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Sunday, September 26

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11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
*Hyatt Wolfdancer Golf Club
 Lost Pines, TX*

Golf Tournament to benefit Foundation for Seaports of the Americas (AAPA Port Employees Emergency Relief Fund)

(Buses will depart the JW Marriott at 10:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lone Star Foyer

Registration Desk Open

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Congress Avenue Terrace

Welcome Reception

Join us in kicking off the 110th AAPA Annual Convention on the picturesque 5th floor terrace of the JW Marriott with a view of Congress Avenue and the Texas State Capitol. Attendees will enjoy Texas hospitality as they connect with friends and colleagues from the port and maritime industry. Welcome Y'all!



Monday, September 27

all times listed are CDT

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lone Star Foyer

Registration Desk Open

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Room 203-204

Commissioners Session – Members of Governing Boards Only

Leading the Way on Workforce Development and Overcoming Obstacles

Speakers:

*Scott Conway, Chair of Shiphandling Department, MITAGS
Johnny Pittman, Director, Workforce Development & Apprenticeship, Oxmoor Auto Group
LeeAnne Schirato, Commission Specialist, Port of Seattle*

Moderator:

Mary Beth Long, Vice President of Marketing and Workforce, AAPA

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Room 303-304

Port CEO's/Executive Directors Session – Port CEO's and Executive Directors Only

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Room 303-304

AAPA Board of Directors Meeting

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Room 303-304

U.S. Legislative Policy Council (LPC) – Open to all U.S. Corporate Members Only

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Room 308

Professional Development Board Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Exhibit Hall Reception/Grand Opening of Exhibits

Join us as we officially open the 2021 Exhibit Hall! AAPA is proud to host industry solution providers, supply chain partners and port authorities as part of the seaport industry's premier gathering. Be sure to take advantage of the B2B and networking opportunities embedded throughout the business program – beginning with the Exhibit Hall Reception/Grand Opening of Exhibits.

Tuesday, September 28

all times listed are CDT

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lone Star Foyer

Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Griffin Hall

Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, September 28 (continued)
all times listed are CDT

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H



Opening Ceremonies and Presentation of AAPA Awards

Join us as we open the business program of the 110th Annual Convention. AAPA's member ports will offer "Greetings from around the Hemisphere," and attendees will be treated to some Texas entertainment. AAPA Chairman of the Board Mario Cordero and AAPA President and CEO Chris Connor will also present the annual Lighthouse Awards, recognizing Awards of Excellence in AAPA's communications, environmental improvement, facilities engineering and information technology awards programs. We will also have welcome remarks from our premier sponsors Lasse Petterson of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., LLC, and Sean Strawbridge of Port of Corpus Christi.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Griffin Hall

Break in the Exhibit Hall

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H

General Session: A Conversation with Leading Maritime Executive, Thomas B. Crowley, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Crowley Maritime Corporation



Introduction:

Chris Connor, President & CEO, AAPA

Speaker: Thomas B. Crowley Jr., CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Crowley Maritime Corporation

Crowley Maritime Corporation is a global, solutions, energy, and logistics services company for the commercial and government sectors. Under Mr. Crowley's leadership, this U.S.-based company has advanced its industry-leading assets and solutions into areas of opportunity ranging from commercial and government supply chain services to total value chain solutions in new energy such as offshore wind and technology.

Moderator:

John Nass, President & CEO Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Exhibitor Appointments

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Open Networking Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, September 28 (continued)
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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H



**AAPA Speaker Series Sponsored by Port of Corpus Christi:
Adapting to Change, Overcoming Obstacles and Achieving
Your Goals Through Leadership and Teamwork**

Introduction:

Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi

Speaker: Emmitt Smith

Emmitt Smith is a professional football icon and one of the greatest to ever play the game. In his 15 seasons as a running back in the National Football League, Smith amassed many records that still stand today, including most career rushing yards and most career rushing touchdowns.

Moderator:

Omar Garcia, Chief External Affairs Officer, Port of Corpus Christi

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3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Break in the Exhibit Hall

Facilitated Networking Salons

An informal gathering of port and maritime industry leaders who will hear from inspiring thought leaders and engage in a meaningful discussion and exchange of ideas.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rooms 303, 304 & 308

<p>Offshore Wind Room 303 <i>(live streaming session)</i></p>	<p>Climate Adaptation/ Engineering Resiliency Room 304</p>	<p>Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Room 308</p>
<p>Moderator: <i>Bill Hanson, SVP, Govt Relations & Business Dev., Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., LLC</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Ed Washburn, Crowley</i> <i>Maki Onodera, Jacobs</i> <i>Chris Gullickson, Director, Economic Development, Port of Virginia</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi</i></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Matt Wartian, Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell</i> <i>Richard Cameron, Deputy Executive Director, Port of Long Beach</i> <i>Dr. Tip Meckel, Senior Research Scientist, Jackson School of Geoscience, University of Texas at Austin</i> <i>Jeff Pollack, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Port of Corpus Christi</i> <i>Scott Dunbar, Cavotec</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Peter Deragon, Stanton Chase</i></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Heather Carlton, Director of HR – Central Districts, Americold</i> <i>Kristen Decas, CEO & Port Director, Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District</i></p>

Tuesday, September 28 (continued)
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5:00 p.m.

Free Night – Enjoy Austin!

AAPA can assist you in planning your private evening: dinner, reception, happy hour or client appreciation event. AAPA's team can help secure private event spaces, create custom menus and ensure unique experiences both onsite at the JW Marriott and offsite at nearby independent locations. Contact our [Event Team](#) for assistance.

Wednesday, September 29
all times listed are CDT

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lone Star Foyer

Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Griffin Hall

Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H

General Session: Global Supply Chain Disruptions: Next Step Solutions

Introduction:

Bryan Brandes, Maritime Director, Port of Oakland

Speakers:

Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach

Cindy Allen, VP Reg Affairs & Comp, FedEx Logistics

John Wolfe, President & CEO, The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Steve Wen, Founder & CEO, Dray Alliance

Jim Rinchuiso, Managing Director of Ocean Project, FedEx

Alexandra Griffon, Blue Cargo

Moderator:

Dan Ronan, Associate News Editor, Print, and Multimedia, Transport Topics

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H

Professional Port Manager (PPM®) Graduation Ceremony



Join us as we recognize the Professional Port Manager (PPM®) Class of 2021! These individuals have earned an unparalleled industry credential designed to shape the future of port leadership and enhance port management professionalism.

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Griffin Hall

Exhibitor Appointments/Break in the Exhibit Hall

Join us in the exhibit hall for some fun games and make appointments to hear about their products and services.

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11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H



General Session: Providing Energy Leadership

Introduction:

Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi

Speaker: Christopher Smith

Senior Vice President, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, Cheniere LNG

Cheniere LNG, Inc. is a liquefied natural gas company that provides clean, secure and affordable energy to the world. Mr. Smith joined Cheniere in November 2017 as Senior Vice President for Policy, Government and Public Affairs. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Smith was the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. He also spent time in the private sector with both Chevron and Texaco and served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Moderator:

Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Open Networking Lunch

1:30 p.m.
Griffin Hall

Exhibit Hall Closes

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H

AAPA Annual Membership Meeting & Chairman's Address *(open to Port Corporate members)*



All AAPA corporate members should plan to attend the Association's brief Annual Membership meeting to approve nominations for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors, approve bylaws changes and conduct other necessary business. At the conclusion of the Membership Meeting, AAPA 2020-2022 Chairman of the Board Mario Cordero, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach, will deliver his annual Chairman's Address to the AAPA membership.

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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lone Star Salon E-H



General Session: Global Food Trade Opportunities: A Daily Perspective

Introduction:

Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach

Speaker: Michael Lichte, Vice President, Milk Optimization and Customer Relations, Dairy Farmers of America

Mr. Lichte works to maximize the value of milk, picked up daily from DFA cooperative dairy farmer-owners for delivery to customers throughout the world. DFA dairy cooperative is owned and governed by more than 12,500 American family dairy farmers. With operations across all lower 48 states, DFA delivers dairy products to American consumers through regional brands while delivering milk solutions in the global marketplace.

Moderator:

Cary Davis, Senior Director of Government Relations & General Counsel, AAPA

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

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3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
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Technology/Digitization Room 303 <i>(live streaming session)</i>	Supply Chain Disruptions Room 304	Workforce Development Room 308
<p>Moderator: <i>Clark Robertson, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Corpus Christi</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Bob Williams, Vice President, Surveying and Mapping, LLC (SAM)</i> <i>David Mincey, Vice President Strategic Accounts, E2open</i> <i>Patrick Charters, Regional Sales Manager, Deepwatch</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Joseph Osterman, Senior Vice President, Aviation & Transportation, Prosegur USA</i> <i>Alex Strogon, Chief Commercial Officer, Port of Vancouver USA</i> <i>Steve Wen, CEO, Dray Alliance</i> <i>Vin Ramundo, Senior Director Solutions Consulting, E2open</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Executive Director of Administration and Operations, Port of Long Beach</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Franklin Brown, Craft Learning Manager, McCarthy Holdings</i> <i>Johnny Pittman, Oxmoor Auto Group</i> <i>Heather Carlton, Director of HR – Central Districts, Americold</i> <i>Rod Pickens, General Manager, WWS</i></p>

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater



Closing Event – Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theater

A trip to Austin would not be complete without a visit to ACL Live at the Moody Theater. It is the permanent home for the taping of the acclaimed PBS series, Austin City Limits--the longest running music series in American television history. Attendees will have a chance to tour a photo gallery that highlights historic performances and music artists before enjoying an evening of great Texas food and – of course – live music inside this iconic venue. ACL is just a five minutes' walk from the JW Marriott.