

Council of Presidents Conference

AUGUST 25-26, 2021 | AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL

ONWARD & UPWARD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

10:30am | First-Term Presidents Networking

Discussion *Vandenberg A*

Sonya Novotny, Northeast Regional Manager and Sarah Pion, Southwest Regional Manager

11:00-11:45am | Registration *Ambassador East Registration Desk*

12:00pm | Opening Session *Ambassador East*

Welcome *President Carl Bednarski*

Invocation *Paul Pridgeon, State YF Committee Chair*

Lunch

Remarks *President Carl Bednarski*

Policy Update *Rob Anderson, Government Relations Department Manager*

Membership Update *Laura Lunceford, Membership Development Manager*

Presidents Panel – Innovation through COVID-19

Panel Moderator, Mike DeRuiter, District 7 Director

- Technology in the Board Room *Ed Kretchman, Berrien County*
- Engaging Members and Communication with Committee Chairpersons *Caleb Stewart, Clinton County*
- Innovation and Inclusive Membership Events *Breann Bonga, Montcalm County*

2:00pm | Breakout Sessions (attend each session)



Feeling Comfortable when the Media Comes Knocking *Governors Room*

Jeff Gaunt, Lambert Public Relations



Respect in the Workplace: Professionalism, Inclusion, and Harassment Prevention *Vandenberg A*

Beth Wells Skaggs, Varnum Attorneys at Law



Financial/Liability Tools for your County Farm Bureau *Vandenberg B*

Michelle Maloney, MFB County Services Manager

6:00pm | Reception/Networking *Ambassador East Concourse*

7:00pm | Evening Banquet *Ambassador East*

Welcome *Jennifer Lewis, District 2 Director*

Invocation *Julie Stephenson, State P&E Committee Chair*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **STEVE GILLILAND**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00am | Breakfast *Ambassador East*

7:30am | Morning General Session (please sit by district) *Ambassador East*

Welcome *Leona Daniels, District 10 Director*

Invocation *Dave Bahrman, District 12 Director*

Managing Partner & County Farm Bureau Relations *Kevin Robson, FBI Commercial, Farm, Agribusiness and Ag Crop Insurance Manager*

Executive Panel *President Carl Bednarski, MFB CEO Scott Piggott, FBI CEO Don Simon*

County Farm Bureau Relationship Agreement Review

District Discussions

10:15am | Break *Ambassador West Concourse*

Health Servicing Counties (optional session) *Vandenberg A*
Lisa Perry, Health Services Manager and Sylvia Bttner, Medicare Product Sales Specialist

Program Staff Networking *Ambassador West Concourse*

11:15am | Closing session *Ambassador West*

Welcome *Andy Hagenow, At-Large Director*

Invocation *Stephanie Schafer, District 5 Director*

CLOSING SPEAKER: **MARLENE EICK**

Wrap-Up Comments

12:30pm | Adjourn (box lunches provided)



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Council of Presidents Conference 2022

February 2-3 | H Hotel, Midland