

# AAPA Spring Conference

March 20-22, 2018

Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel

## Tuesday, March 20

### Policy/Technical Committee and Delegation Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> (National Ballroom foyer)
8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Committee Meetings as Called</b> (please see meeting grid)
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Port Directors Only Meeting</b> (East Room)
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Canadian Delegation Meeting</b> (Bel Air Room)
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Caribbean Delegation Meeting</b> (Woodlawn Room)
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Latin American Delegation Meeting</b> (Ashlawn South)
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>U.S. Legislative Policy Council Meeting</b> (U.S. corporate members only) (Ashlawn North)

### ★ ★ SPRING CONFERENCE BUSINESS PROGRAM KICK OFF ★ ★ Seaports of the Hemisphere Allied in Relationships for Excellence (SHARE) sessions

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.  
(Monticello Ballroom)



#### Luncheon and Keynote Address

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#### *World Economic and Trade Outlook Under Changes in Trade Policies*

##### **Speaker:**

*Paul Bingham, Director, Hackett Associates, San Marino, CA*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

#### **Perception vs. Reality on Trade**

*The Administration has criticized the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) as bad trade deals that have cost American jobs and has withdrawn from the Trans Pacific Partnership, a trade pact with 11 other countries covering 40% of global GDP. Trade and industry experts will talk about popular views on trade as well as the potential economic impact of these new trade policies on jobs and industries. What can ports expect?*

##### **Discussion Leader:**

*Evelyn M. Suarez, The Suarez Firm, Washington, DC*

##### **Speakers:**

*Bruce Stokes, Director, Global Economic Attitudes, Pew Research Center, Washington, DC  
Yuri Unno, Director for International Trade Policy, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., Washington, DC*

*Julia K. Hughes, President, U.S. Fashion Industry Association, Washington, DC  
Brian Kuehl, J.D., Executive Director, Farmers for Free Trade, Sheridan, WY*

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## Tuesday, March 20 (continued)

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3:30 – 3:45 p.m.  
(National Ballroom foyer)

### Break

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3:45 – 4:15 p.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

### Canada and the United States: Partners in Economic Growth

#### **Introduction:**

*Denis Caron, President & CEO, Belledune Port Authority, Chairman,  
AAPA Canadian Delegation*

#### **Speaker:**

*Hon. David MacNaughton, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America*



4:15 – 5:15 p.m.  
(Ashlawn South)

### AAPA 2017-2018 Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
(Vista Terrace/1400 North)

### Reception

*Hosted by the **Port of Valparaíso**  
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## Wednesday, March 21

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8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(National Ballroom foyer)

### Registration

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
(National Ballroom foyer)

### Continental Breakfast

Sponsored by **Odgers Berndtson** and **Saul Ewing, Arnstein & Lehr LLP**



9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

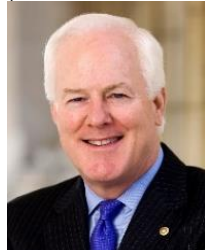
### Presentation of AAPA 2018 Port Person of the Year and Keynote Address

#### **Introduction:**

*Chris Fisher, Port Director & CEO, Port of Beaumont*

#### **Award Recipient and Speaker:**

*The Honorable John Cornyn (R-TX), Majority Whip, U.S. Senate*



## Wednesday, March 21 (continued)

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

### The Future of the Workforce

**Facilitator:**

*Dr. Noel Hacegaba, PPM, Chief Commercial Officer & Managing Dir. of Comm. Operations, Port of Long Beach, Chairman AAPA Professional Development Board*

**Speakers:**

*Pamela L. Boswell, Vice President - Workforce Development & Educational Services, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, DC*

*Thomas C. Downs, Esq., Principal, Downs Government Affairs, Washington, DC – consultant to community and technical colleges in connection with the new Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence program*

*Alexander Bond, Director, Center for Transportation Leadership, Eno Center for Transportation, Washington, DC*

*Barbara Murray, Executive Director, TransPORTs – US DOL National Apprenticeship, Virginia Beach, VA*

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  
(National Ballroom foyer)

### Break

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11:00 a.m. – Noon  
(National Ballroom AB)

### Lessons Learned in Emergency Preparation and Response

**Moderator:**

*Clement Reid, Port Director, Port Authority of the Cayman Islands, Chairman, AAPA Caribbean Delegation*

**Speakers:**

*Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port Corpus Christi*

*A. Paul Anderson, President & CEO, Port Tampa Bay*

*Bishen John, Port Manager, St. Vincent & the Grenadines Port Authority*

### End of SHARE sessions

### U.S. Advocacy – U.S. Government Relations/Federal Policy Activities (open to all AAPA members)

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.  
(Monticello Ballroom)



### Luncheon and Keynote Address

**Introduction:**

*Paul Aucoin, Executive Director, Port of South Louisiana*

**Speaker:**

*Hon. Garret Graves, Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, U.S. House of Representatives*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)



### U.S. Maritime Policy

**Introduction:**

*William D. Friedman, President & CEO, Port of Cleveland, AAPA U.S. Delegation Chair-Elect*

**Speaker:**

*Richard Balzano, Deputy Maritime Administrator, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Washington, DC*

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## Wednesday, March 21 (continued)

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2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

### **Congressional Views on Water Resources Development Act and Infrastructure Legislation**

**Speakers:**

*John Kane, Senior Professional Staff Member, Minority, Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure*  
*Ian Bennitt, Majority Staff Director, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment*  
*Ryan Seiger, Minority Staff Director, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment*

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.  
(National Ballroom foyer)

### **Break**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.  
(National Ballroom AB)

### **Infrastructure Proposals from Industry Partners**

**Speakers:**

*Edward L. Mortimer, Exec. Dir., Transp. Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC*  
*Bill Sullivan, Executive Vice President of Advocacy, American Trucking Associations, Arlington, VA*  
*Ian Jefferies, Senior Vice President-Government Affairs, Association of American Railroads, Washington, DC*

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Capitol Hill Reception** (2167 Rayburn House Office Building)  
**The bus will depart promptly at 5:00 p.m. and return after the event.**

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## Thursday, March 22

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### **U.S. Advocacy – U.S. Government Relations/Federal Policy Activities**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**AAPA Government Relations staff will arrange a series of meetings with Members of Congress and Department/Agency staff.**

*Attendance is open to all for U.S. corporate members, but space at individual meetings may be limited.*

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