

# What's Happening at NCIS

April 4, 2016

*Topics this week:*

- CAPP Task Force Meets
- MANRRS Conference
- NAIC Spring Meeting

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.



**Baseball Season Begins!**

Royals beat the Mets 4-3.



**NCAA Finals**

**Tonight @ 8:19 PM**



## Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP) Task Force Meets

On March 29 and 30, Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) volunteers and NCIS training staff, met to review and rework examination questions pertaining to the CAPP Basic Provisions and Loss Adjustment Manual (LAM) exam. The Training and Education Committee provided AIP technical expert volunteers to serve on the CAPP Exam Task Force. The task force evaluated those questions having low success rates. In addition, the committee evaluated each the General Standards Handbook questions that were recently added to the LAM exam. This task is very detailed and we would like to thank each volunteer for the wealth of knowledge and input they offered.



## Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Conference

NCIS participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Career Fair and Training Conference of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) in Jacksonville, Florida, on April 1 and 2. MANRRS is a non-profit organization that promotes and fosters the inclusion of underrepresented minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related disciplines. The conference provided a forum for student and professional members from private industry, government, and academia



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to interact and promote scholarly excellence, professional development, networking, and career placement. Over 1000 individuals participated in the conference. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, represented the crop insurance industry and discussed opportunities for MANNRS members to pursue careers in the crop insurance industry.

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**National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Spring Meeting**

NCIS staff Tom Zacharias and Dean Strasser attended the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) spring meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 3-4, to update the Crop Insurance Working Group on issues affecting the crop insurance industry. Information provided to the Commissioners included MPCl and Crop-Hail premium and loss totals for 2015 and a Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP) informational update. Dave Miller, Director Reinsurance Services Division, RMA, provided an RMA update.

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2016 Meetings – <a href="#">Click Here</a> to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</b>		
<b>NAIC Spring Meeting</b>	<b>April 3-6</b>	<b>New Orleans, LA</b>
<b>Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 5-6</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Technology and Processing Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 13-14</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 14-15</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>

<i>MP PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	April 19-20	Overland Park, KS
<i>CH PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
<i>Canadian CCHA Meeting</i>	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
<i>Sunflowers School</i>	TBD	Southwest Region
<i>WFRP or MPCl Apples School</i>	TBD	IN/OH/MI Region
<i>MPCl &amp; Crop-Hail School (Crops TBD)</i>	May TBD	Stillwater, OK
<i>CH A&amp;S Committee Meeting</i>	May 10	Overland Park, KS
<i>PDC Meeting</i>	May 24-25	Overland Park, KS
<i>Crop-Hail Wheat &amp; Soybeans School</i>	June 14-15	Columbia, MO
<i>MPCl &amp; Crop-Hail Dry Peas &amp; Wheat School</i>	June 21-22	Scottsbluff, NE
<i>MPCl &amp; Crop-Hail Canola, Forage, Lentils &amp; Wheat School</i>	June 21-22	Moccasin, MT
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	June 27-28	Offsite
<i>Crops TBD School</i>	July TBD	Manhattan, KS
<i>Crops TBD School</i>	July TBD	Beresford, SD
<i>MPCl Rice School</i>	July 12-13	Stuttgart, AR
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</i>	July 19-20	Overland Park, KS
<i>Crop-Hail New Adjuster School</i>	July 20	Lamberton, MN
<i>Crop-Hail Corn &amp; Soybean School</i>	July 21	Lamberton, MN
<i>MPCl &amp; Crop-Hail Canola (Winter &amp; Spring), Forage, Lentils, Peas &amp; Wheat School</i>	July 26-27	Spokane, WA
<i>Crop-Hail Corn, Soybean, Wheat in Classroom School</i>	August 3-4	Champaign, IL
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
<i>Crop-Hail New Adjuster (Crops TBD) School</i>	August 8	Fargo, ND
<i>Crop-Hail (Crops TBD) School</i>	August 9-10	Fargo, ND
<i>Row Crops (Barley, Corn, Dry Beans, Soybeans,</i>	August 9	Powell, WY

<i>Sugar Beets, Sunflowers)</i>		
<i>School</i>		
<i>Crop-Hail Corn &amp; Soybeans</i>	<b>August 9-10</b>	<b>Ames, IA</b>
<i>School</i>		
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<b>September 21-22</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<i>MPCI Cotton &amp; Soybeans</i>	<b>October TBD</b>	<b>Florence, SC</b>
<i>School</i>		
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer</i>	<b>November 2-3</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<i>Spring Conference</i>		
<i>MPCI Fresh Market, Blueberries &amp; WFRP School</i>	<b>November 9-10</b>	<b>Lake Alfred, FL</b>
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<b>December 8-9</b>	<b>Offsite</b>
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	<b>December 10-13</b>	<b>Miami Beach, FL</b>
<u><i>2017 Meetings</i></u>		
<i>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</i>	<b>February 5-8</b>	<b>Bonita Springs, FL</b>
<i>NAIC Spring Meeting</i>	<b>April 8-11</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	<b>August 5-8</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	<b>December 2-5</b>	<b>Honolulu, HA</b>