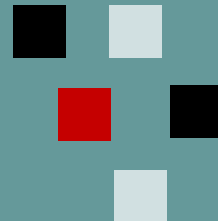




American Fats & Oils Association

Fall 2009



Annual Meeting Speakers Finalized

AFOA Program Chairman Scott Bunz recently commented, "I am very excited about the lineup of speakers and presentations for this year's convention. The range of expertise we have gathered encompasses the agricultural, energy, and financial markets, and will be beneficial to all attendees."

The keynote speaker on Wednesday is John Baize President of John Baize and Associates. Baize was AFOA's keynote speaker in 2006. At that time he said, "In my opinion, the pace of biodiesel expansion is totally unsustainable. There's going to be a shake-out of biodiesel facilities worldwide." Baize continued, "But the industry is getting, in my opinion, far, far too large to sustain and it's going to be some interesting times for you guys in the fats and oil sector over the next few years." He commented at the end of his presentation in 2006, "You should have me back in a few years and see how I do."

The Outlook Forum, which follows the luncheon and keynote speaker on Wednesday, will feature Brendan Foley with The LaSalle Group.

The new forums (see related article on this page) will feature various speakers and panels as well. Those details will be provided by e-mail to those who register in advance. The agendas for each forum will be posted on the AFOA website prior to the Annual Meeting.

The panel discussion on Thursday, October 15 will include Colin Fenton with Curium Capital Advisors, LLC, Bill Hurley with Hurley Brokerage, Inc. and Ankush Bhandari with Gavilon, LLC.

See schedule printed inside this newsletter.

Committee Meetings Grow/Change from Meetings to Forums

Due to the growth and interest in committee participation, the AFOA Board has changed committee meetings held at the annual meeting to subject matter forums. Plans are for committee chairmen to put together agendas that allow for the greatest amount of information and exchange on specific subjects, such as tallow, biofuels, animal and vegetable oils and protein. You do NOT have to be a committee member to participate; however, you DO NEED to be registered for the annual meeting and forum(s).

We are asking that you indicate which forum(s) you plan to attend. Those registering in advance will receive agendas and additional information by e-mail. See page 3 for more information on how to register for the forum(s).

Sponsorships Prevent Registration Increases

To keep the cost of the annual meeting registration as low as possible, the association has asked for sponsorships (at half the cost of the sponsorships in years past). As of this newsletter printing, 24 companies have stepped up and offered to provide sponsorships for the meeting this fall.

Be sure to review the list of sponsors and thank them! The financial support provided by these companies made it possible for your registration costs to remain the same (low) cost as last year.

Sponsors will be identified at the annual meeting by sponsor ribbons. Look for them at the meeting.

If your company would like to be included on our list of sponsors, please contact the AFOA staff by calling 803-252-7128.



2009 Annual Meeting Sponsors

so far

Gold Sponsors

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- MPB Commodities, Inc.
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- American Proteins, Inc.
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- Buffalo Biodiesel, Inc.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, composed of Rick Hegenberger, Chairman, David Haselschwerdt, and Tom Mann has submitted the following slate of candidates for Officers and Directors for 2010.

Item 1. The following have been nominated as Officers for the year 2010:

President	Mark Hingiss
1st Vice President	Scott Bunz
2nd Vice President	Robert Desnoyers
Treasurer	Ralph Joel
Secretary	Andre Thionville

Item 2. The following have been nominated as Directors for a three (3) year term ending 2012:*

Stephen Borstad	Tom Mann	Bill Schlesener
Kevin Brassington	John Messrick	
Brian Engel	Hal Pisciotta	

*All have agreed to serve if elected.

Item 3. The following have been elected, after prior nomination by the Board of Directors, as Honorary Directors:

Abbott W. Dressler	Rick Hegenberger
Albert Mogerley	David Rothschild
Nick Sander	Bill Simeral

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Note the following directors were previously nominated and elected:

Term Expiring 2011	Jim Crawford Ken Perrino	David Haselschwerdt Liam Rogers	Craig Mullen Dave Elsenbast
Term Expiring 2010	Dennis Bell Nick Borrelli Angela Butler	Kevin Fitzgerald Rob Jones Melodie Martin	Eric Jackson

A Proxy is attached for your use if attendance at the Meeting on October 14 is not possible.

Please detach and return to AFOA, PO Box 11035, Columbia, SC 29211, not later than October 3, 2009, only if you do not plan to vote in person at the meeting.

PROXY

The undersigned, a member of the American Fats and Oils Association, Inc. (the "Association") hereby constitutes and appoints Rick Hegenberger, David Haselschwerdt and Tom Mann and each of them, my proxy, to vote for me at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Association to be held on October 14, 2009 and at any adjournment thereof, for the election of Officers and Directors of the Association and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such Annual Meeting, and for me, and in my name, to act as I could do if personally present, and with full power of substitution and revocation; and I hereby expressly ratify all my proxy or proxies or any of them or their substitute or substitutes may do in my place, name and stead; and I hereby revoke any other proxy heretofore given by me with respect to said Association.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 2009.

Signed: _____



Convention Schedule

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

8:00 am to 5:00 pm NIOP Meetings

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

One day registration \$250 per person

- 8:30** AFOA Meeting Registration Opens
- 9:00 - 9:30 am** Animal Protein Forum (*NEW*: forum includes committee and open to other annual meeting attendees)
- 9:30 - 10:30 am** Tallow Forum (*NEW*: forum includes committee and open to other annual meeting attendees)
- 11:00 am** Registration and Reception
- 12:30 pm** Luncheon
Keynote speaker: John Baize, John C. Baize & Associates
- 2:45 pm** Outlook Seminar
Brendan Foley, the Lasalle Group

Thursday, October 15, 2009

One day registration \$250 per person

- 9:00 - 9:30 am** Vegetable Oils Forum (*NEW*: forum includes committee and open to other annual meeting attendees)
- 10:00 - 11:00 am** Biofuels Forum (*NEW*: forum includes committee and open to other annual meeting attendees)
Featured speaker: Larry Schafer, National Biodiesel Board
- Noon - 12:30 pm** Luncheon Buffet
- 12:30 - 2:30 pm** Panel Discussion
Ankush Bhandari with Gavilon, LLC
Colin Fenton with Curium Capital Advisors, LLC
Bill Hurley with Hurley Brokerage, Inc.
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm** Board of Directors Meeting
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm** Reception

To AFOA Membership:

In less than a month and a half we will be meeting again, for our 2009 AFOA Annual Meeting in New York. *Where has this year gone?*

Since we met last, your board and management company has been working to improve an already strong organization. In these tough economic times your board has identified cost as a key to retaining and gaining membership. We have secured reduced room rates from our host hotel, The Grand Hyatt, reduced the cost of sponsorships for the annual meeting, and held our AFOA membership costs at the same rate as last year.

In June the board held a strategic planning meeting at The Proctor and Gamble campus in Cincinnati. We established key areas to focus on as we move forward. The primary areas we will focus on are increased and more effective communication to our membership, promotion of our rules as well as rules to cover new products, help facilitate networking at our annual meeting and throughout the year, and programs designed to increase our membership base. More details on the above will be communicated at a later date and, as always, we welcome input from all AFOA members. Thank you to Procter and Gamble for providing the facility as well as a very excellent moderator for the planning meeting.

Speaking of thanks, I want to thank Liam Rogers as our immediate past president, for leading the AFOA the past two years. Liam, and those before him, has left the AFOA in a position of growth and strength. It is certainly easier to plan the future from strength versus weakness or crisis.

Scott Bunz, Program Chair, has a very good program planned for our meeting. Don't forget to register, and book your room at The Grand Hyatt. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mark H. Hingiss
AFOA President

Reserve Your Table for the Annual Meeting Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 14

Invite your customers* to join you for the AFOA Annual Meeting.

Reserve your own table by calling 803-252-7128 or by faxing

in the form below to 803-252-7799.

Company Name: _____

Companies wishing to reserve a table in their name may do so at a fee of \$100 per table. = \$ _____

*customers must be registered for the meeting to attend the luncheon

Forums RSVP*

New this year: Subject Matter Forums

We would like to know if you intend to attend one (or more) of the forums listed below.

Email afaa@afaaonline.org or use the form below to fax (803-252-7799) in your intentions.

Wednesday, October 14

- Animal Protein Forum
- Tallow Forum

Thursday, October 15

- Vegetable Oils Forum
- Biofuels Forum

Name: _____

Company: _____

*must be registered to attend the annual meeting to attend forum(s)

Annual Meeting Registration & Board Planning Meeting

You are Invited!

52nd Annual Meeting

The Officers and Directors of the

American Fats and Oils Association

request the pleasure of your company

Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

Animal Protein & Tallow Forums, Reception,
Luncheon and Outlook Seminar

Thursday, October 15th, 2009

Vegetable Oil & Biofuels Forums, Industry-wide
Panel Discussion, Board Meeting and Gala Reception

The Grant Hyatt

Park Avenue at Grand Central / New York City

2009 Planning Meeting

This summer, the AFOA Board met in Cincinnati at Procter and Gamble's headquarters for a strategic planning session. Four main work groups were determined and each continues to implement plans and direction established at the meeting. We hope that you notice changes and improvements throughout the year.



REGISTRATION

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

CREDIT CARD VISA MasterCard American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

BY CHECK: Make check payable to: American Fats & Oils Association

I will be attending the AFOA Annual Meeting as follows: _____

Wednesday Only \$250 \$ _____

Thursday Only \$250 \$ _____

Thursday Gala Reception Only \$200 \$ _____

Both Days Including Thursday Gala Reception \$600 \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Fax to 803.252.7799 | Questions call 803.252.7128
For early registration, tickets will be mailed by September 26.
A ticket is required for attendance at each event.
On-site registration will incur an additional charge of \$50 per person.
No refunds for registrations cancelled after October 1.

Call the Grand Hyatt to make your hotel room reservation for the October 14-15 Annual Meeting. Call **212-883-1234** and ask for the American Fats and Oils Association (AFOA) rate of \$329.



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