



## SEA Annual Meeting Schedule

Trump International Hotel  
Washington, D.C.  
December 6-8, 2021

### Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Day 1

6 PM – 8 PM

Trump D.C. Lobby

We will gather in the lobby to mix and mingle before dinner. There are no formal plans for dinner.

### Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Day 2

*\*All Annual Meeting events will take place in the Lincoln Library at the Trump International Hotel.*

8 AM – 9 AM

Registration

There will be a registration table at the entrance to the Lincoln Library.

9 AM – 9:15 AM

Welcome and status of SEA

Speaker:

Gray Delany, Executive Director, Seasonal Employment Alliance

Gray will update the membership on the organization's current membership level, financial status and ongoing initiatives.

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM

2021 Year in Review

Speaker:

Gray Delany, Executive Director, Seasonal Employment Alliance

How we got to where we are today and how it will affect our efforts going forward.

9:45 AM – 10 AM

Leveraging the Alaskan Seafood H-2B Cap Issues

Speaker:

Brian Gannon, Senior Director of Alaska Programs and Legislative Affairs, United Work and Travel

Brian Gannon will give SEA members a brief history of the Alaskan seafood industry's use of the H-2B program and explain how they, in partnership with SEA, are working to leverage the impact of being capped out this year to help the industry obtain both short-term and permanent cap relief.

10 AM – 10:30 AM

Congressional State of Play

Speakers:

Stephen Replogle, Cove Strategies

Cristina Antelo, Ferox Strategies

Debra Dixon, Ferox Strategies

Our D.C. lobbying team will provide an overview of our cap relief plays, both appropriations and stand-alone.

10:40 AM – 11:10 AM AM

Fireside Chat with David Shahoulian (*invited*)

Speakers:

Lynn Jacquez, CJ Lake (*invited*)

David Shahoulian, former Chief Counsel, House Judiciary Committee and Assistant Secretary for Border and Immigration Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (*invited*)

As a former staffer for Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, David Shahoulian was intimately involved in all seasonal guest worker program reform negotiations. At DHS, Shahoulian was involved in the drafting and discussions over the May 2021 supplemental visa rule. In this discussion, Shahoulian will provide his perspective on navigating Congress and the administration and what we need to do put ourselves in the position to obtain permanent reform.

11:15 AM – 12 PM

H-2B Regulatory State of Play

Speaker:

Shawn Packer, Attorney and Former Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor

Shawn Packer will provide a review of the recently introduced, pending and impending regulations. This will include the recent OSHA and DHS regulations on vaccines.

12 PM – 1 PM

Lunch

Speaker:

TBD

1 PM – 1:15 PM

Overview of Northern Triangle Initiative

Speaker:

Gray Delany, Executive Director, Seasonal Employment Alliance

Over the last two years, we have made the case that expanding the number of H-2B visas made available to the Northern Triangle (NT) countries would help reduce the flow of irregular migration as well as provide direct economic assistance to the NT countries. This update will provide the details of SEA's close work with USAID's Northern Triangle Taskforce and the NT Ministries of Labor to improve processing times and expand the database of worker.

1:15 PM – 2 PM

What to expect if you request Northern Triangle workers?

Speakers:

James Judkins, JKJ Workforce Agency

Dotti Kiser, MAS Labor

Veronica Birkenstock, Practical Employee Solutions

James Judkins, Veronica Birkenstock and Dotti Kiser have extensive experience recruiting workers from the Northern Triangle countries. They will give an realistic assessment of what to expect if you commit to Northern Triangle workers.

2 PM – 2:30 PM

USAID's Commitment to Increasing H-2B Program Participation in the Northern Triangle Countries

Speaker:

Michael Camilleri, Director, Northern Triangle Taskforce (*invited*)

USAID has devoted significant time and resources into the Northern Triangle Ministries of Labor with the goal of increasing H-2 program participation in the Northern Triangle countries. We have worked closely with Michael and his team to implement processing reforms, both in the Ministries and in the U.S. Consulates.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Presentations from Representatives of the Northern Triangle Governments

6 PM – 8 PM

SEA Auction and Dinner

Location: Lincoln Library, Trump International D.C.

Auctioneer:

Congressman Billy Long (R-MO-7)

The auction will be a combination of online auction and a live auction on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The catalog of items are listed online and can be viewed [here](#). The online auction will be open for bidding starting November 15<sup>th</sup> and will close on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A select number of items will also be held available for SEA Members at the live auction at 7:30pm after the online auction bidding option has closed. The starting price of these select items at the live event will begin the closing bid price of the item online.

Congressman Long, an H-2B program champion and former auctioneer, will serve as our auctioneer. Click [here](#) to watch Congressman Long drown out a protestor with an auction call at a Congressional hearing.