



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- NCIS Promotions
- MN/ND/SD Regional/State Committee Meeting
- CO/WY Regional/State Committee 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 Promotions

The following organizational changes /promotions have taken place at NCIS:

Sherri Scharff has been promoted from Vice President of Member Services to Executive Vice President of Member Services and Chief of Staff. Since becoming Vice President of Member Services Sherri has continued to demonstrate both the leadership and organizational skills necessary to take on increased responsibilities at NCIS. Sherri has always put the needs of the Membership first and foremost during her tenure here at NCIS. In serving as Chief of Staff she will be integral in developing association business strategy, member relations, as well as company operations.

Troy Brady has been promoted to Senior Vice President of Insurance Services from Vice President of Data Quality and Systems Design. This newly formed position recognizes Troy's recent contributions and will integrate all operational aspects of the Farm Bill implementation, along with functions of the Underwriting and Operations committee he directs, to include 1) policy and procedural development; 2) loss adjustment and the necessary agronomic research commitment; 3) training and education; as well as 4) operational and financial considerations.

Jessica Trites Rolle has been promoted from Director of Data Administration and Systems Management to Vice President of Data Quality and Systems Design. Jessica has taken a leadership role during a critical time for the industry. This promotion also recognizes her role in successfully taking over responsibilities as Staff Liaison for the Technology and Information Processing Committee utilizing her prior company experience.

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Deanna Parker has been promoted to Executive Assistant of Member Services from Legal Assistant. With membership services at the heart of our business, NCIS felt the necessity to expand the Member Services department. Working under Sherri Scharff, Deanna will provide her expertise in this area to continue to provide excellent customer service to our members.



Colorado/Wyoming Regional/State Meeting

The Colorado/Wyoming Regional/State Committee annual meeting was held in Denver, Colorado, January 9 with 14 people attending. Topics of discussion included MPCl and Crop-Hail policy and procedure updates, Farm Bill implementation, and future meetings and adjuster schools. Collin Olson from the RMA Topeka Regional Office gave an update and discussions ensued on cover crops and conservation compliance. The adjuster school on wheat, concentrating on current disease, insect, and environmental factors that had been approved for 2014, but did not occur due to construction and staffing issues at the Research and Extension Center, was approved for this year. The guest speaker from the Republican River Water Conservation District could not attend due to illness. Another meeting will be scheduled in the spring to discuss prevented planting procedures and issues.

Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota Regional/State Committees held their joint annual meeting January 6 and 7 in Morton, Minnesota, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Dr. Mark Zarnstorff and Dave Hall, NCIS, provided updates on 2015 changes to Crop Hail and MPCl policies and procedures. Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Dr. Jeff Coulter, Dr. Marisol Berti, and Dr. Kevin McPhee, agronomic researchers at North Dakota State University, provided research updates. Also, an RMA update was provided by Michael Przybylski from the St. Paul Regional Office.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2015 Meetings		
Gulf States R/S Meeting	January 15	Tunica, MS
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 29-30	Mescalero, NM
Nebraska/Iowa R/S Meeting	February 3-4	Council Bluffs, IA
Kentucky/Tennessee R/S Meeting	February 5	Nashville, TN
Illinois/Wisconsin R/S Meeting	February 5	Springfield, IL
Indiana/Ohio/Michigan R/S Meeting	February 5	Ft. Wayne, IN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	February 11	Bonita Springs, FL
Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting	February 12	Oklahoma City, OK
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	TBD	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, DC