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*"Of all the conferences I attend,
Ag Chairs is the most educational."*



LEGISLATIVE AGRICULTURE CHAIRS SUMMIT, 2017

You are cordially invited to attend the 2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit – the only meeting of its kind in North America. The Summit brings together state and provincial legislators that are passionate about rural communities and the people, the agriculture and the natural resources that fuel those communities. The 2017 Summit will officially begin on Friday, January 6 and continue through Sunday, January 8 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

As legislative leaders responsible for developing and implementing the policies that address food production, natural resource management and rural development, you are well aware of the many challenges that face your states and provinces; challenges that cross state and even national boundaries.

That is where State Agriculture and Rural Leaders and the Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit comes in. Since 2001, the LAC Summit has been providing a non-partisan unparalleled educational opportunity for elected state and provincial officials with an interest in agriculture and rural communities to work together, network, collaborate and create problem solving partnerships.

This is an invitation-only Summit, and all of your on-site expenses (room, registration and meals) are covered by State Agriculture and Rural Leaders, a federal 501 c(3) non-profit. There are also travel scholarships for those without state or campaign funds for transportation.

You can fly into the New Orleans airport and take a super shuttle to Baton Rouge or fly into Baton Rouge. You might even want to spend an extra day or two taking in the sites of southern Louisiana.

We always begin the Summit with some site visits of regional agriculture. In Baton Rouge that includes an optional visit to a grain export elevator on Thursday afternoon, crawfish and catfish, Angola prison and a gator farm. You can not participate in all of these and will have to make choices.

The complete agenda will be updated regularly on the website (www.sarl.us). We do hope that you will be able to join us in Baton Rouge. If you have any questions about the Summit or SARL, please give us a call or contact Carolyn Orr (859.265.0658) or corr@sarl.us.

Representative Steve Kulik, Massachusetts
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Registration materials are enclosed or can be accessed online at www.sarl.us

There are travel scholarships available for attendees whose state or campaign funds do not provide travel. To apply for travel assistance, or for information on any aspect of the Legislative Ag Chairs Summit, please call: Dr. Carolyn Orr, (765) 893-8209, or corr@sarl.us

WHAT ATTENDEES SAY ABOUT THE SUMMIT



"The top state agriculture policy makers all attend Ag Chairs."



Minnesota and Maine compare legislative issues.

"The opportunity to have open discussion is key to the success of the Summit." Sen. Jean Leising (IN) joins Sen. David Johnson (IA) and Rep. Doc Anderson (TX).

What will you say about the Summit in 2017?



What happens when you put legislative leaders that are passionate about their rural communities in one place?

SOLUTIONS

The combination of smaller breakouts and discussion oriented plenary have served the Summit well. The program is designed for action oriented information that legislators can put to use in the legislature and their districts. Time is also available for networking and collaborative partnerships.

Each year's agenda is planned by attendees from the previous Summit.

"Ag Chairs is the only meeting for state and provincial legislators that works to resolve the most challenging issues in agriculture and rural viability."

MLA Leo Glavine, Nova Scotia



The site visits offer education about the host state and a chance for networking with other legislators.



The 2016 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit was held January 8-10 in Denver, Colorado. This invitation-only meeting had the house and/or senate chairs from 45 states and 7 Canadian provinces attending.

In addition to the invited legislators, the only other attendees are SARL private industry members. More than 300 potential attendees are turned away annually to keep the meeting at a size where discussions can occur.

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TO: Legislative agriculture and rural leadership from across North America

WHAT: 2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

WHEN: Friday January 6-8, 2017

WHERE: Baton Rouge, LA



2017 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

PREPARING FOR A CHANGING WORLD

The agenda for the 2016 Summit will focus on the issues that you face as a legislative leader. Plenary and breakout topics will include:

- Water Quality, Quantity and Scarcity
- Building Community Resiliency
- Taking Control of Sustainability
- Bioeconomy sector
- Transportation
- Endangered and Invasive Species
- Trade
- Influencing the Conversation
- Integrating "All of the Above" Energy
- Aquaculture
- Federal Issues
- Food Safety Modernization Act
- Job Creation
- Animal Agriculture Challenges

- And other topics that support rural communities as well as the agriculture and natural resource industries.

The Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit is designed for state and provincial legislative committee, caucus and chamber leadership with an interest in agriculture and rural policy.

Attendance is by invitation only. If you know of someone who should be invited, please contact us.

All sessions are designed to provide information that applies directly to constituent and state legislative issues.

Registration, meals and hotel costs are covered by SARL, a 501 c(3) educational non-profit run by state and provincial legislators dedicated to enhancing the leadership skills of agriculture and rural policy legislators across North America.

Registration and travel assistance information are available at www.sarl.us