

Friday, July 21, 2006

Building Regional BioIndustry Partnerships

8:00 AM Registration Table Opens

12:00 PM Leave Hotel for Kids Afternoon at Vilas Park Zoo

12:30 PM Leave Hotel for Spouse Afternoon in Historic Stoughton & Tour of the Stoughton Opera House

8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions

9:00 AM BioIndustry Opportunities

Keynote Speaker Mark Stowers from MBI International

9:45 AM Morning Break

10:00-12:00 Regional Efforts: Moderator: Tom Still, Executive Director WI Technology Council

Midwest Governors Associations

Regional Networks: Brendan Jordan: Great Plains Institute, Mark Lindquist: Midwest Agriculture Energy Network, Dr. Charles Rice: Professor of Soil Microbiology at Kansas State University

12:00-12:45 PM Lunch Buffet at Hotel

12:45-1:45 PM Forging Regional Approaches: Extension Director's Perspective: Moderator Arlen Leholm: Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension; Stan Johnson: Past Vice President and Director University Extension, Iowa State University; James Fischer: Department of Energy Liaison to the Land Grant Universities; Bev Durgan: Minnesota Extension and Experiment Station Director

1:45-2:45 PM Forging Regional Approaches: Agricultural Commissioner/Directors Perspective; Rod Nilsestuen Moderator; Roger Johnson: Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Agriculture,

2:45 PM Afternoon Break

3:00-5:00 PM Regional Capacity Development; Needs, Ideas, Next Steps & Wrap-up

3:00-3:30 PM Phil Karsting (invited): Appropriations Coordinator and Legislative Assistant to the Honorable Senator Herb Kohl; Chris Miller: Legislative Assistant to the Honorable Senator Harry Reid, Energy Issues

Evening Options

6:00 PM Leave Hotel - Madison Mallards Baseball Game at 7pm

5:00 PM Leave Hotel - Dinner & 8:30 Show "Evita" at the Fireside Theatre (\$65 Includes Dinner)

5:30 PM Leave Hotel - Dinner & 8:00 Show "Shakespeare" at American Players Theatre (\$50 Includes Dinner)

Evening Hospitality Suite

Saturday, July 22, 2006

MASDA State Reports

8:00 AM Registration Table Opens

Morning Options:

6:45 AM Leave Hotel - Golf at UW Ridge- (\$65 Includes Box Lunch)

Capitol Square Farmer's Market-The Season's Best Bounty of Vegetables and Homemade, Home-grown Wisconsin Products.

10:00 AM Tour of the State Capitol

11:30-12:30 Lunch at Hotel

11:30 AM Leave Hotel - Kids Afternoon at the Cave of the Mounds. Discover Wisconsin Below Ground!

12:30 PM Leave Hotel - Spouse Gallery Tour at Artisan Angel in Quaint Paoli, WI

12:30-3:30 Opening: Rod Nilsestuen

State Reports

4:00 Leave Hotel for New Glarus

5:00 Everyone meet at the Swiss Center for the 1st Ever MASDA Cow Chip Throwing Contest

Dinner at New Glarus Swiss Hotel

Polka Dancing and Alphorn Blowing

Evening Hospitality Suite

Sunday, July 23, 2006

Working Lands/Preserving Farmlands

8:00 AM Registration Table Opens

Morning Worship

9:00 AM Optional UW Madison Campus Bus Tour

10:30 AM-Noon Brunch at Hotel

12:30 PM Spouse & Kids Tour of Olbrich Gardens

11:30 AM Steve Steinhoff, DATCP-Interstate Sale of State Inspected Meat

11:30 – 1:30 PM MIATCO

1:45 PM Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust

2:45 PM Break

3:00-4:30 PM Panel: Making the Case for Advancing Working Lands Policy

Matt Kures, Center for Community Economic Development, UW Ext

Vince Shay: The Nature Conservancy, Upper Mississippi River Program Director
Dan Poulson, Farmer, Co-Chair, Wisconsin Working Lands Council
4:30 Load Bus for Kids Night at Vitense Golfland
5:30 President's Banquet at Hotel
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Entertainment By Mike Perry, Wisconsin Author of "Population 485"
Evening Hospitality Suite

Monday, July 24, 2006

Value Added/Cooperatives

7:00 AM Registration Table Opens
7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel
8:30 AM Load Bus for Spouses & Kids "Day at the Dells"
7:45 AM Brent Babb, US Soybean Export Council
8:00 AM Agriculture Transportation Presentation:
Peter Friedman, AgOTC-Agriculture Ocean Transportation Coalition
Rail Issues & BadgerCURE: John Sumi, Executive Director of Customers First! Coalition
9:00 AM Keynote Speaker George Siemon: CEEIO of Organic Valley
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Value Added Panel: Moderator Rod Nilsestuen
Sue Beitlich, Wisconsin Farmers Union: Biofuels and Bio Products: Ensuring Farmers Benefits
Dan Carter on Climbing the Value Added Ladder: The Case of Dairy
James Hanke of Badger AgVest: Angel Investing in Agriculture
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch with Multi State Partnership Officials
Regional Emergency Preparedness
1:30 PM Future of Animal Agriculture: Farm Foundation Study, Dr. Duane Acker, President Emeritus, Kansas State University
3:00 PM Bio Industry Tours Virent Energy Systems
4:45 PM Load Bus for Badger Tailgate Picnic at Governor's Executive Residence
UW Band & Cowparade Wisconsin
Special Guest: Bucky Badger
Evening Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

National Policy Update

7:30 -8:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel
8:00-9:00 AM MASDA Business Meeting
9:00 AM Federal Policy & the Farm Bill: Moderator: Judy Ziewacz
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM NASDA Update Rick Kirchhoff: NASDA CEO
Noon Conclusion