



2022 Annual Meeting

Washington Marriott at Metro Center | Washington, DC
September 12 – 13, 2022

Schedule of Events

Monday, September 12

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Board Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **NPSA Board Meeting** (*Lunch open*)
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Shellers Forum** (*Shellers Only*)
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **PETC Meeting** (*PETC Members Only*)
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

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Tuesday, September 13

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Group Breakfast**

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- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **General Session, Exhibits & Board Election**

- **Welcome & Introductions** (9:00 a.m.)
Steve Zaffarano, NPSA Board Chair, National Pecan/Diamond Foods
- **Supply Chain and Freight Issues Coalition** (9:15 a.m.)
Peter Friedman, Agriculture Transportation Coalition

BREAK (10:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

- **Advancements in Pecan Shelling and Cracking Research at UGA** (10:15 a.m.)
Beshoy Morkos, University of Georgia
- **Research Plans to Increase Pecan Shelling Safety and Meet Shellers Needs** (10:45 a.m.)
Cameron A. Bardsley, USDA-ARS Fruit and Tree Nut Research Unit
- **Update on Pecan Tariffs in India** (11:15 a.m.)
Joan Hurst, Director for Agricultural Affairs at Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
- **Caucus/Board Election** (11:45 a.m.)

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Group Lunch**



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General Session & Exhibits (cont.)

- **American Pecan Council (APC) and American Pecan Promotion Board (APPB) Updates (1:30 p.m.)**
Alex Ott, American Pecan Council
- **National Pecan Federation (NPF) Updates (2:00 p.m.)**
Bob Redding, National Pecan Federation
- **NPSA Marketing, Promotions and Research Program (MPRP) Update (2:30 p.m.)**
Diane Welland, NPSA

BREAK (2:45 - 3:00 p.m.)

- **Global Update (3:00 p.m.)**
Dan Zedan, Pecan Grove Farms
- **Report on Other Tree Nuts (3:30 p.m.)**
Evo Soria, John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc.
- **Annual Crop Forecast (3:45 pm)**
Facilitated by Chris Harrell, Southern Roots Nut Co., LLC

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Closing Reception & Dinner
with Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony

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