



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- KS/OK Regional/State Committee Meeting
- 2015 Crop Insurance Annual Convention



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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.**



## 2015 Kansas/Oklahoma Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Kansas/Oklahoma Regional/State Committee held their 2015 Annual Meeting February 12 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting, led by Bruce VanLoenen (Farmers Mutual Hail), KS/OK Committee Chair, was attended by forty-one committee members representing fourteen member companies, representatives from the RMA Oklahoma City and Topeka Regional Offices and a representative from the FSA Oklahoma State Office. Shawn Beach (Topeka Regional Office) and Grant James (Oklahoma City Regional Office) presented information regarding program changes for the 2015 crop year; Tona Huggins (Oklahoma State FSA) provided information regarding the PLC, ARC and NAP programs; and Loretta Sobba (NCIS) gave an update regarding committee recommendations and handbook and policy changes.

## 2015 Crop Insurance Annual Meeting

The 2015 Crop Insurance Annual Convention, sponsored by AACI and NCIS, was held in Bonita Springs, Florida, February 8-11. The 443 registered attendees plus speakers and guests broke previous attendance records. Sponsors included the following: *Platinum*: ARMtech, Great American, Guy Carpenter, QBE/NAU, RenaissanceRe Syndicate 1458, and RCIS; *Gold*: ADM, Allied World RE, Amlin, Aon Benfield, Farmers Mutual Hail, Munich Re, ProAg, Rain and Hail, and Swiss Re; *Silver*: AgiLogic, AIR Worldwide, Canadian Crop Hail, Diversified Crop, and Markel Global Reinsurance. Speakers included Brandon Willis, RMA Administrator; David

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Wasserman, The Cook Political Report; and David Feherty, The Golf Channel. There were also two panels, discussing Crop Insurance Priorities and Outlook for the Future (Dr. David Graves, Robbie Minnich, Bev Paul, Mary Kay Thatcher, Sam Willet) and a Farm Bill Update and Outlook (Dr. Keith Collins, Dr. Joe Outlaw, Dr. Gary Schnitkey, Dr. Patrick Westhoff). Six individuals from the Crop Insurance Industry were presented with Awards: Outstanding Service Award- Dean Benson; *Industry Leadership Award*- Jeff Meyer; Industry Lifetime Achievement Award- *Richard Gibson, Robert Haney, Ben Latham, and Steven Rutledge*. NCIS and AACI wish to thank all who participated and all the sponsors who helped support this convention.



Brandon Willis



David Wasserman



David Feherty

### Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Regional/State Meetings and Schools in Orange)

Event	Date(s)	Location
<b>2015 Meetings</b>		
Missouri R/S Meeting	February 17	Columbia, MO
California/Nevada R/S Meeting	February 17-18	Monterey, CA
Ag Outlook Forum	February 19-20	Arlington, VA
Southeast/East R/S Meeting	March 3	Charleston, SC
Northwest/Montana	March 3-4	Missoula, MT
Regional State Chairman Training	March 24-25	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
TIP Committee Meeting	April 7-8	Overland Park, KS
Underwriting & Operations Committee Meeting	April 14-15	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	April 21-22	Overland Park, KS
CH PPLA Committee Meeting	April 28-29	Overland Park, KS
CH A&S Committee Meeting	May 12	Overland Park, KS
PDC Committee Meeting	May 27-28	Overland Park, KS
Board of Directors Meeting	June 29-30	Offsite

NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
Board of Directors Meeting	September 15-16	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	September 27-30	Kansas City, MO
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, D.C.
Board of Directors Meeting	December 9-10 or 10-11	Offsite
<b><u>2017 Meetings</u></b>		
2016 Claims Managers Conference	January 20-21	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 14-17	Indian Wells, CA
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 3-6	New Orleans, LA
2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference	July 12-13	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 2-3	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 10-13	Miami Beach, FL