

Commissioners Seminar

May 17-19, 2011

Beau Rivage Resort
Biloxi, MS

Business casual dress

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 – 8:45 am
(Azalea Foyer)

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 am
(Azalea Ballroom)

Welcoming Remarks

*Kurt Nagle
President & CEO
American Association of Port
Authorities
Alexandria, VA*

*Donald R. Allee
Executive Director and CEO
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
Gulfport, MS*

9:00 – 10:45 am
(Azalea Ballroom)

Timely Public Port Governing Board and Management Considerations

A lively, interactive opening session highlighting current topics.

Speaker:
*Ron Brinson, PPM®
North Charleston, SC*

10:45 – 11:00 am
(Azalea Foyer)

Break

11:00 am –
12:30 pm
(Azalea Ballroom)

Planning Your Port's Role in a Dynamic Global Economy

This session will discuss how the Panama Canal Expansion and the economic crisis are affecting international trade and trade routes and the latest thinking on prospects for the future.

Speaker:
*John Vickerman, Jr.
President
Vickerman & Associates, LLC
Williamsburg, VA*

12:30 – 1:30 pm
(Camellia A)

Luncheon

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Tuesday, May 17 *(continued)*

1:30 – 2:45 pm
 (Azalea Ballroom)

Delivering Prosperity through Economic Development Opportunities

This session will address the role of a port in local economic development.

Speakers:

Kristin Decas
 Port Director
 Port of New Bedford
 Vice Chairman, AAPA Maritime
 Economic Development Committee

Richard Cooper
 Chief Executive Officer
 Ports of Indiana

Whit Hughes
 Deputy Director
 Mississippi Development Authority
 Jackson, MS

2:45 – 3:00 pm
 (Azalea Foyer)

Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm
 (Azalea Ballroom)

The New Political Landscape in Washington, DC — What Does It Mean for Ports?

Up-to-the-minute information on what's happening in DC of importance to ports throughout the Hemisphere.

Speaker:

Mr. Nagle

6:00 – 7:30 pm
 (Camellia A)

Reception

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Wednesday, May 18

8:00 – 9:00 am
 (Azalea Foyer)

Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 am
 (Azalea Ballroom)

Current Legal and Liability Issues for Ports and You, the Governing Board Member

Port legal issues and your personal exposure as a Board member.

Speaker:

Tom Tanaka
 Senior Port Counsel
 Port of Seattle
 Chairman, AAPA Law Review Committee

10:15 – 10:45 am
 (Azalea Foyer)

Break

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
 (Azalea Ballroom)

Seaport Financing 101

The panelists will discuss issues and trends in public financing.

Speaker:

Jessica Soltz Rudd, Esq.
 Senior Director
 Frasca & Associates, L.L.C.
 Orinda, CA

Juan Pittman
 Managing Director
 Frasca & Associates, LLC
 Atlanta, GA

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 pm
 (Magnolia E,F,G)

Luncheon

Wednesday, May 18 *(continued)*

12:45 – 2:30 pm
(Azalea Ballroom)

Board-Management Relations – A Critical Factor in Your Port’s Success

Hear from fellow Board Members and executive directors on how to make this critical relationship effective.

Speakers:

James K. Lyons
Director & CEO
Alabama State Port Authority

Richard Steinke
Executive Director
Port of Long Beach

Tim Parker
Chairman, Board of Directors
Alabama State Port Authority

Nick Sramek
President, Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Long Beach

2:30 – 2:45 pm
(Azalea Foyer)

Break

2:45 – 4:00 pm
(Azalea Ballroom)

Sharing Ideas and Lessons Learned

A wide-ranging open forum discussion sure to provide valuable “take-aways.”

Speaker:

Mr. Brinson

Evening

Evening is free

Thursday, May 19

8:30 – 9:00 am
(Magnolia E)

Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 11:30 am
(hotel entrance)

Tour of the Port of Gulfport

(The tour will depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please meet directly in front of the hotel, where the trolley will be waiting. You will be returned to the hotel by 11:30 a.m.)

11:30 am

Seminar Adjourns
