

2015 Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau Annual Meeting Draft Agenda

CIRB: Charting the Course

Wednesday, February 4			
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Registration		Conference Foyer Registration Sponsored By: Markel Re Welcome Gift Sponsored By: Renaissance Re
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting & CIRB Member Business Meeting		Ibis
6:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception- Theme: “Charting the Course” (Nautical Attire Encouraged)		Royal Palm Courtyard Sponsored By: FMH
Thursday, February 5			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast		Belvedere Terrace Sponsored By: Renaissance Re
8:30 a.m.	Chair's Welcome – CIRB: Charting the Course	Sheri Bane, COUNTRY Financial	Estero A Meeting Room Sponsored By: AgriBank
8:45 a.m.	Legislative Outlook Learn about the current political landscape in D.C. from the producer's perspective and the outlook for the farm bill and other policy priorities impacting crop insurance in 2015. Mary Kay Thatcher has represented the American Farm Bureau Federation for 25 years and is well respected in both the halls of Congress and the fields of rural America.	Mary Kay Thatcher, Senior Director, Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation	Estero A Sponsored By: AFBIS
9:00 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Event – Everglades Excursion		Meet in lobby Sponsored By: Totsch Enterprises, Inc.

9:30 a.m.	What to Expect From a Changing Climate <i>Evelyn Browning-Garriss is a historical climatologist who advises everyone from Texas cattle raisers to Midwestern utilities and Canadian banks about what the coming season will bring. She has spent over 30 years as a business consultant, editor and author explaining the impact of changing climate on economic and social trends.</i>	Evelyn Browning-Gariss, The Browning Newsletter	<i>Estero A</i> Sponsored By: RCIS
10:15 a.m.	Break		<i>Estero Prefunction</i> Sponsored By: ProAg
10:30 a.m.	Legal Challenges on the Horizon <i>CIRB's own counsel will share a broad look at legal issues facing crop insurance in 2015. Kurt Henke is one of the foremost legal experts in the crop insurance industry.</i>	Kurt Henke, CIRB Legal Counsel, Henke-Bufkin, P.A.	<i>Estero A</i>
11:15 a.m.	Global Agriculture Trends <i>One of the foremost grain analysts in the nation will share a long-term market outlook for agriculture.</i>	Steve Freed, Vice President of Research, ADM Investor Services, Inc.	<i>Estero A</i> Sponsored By: Allianz Risk Transfer, Inc
12:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjourn		
1:00 p.m.	Optional Activity: Backwater Fishing		<i>Meet in Belvedere Terrace</i>
6:30 p.m.	Reception- Theme: "Just Beachy" <i>(Floridian Attire Encouraged)</i>		<i>Banyan Courtyard</i> Sponsored By: Holborn

Friday, February 6			
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast		<i>Belvedere Terrace</i> Sponsored By: Munich Re
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Chairman's Award Presentation	Sheri Bane, COUNTRY Financial Greg Mills, ADM Crop Risk Services	<i>Estero A</i>

8:45 a.m.	RMA Update <i>Attend this session to hear what lies ahead for USDA. Brandon Willis will discuss RMA activity anticipated in 2015 and the long-term outlook for crop insurance. Prior to joining USDA in 2009, Willis served as agricultural staff for Senate Agriculture Committee member and Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus.</i>	Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA	<i>Estero A</i>
9:30 a.m.	Break		<i>Estero Prefunction</i> Sponsored By: MAPFRE RE

9:45 a.m.	Big Data: The Impact On Crop Insurance <i>As agriculture technology is rapidly evolving, so are more questions about data platforms, ownership, and privacy. In this panel, we explore the current state of the technologies and the applications. In addition, we take a broader look at what these innovations mean to the crop insurance industry.</i>	Deb Casurella, MyAgData Tom Worth, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, RMA Bev Paul, American Soybean Association Moderator: Tara Smith, CIRB	<i>Estero A</i> Sponsored By: Guy Carpenter
10:45 a.m.	Policy Forecast for 2015 and Beyond <i>CIRB favorite and Washington insider Jim Wiesemeyer will provide a big-picture look at the future of agricultural policy and the challenges and opportunities facing crop insurance in the coming year. Wiesemeyer brings a unique perspective on the world of farm policy that can't be duplicated. His popular posts on AgWeb and ProFarmer provide insights into the inner workings of Washington.</i>	Jim Wiesemeyer, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics	<i>Estero A</i> Sponsored By: Partner Re
11:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks	Sheri Bane, COUNTRY Financial	<i>Estero A</i>
12:00 p.m.	Meeting Adjourn		
12:30 p.m.	Golf Tournament <i>Shotgun Start</i>		<i>Raptor Bay Golf Club</i> Sponsored By: Partner Re

6:30 p.m.	Reception- Theme: "CIRB 2015" <i>(Cocktail Attire Encouraged)</i>	<i>Belvedere Terrace</i> Sponsored By: ADM
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