

# 106<sup>th</sup> AAPA Annual Convention

October 1-4, 2017  
Long Beach, CA

## Sunday, October 1

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>AAPA Registration Desk Open</b> (Convention Center – Pacific Gallery)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Port of Long Beach Harbor Tour (must sign up in advance)</b>
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. <i>Keesal, Young and Logan 400 Oceangate, #1400 Long Beach, CA 90802</i>	<b>A View from Above the Green Port of the Future - Welcome Reception</b> <i>Before you head out for your first night exploring the beautiful city of Long Beach, meet up with other delegates and enjoy appetizers, drinks and a breathtaking panoramic view of the Port and downtown.</i>
<i>Shuttles leave from Westin and Renaissance Hotels beginning at 5:15 p.m.</i>	

## Monday, October 2

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>AAPA Registration Desk Open</b> (Convention Center – Pacific Gallery)
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Committee Meetings as Called</b> (please see meeting grid)
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Seaside 4)	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>See the Port of the Future—Port of Long Beach Tours</b> <i>Convention registrants will receive an invitation to sign up for one of four special tours: (1) Long Beach Container Terminal and Pacific Harbor Line; (2) Harbor Tour, (3) Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, or (4) Joint Command and Control Center. Space is limited!</i>
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Seaside Ballroom A)	<b>Special Sessions for Port Directors</b>
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch On Own/Regional Caucuses as Called</b> (please see meeting grid)
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. (Seaside Ballroom B)	<b>2016-2017 Board of Directors Meeting</b>
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Seaside 7)	<b>Caribbean Ports Delegation Meeting</b>
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Seaside 4)	<b>Canadian Ports Delegation Meeting</b>
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Seaside 1)	<b>U.S. Legislative Policy Council</b>
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Seaside Ballroom B)	<b>Latin American Ports Delegation Meeting</b>
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Pacific Ballroom South)	<b>Lighting Up Long Beach - Opening Reception</b> <i>It's party time as we light up the exhibit hall with mouthwatering eats, unexpected refreshments and high-energy entertainment. Enjoy special activities, mingle, grab a few delights, explore the various exhibitor booths and dance to a beat from a DJ. You don't want to miss this!</i>

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## Tuesday, October 3

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7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.      **AAPA Registration Desk Open** (Convention Center – Pacific Gallery)

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)      **Continental Breakfast — Grand Opening of Exhibition**

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9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)      **Opening Ceremonies**

**Speakers:**

*Mario Cordero, J.D., Executive Director, Port of Long Beach*  
*Lou Anne Bynum, President, Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners*  
*Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor, City of Long Beach*  
*Kurt J. Nagle, President & CEO, AAPA*  
*Mark McAndrews, Port Director, Port of Pascagoula, AAPA Chairman of the Board*

**Responders:**

*Canadian Delegation – Gaéтан Boivin, President & CEO, Trois-Rivières Port Authority, AAPA Canadian Delegation Chairman*  
*Caribbean Delegation – Glenn Roach, Manager, Barbados Port Inc., AAPA Caribbean Delegation Chairman*  
*Latin American Delegation – Alberto Díaz, Presidente, Administración Nacional de Puertos, Uruguay, AAPA Latin American Delegation Chair-Elect*  
*U.S. Delegation Responder – Gary G. Nelson, Executive Director, Port of Grays Harbor*  
*Association of Canadian Port Authorities – Wendy Zatylny, President*  
*Int'l Association of Ports and Harbors – Patrick Verhoeven, Managing Director*

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10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)      **Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
(Seaside Ballroom)      **Global Economic Trends and Making the Case for Trade**  
*The speakers will address the global economic outlook and rapidly changing trade policy agendas in the Western Hemisphere and beyond. How can ports communicate the economic/jobs value of International trade to policymakers?*

**Moderator:**

*Mark McAndrews, Port Director, Port of Pascagoula, AAPA Chairman of the Board*

**Speakers:**

*Jock O'Connell, International Trade Economist and Advisor, Beacon Economics and Economic Consultant to PMSA, Sacramento, CA*  
*Jonathan E. Gold, V.P., Supply Chain and Customs Policy, National Retail Federation, Washington, DC*  
*Susan Kohn Ross, Partner, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, Los Angeles, CA*  
*Robert S. Russell, AVP Network & Industrial Development, UP, Omaha, NE*

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12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)      **Pre-Luncheon Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall**

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**Tuesday, October 3** *(continued)*

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12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Luncheon Program with Keynote Address**

**Introduction:**

Mario Cordero, J.D., Executive Director,  
Port of Long Beach

**Keynote Speaker:**

Cindy J. Miller  
President,  
UPS Global Freight Forwarding Atlanta, GA



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2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Best Practices in Supply Chain Optimization (SCO)**

Panelists will discuss stakeholder outreach/collaboration and best practices to move goods efficiently in/out of ports to enhance SCO, reducing congestion and minimizing environmental impacts.

**Moderator:**

Molly Campbell, Director, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

**Speakers:**

Mario Cordero, J.D., Executive Director, Port of Long Beach  
The Honorable Rebecca Dye, Commissioner, Federal Maritime Commission,  
Washington, DC  
Mark Sisson, P.E., Senior Port Planner/Analyst, AECOM, Oakland, CA

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3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)

**Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Private Sector Port Financing, Investment and Development Initiatives**

A current look at capital markets, project financing, and private investment as they relate to ports in the Americas.

**Moderator:**

Steven M. Cernak, P.E., PPM, Chief Executive/Port Director, Port Everglades,  
Incoming 2017-18 AAPA Chairman of the Board

**Speakers:**

Josh Hurwitz, Senior Consultant, Moffatt & Nichol, Walnut Creek, CA  
Blair Garcia, PPM®, Vice President, U.S. Director - Maritime Division, WSP,  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Anthony J. Renzi, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP,  
Washington, DC  
Grover Burtney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy,  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC

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6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
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**Reception hosted by the Port of Valparaíso, 2018 annual convention host**

Shuttles leave from Westin  
and Renaissance Hotels  
beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Get excited for the 2018 AAPA Convention, hosted by the Port of Valparaiso in stunningly beautiful Chile! Visit one of Long Beach's most elegant historic landmarks and enjoy a sneak peek at what's in store for next year. Experience the authentic sights, sounds and tastes that will introduce guests to this incredible city, named World Heritage Site by Unesco in 2003, and also known by international sailors as "Little San Francisco" and "The Jewel of the Pacific." Bask in the bright, fun excitement of Valparaiso; dine on world-class food and wine; and learn about one of the South Pacific's most incredible seaports!

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## Wednesday, October 4

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7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**AAPA Registration Desk Open** (Convention Center – Pacific Gallery)

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)

**Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

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9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Port Workforce Development & Succession Planning**

*The panelists will discuss the skills needed by future port leaders in our rapidly changing industry and how we can help prepare them.*

**Discussion Leader:**

*Dr. Noel Hacegaba, PPM<sup>®</sup>, Chief Operating Officer & Managing Director of Commercial Operations, Port of Long Beach, and Chairman, AAPA Curriculum Committee*

**Speakers:**

*Jim Quinn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Port Saint John*  
*Erik Stromberg, Executive Director, Lamar University Center for Advances in Port Management, Beaumont, TX*  
*Thomas O'Brien, Ph.D, Executive Director for the Center for International Trade and Transportation, California State University, Long Beach*  
*Stacey Lewis, Director of Human Resources, Port of Long Beach*

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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Presentation of PPM<sup>®</sup> Certificates**

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10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom South)

**Break in the Exhibit Hall**

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11:00 a.m. – noon  
(Seaside Ballroom)

**Restoration Projects with Multiple Benefits**

*In an era of heightened community expectations, increased weather events and projected sea level rise, ports can no longer afford to undertake restoration projects that check a single box. This session will highlight port projects that create habitat, improve climate resiliency, increase community access and facilitate stakeholder engagement.*

**Moderator:**

*Richard D. Cameron, Managing Director, Planning & Environmental Affairs, Port of Long Beach*

**Speakers:**

*Chett Chiasson, Executive Director, Port Fourchon*  
*Jacqueline Keiser, PG, PMP, Director, Regional Sediment Mgt. Regional Center of Expertise, US Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL*

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Noon – 12:30 p.m.  
(Seaside Ballroom)

**State of AAPA**

**Introduction:**

*Kurt J. Nagle, President & CEO, AAPA*

**Chairman's Address:**

*Mark McAndrews, Port Director, Port of Pascagoula, AAPA Chairman of the Board*

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**Wednesday, October 4** *(continued)*

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

**Pre-Luncheon Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall**

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1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Luncheon Program — Awards Presentations**

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2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
(Pacific Ballroom North)

**Annual Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers/  
2017-2018 Board of Directors Meeting**

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3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
(Seaside Ballroom)

**Sharing Award Winning Best Practices in Communications,  
Information Technology, Environment Stewardship and Facilities  
Engineering**

**Moderator:**

*Kurt J. Nagle, President & CEO,  
AAPA*

**Communications Award:**

*Kerry Gerot, Director of  
Communications and Community  
Relations, Port of Long Beach*

**Environmental Award:**

*Jeffrey Wingfield  
Director Env'l, Govt & Public Affairs,  
Port of Stockton*

**Information Technology Award:**

*Christopher Chase, Business  
Development Manager,  
Port of Los Angeles*

**Facilities Engineering Award:**

*Jacob Crist, Manager, Terminal  
Operations, Port of New Orleans*

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5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*The Cove*  
*Long Beach Convention Center*  
*300 E. Ocean Blvd.*  
*Long Beach, CA 90802*

**California Dreamin' – Closing Reception**

*Close out the 106th AAPA Convention in true California style with a "street party" at Long Beach's newest event space, The Cove. In a beautiful under-the-pier marine fantasy setting, dance and listen to a rocking local band and relax with drinks and California treats before a spectacular finale! Come join us as we honor AAPA's outgoing Chairman of the Board, Mark McAndrews of the Port of Pascagoula.*

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