMG. An associate membership for Q-Re LLC was approved, and full membership was approved for International Ag.

**Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2013 Meetings</b>		
Missouri Regional/State Meeting	February 19	Columbia, MO
California - Nevada Regional/State Mtg.	February 19-20	Monterey, CA
Commodity Classic	Feb 28 – March 2	Kissimmee, FL
Northwest - Montana Regional/State Meeting	March 5	Missoula, MT
Southeast-East Regional/State Meeting	March 5-6	Charleston, SC
Regional State Chairman Training	March 26-27	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Program Development Committee Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
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
<b>2014 Meetings</b>		
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