



Tuesday, March 16 (all times listed are EDT)

Policy/Technical Committee and Delegation Meetings

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **U.S. Legislative Policy Council Meeting**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**

★ ★ **SPRING CONFERENCE BUSINESS PROGRAM KICK OFF** ★ ★

Opening Remarks

Chris Connor, President & CEO, American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



AAPA Speaker Series Presents: Marc Levinson

Marc Levinson, famous economist, historian, and journalist will open AAPA's Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 16. Mr. Levinson is the renown author of The Box: How the Shipping Container Made the World Smaller and the World Economy Bigger, and his newest book Outside the Box: How Globalization Changed from Moving Stuff to Spreading Ideas. He is also a contributor to leading publications, such as Harvard Business Review, the New York Times, and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Levinson will share his insights on trade, globalization, finance, and business.

You won't want to miss his outlook on the disruption and adaptation of the global trade industry in a COVID world.

Introduction by: Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port Corpus Christi

Moderator: Chris Connor, AAPA

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3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preview for AAPA's 2021 Annual Convention & Expo
Austin, TX
September 26-29, 2021



3:30 p.m.

Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, March 17 (all times listed are EDT)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chris Connor, President & CEO, American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.



**AAPA Chairman's Address: AAPA 2020-2022 Chairman of the Board
Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach**

Mario Cordero, an international maritime industry leader, Long Beach resident and attorney, is Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach, California, named to the post by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, effective May 15, 2017. Beginning in 2003, Mr. Cordero served as a member, vice president and president of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners for eight years, before resigning to accept President Barack Obama's appointment to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) in 2011. He served on the FMC until May 2017 and was FMC Chairman from April 2013 to January 2017.

Wednesday, March 17**Session 1****12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.** (all times listed are EDT)**Presentation: Port Person of the Year – Congressman Peter DeFazio**

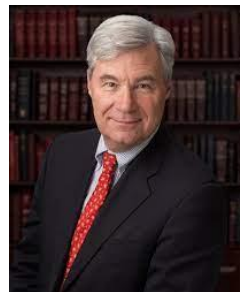
Peter Anthony DeFazio is the U.S. Representative for Oregon's 4th congressional district, serving since 1987. He is a member of the Democratic Party. In 2019, DeFazio was elected to the powerful position of Chair of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction over the nation's highways, public transit, rail systems, airports, pipelines, and seaports, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other agencies. Coast Guard, highways and transit, ports and water resources, railroads, aviation, and economic development.

Introduction by: John Burns, Port of Coos Bay

**Presentation: Port Person of the Year – Senator Richard Shelby**

Senator Richard Shelby is the senior United States Senator from the State of Alabama. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986 and is currently in his sixth term. Senator Shelby is the former chairman and current vice chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. He formerly served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, of which he is the longest serving member in history. He remains a senior member on each of the committees. He also serves on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Introduction by: John Driscoll, Alabama State Port Authority

**Keynote Speaker: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse**

Sheldon Whitehouse has earned a reputation in the Senate as a fierce advocate for progressive values and a thoughtful legislator capable of reaching across the aisle to achieve bipartisan solutions. Senator Whitehouse has been at the center of bipartisan efforts to pass laws overhauling federal education policy, rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, reforming the criminal and juvenile justice systems, protecting Americans from toxic chemicals in everyday products, and addressing ocean plastic waste. Recognizing the devastating toll of addiction in Rhode Island and across the nation, Whitehouse authored the first significant bipartisan law to address the opioid crisis, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

Introduction by: Steven King, Managing Director, Quonset Development Corporation

**Keynote Speaker: Senator Roger Wicker**

Roger F. Wicker has represented Mississippi in the United States Senate since December 2007. During his time in the Senate, Wicker has championed pro-growth policies to create jobs, limit federal overreach, protect life, and maintain a strong national defense. Wicker is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for the 116th Congress. He previously served as the chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet.

Introduction by: Mark McAndrews, Port Director, Port of Pascagoula

Wednesday, March 17**Session 1 (continued)****12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.** (all times listed are EDT)**Closing the Skills Gap in the Supply Chain****Speakers:**

Luis Navarro, Director Workforce Development, Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion, Port of Seattle

Ryan Goertzen, Vice President, Aviation Maintenance Workforce Development, AAR

Moderator: *Mary Beth Long, Vice President of Marketing & Workforce Development, AAPA*

1:15 p.m.

Break**Wednesday, March 17****Session 2****1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** (all times listed are EDT)**Keynote Speaker: Cedric Richmond**

Cedric Richmond serves as a Senior Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Richmond served as the National Co-Chairman of the Biden-Harris Campaign and a Co-Chair of the Biden-Harris Transition Team. Since 2011, Richmond has represented Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. During his time in Congress, Richmond served on the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Committee on Homeland Security, the House Committee on the Judiciary. He was the House Democratic Assistant to the Majority Whip, a member of the New Democratic Coalition, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and, most recently, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Richmond was a leader in helping to enact landmark criminal justice reform and ensuring that the people of Louisiana's 2nd District were prepared for emergencies and natural disasters through his oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the House Committee on Homeland Security. Born and raised in New Orleans, Richmond is a graduate of Morehouse College and Tulane University School of Law, where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Introduction by: *Brandy Christian, Chief Executive Officer, Port of New Orleans*

Moderator: *Cary Davis, Senior Government Relations Director & General Counsel, AAPA*

Keynote Speaker: Lucinda Lessley

Lucinda Lessley serves as the Acting Administrator of the Maritime Administration. Previously, Lessley worked in the House of Representatives for approximately 16 years. Most recently, she was Senior Investigator with the House Committee on Homeland Security. Prior to that, she worked for Congressman Elijah E. Cummings in a variety of positions, including as Policy Director of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Legislative Director in the Congressman's personal office, and as Professional Staff on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Introduction by: *Bill Doyle, Executive Director, Maryland Port Authority*

2:30 p.m.

Break

Wednesday, March 17
Session 3
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (all times listed are EDT)



Keynote Speaker: Al Lee

Mr. Al Lee currently serves as the Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service. He leads, manages, and directs policy development, programming, planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance activities of the Army Civil Works Program, a \$7+ billion annual program of water and related land resources of the United States and an additional \$20B+ in recent Emergency Supplemental appropriations. He oversees the work of over 25,000 civilian employees. Mr. Lee is the champion for leading the Revolutionize USACE Civil Works initiative to revolutionize delivery of the nation's infrastructure by accelerating project delivery, transforming project financing, and budgeting, and improving permitting and regulation reform.

Introduction by: Bill Hanson, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock LLC

Moderator: Jim Walker, AAPA



Industry Perspective: Challenges faced by US Exporters of Agricultural Products Amidst Surging Import Volumes – Peter Friedmann, Executive Director, AgTC Agriculture Transportation Coalition

Serves as the Executive Director of the Agriculture Transportation Coalition. He plays a key role in developing U.S. and international transportation policy. In 1987, he helped form the AgTC when a number of agricultural exporters sought assistance in dealing with ocean transportation challenges. Since leaving Capitol Hill, Peter has been a leading advocate for shipper and international trade interests before Congress, the Federal Maritime Commission, and other federal agencies.

Introduction by: Chris Connor, President & CEO, AAPA

Moderator: Cary Davis, Senior Government Relations Director & General Counsel, AAPA



Keynote Speaker: Senator Alex Padilla

Padilla was sworn in as California's first Latino Secretary of State on January 5, 2015 and was re-elected in 2018, receiving the most votes of any Latino elected official in the United States. As Secretary of State, Padilla worked to make our elections more accessible and inclusive, while fighting to protect the integrity of our voting systems. In December 2020, Padilla was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to finish the term of Vice President Kamala Harris. Senator Padilla lives in the San Fernando Valley with his wife Angela and their three sons: Roman, Alex and Diego.

Introduction by: Mario Cordero, J.D., Executive Director, Port of Long Beach

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn for the day

Thursday, March 18 (all times listed are EDT)

U.S. Advocacy – U.S. Government Relations/Federal Policy Activities

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Opening Remarks and Storytelling for Ports United: How to Make the Biggest Impact in Tomorrow’s Meetings with Policymakers**
Cary Davis, Senior Government Relations Director & General Counsel, AAPA
Julie Minerva, Carpi & Clay

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	House E&WD Appropriations *Staff* – Jaime Shimek, Michael Brain & Angie Giancarlo (Jim Walker)	Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) *Staff* (Cary Davis)
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA) - Chairman, House Committee on Education & Labor (Evan Chapman)	USACE, Tom Smith (Jim Walker)
		Congressman John Katko (R-NY) - Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland Security (Cary Davis and Derek Miller)
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	House T&I *Staff* – Ryan Seiger & Jon Pawlow (Jim Walker)	Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) *Staff* (Derek Miller)
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Congressman David Price (D-NC) Chairman, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee (Evan Chapman)	FLEX
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Congressman Salud Carbajal (D-CA) - Chairman, House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime (Evan Chapman)	Congressman Carlos Gimenez (R-FL) - Ranking Member, House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation & Maritime Security (Derek Miller)
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA) - Ranking Member, House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, & Operations (Derek Miller)	Joe Goffman - Acting Asst Administrator, EPA Office of Air and Radiation and Alejandra Nunez - Deputy Asst Administrator for OAR Mobile Sources (Jim Walker)
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) (Evan Chapman)	FLEX
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Office of Management & Budget – Kelly Colyar (Jim Walker and Cary Davis) <i>*limited access – call in number provided</i>	FLEX
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Congressman Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Ranking Member House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee (Evan Chapman)	Admiral Rick Brennan, Chief, Hydrographic Surveys Division, NOAA (Jim Walker)
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies (Cary Davis)	Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) PORTS Caucus Co-Chair (Evan Chapman)
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Info-Sharing Session and Debrief: Policies and Politics Lessons from the Day	