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**Sunday, October 16**  
All Times Listed are in EDT

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Registration Open**

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Exhibit Hall Set Up**

*By Invitation Only: 20x20s or special builds*

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Board of Directors Retreat</b> <i>By Invitation Only, Dinner to Follow</i>
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<b>Monday, October 17</b> <b>All Times Listed are in EDT</b>	
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. <i>Admiralty Room</i>	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <i>Coral Sea 1 &amp; 2</i>	<b>International Port Member Workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Canada</li> <li>- The Caribbean</li> <li>- Latin America</li> </ul> <p><i>Join us for an overview of the sources of regional capital available to the Ports Industry, the investors' considerations, and a discussion of recent transactions to analyze the alternatives available. The speakers will be available for one-on-one meetings after the presentation.</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kristie Pellecchia Loiacono, Principal, Pellecchia International and Former Head of Western Hemisphere, U.S. International Development Corporation</li> <li>- Pamela Fitton, Principal, Pellecchia International</li> </ul>
8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. <i>South China Sea</i>	<b>U.S. Legislative Policy Council (LPC) Meeting</b> <i>Open to All U.S. Corporate Members Only</i>
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. <i>Timor Sea 1</i>	<b>AAPA Annual Membership Meeting and Chairman's Address</b> <i>Open to Port Corporate Members</i>
9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. <i>Philippine Sea</i>	<b>AAPA Board of Directors Meeting</b>
9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. <i>South China Sea</i>	<b>Coffee with Commissioner Carl Bentzel</b> <i>Open to All U.S. Corporate Members Only</i>
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. <i>Java Sea 2</i>	<b>Professional Development Board Meeting</b>

<p>11:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Shingle Creek Golf Club (Off-site)</i></p>	<p><b>Golf Tournament Benefitting the Foundation for Seaports of America (AAPA Port Employees Emergency Relief Fund)</b> <i>Buses will depart the hotel at 11:45 a.m. and return by 5:45 p.m. Light refreshments to follow for participants before return to hotel for evening reception.</i></p> <p><b>Sponsored by:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PORT OF LAKE CHARLES <small>LAKE CHARLES HARBOR &amp; TERMINAL DISTRICT</small></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>BURNS MCDONNELL</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>DCLI <small>DIRECT CHASSISLINK INC.</small></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Schneider Electric</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PORTCORPUSCHRISTI®</p> </div> </div>
<p>1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. <i>Coral Sea 1</i></p>	<p><b>Workshop: Designing an Effective Engagement Strategy for Upcoming Infrastructure Projects</b> <i>Open to All Registrants</i></p> <p><i>With the \$1B Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act now signed into law, ports across America will be moving significant infrastructure projects forward. A lot of thought has been given to project priorities, but less attention has been given to designing effective communication and outreach strategies to support this impending work. This 45-minute session will help guide attendees through understanding whether and when to engage; how to craft a solid strategy; and what it takes to implement a successful engagement process for upcoming capital improvement projects.</i></p> <p><b>Facilitated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jenny Windle, Founder and President, JPW Communications, LLC</li> <li>- Susanne Bankhead, IAP2, Senior Vice President, JPW Communications, LLC</li> </ul>
<p>1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. <i>Coral Sea 2</i></p>	<p><b>Workshop: Managing Cyber Risk in the Global Supply Chain</b> <i>Open to All Registrants</i></p> <p><b>Facilitated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Max Bobys, Vice President and Practice Leader, HudsonCyber</li> </ul>
<p>1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>South China Sea</i></p>	<p><b>Workshop: Securing Your Port and Driving Faster Access</b> <i>Open to All Registrants</i></p> <p><b>Facilitated by:</b> Joseph Osterman, Senior Vice President, Prosegur</p>



4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. <i>Java Sea 2</i>	<b>Maritime Economic Development Committee Meeting</b>
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>Reception for Port CEOs</b> <i>Private Event by Invitation Only</i>  <b>Sponsored by:</b> 
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. <i>Wantilan Pavilion</i>	<b>Reception: Welcome to Orlando!</b>  <b>Sponsored by:</b> 

**Tuesday, October 18**  
**All Times Listed are in EDT**

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>Pre-Function West Registration Desk</i>	<b>Registration</b>
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. <i>Pre-Function West and Exhibit Hall</i>	<b>Breakfast Sponsored by:</b>  <a href="#">ODGERS BERNDTSON</a>
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. <i>Coral Sea 2</i>	<b>Commissioners Session: Private Capital Investment</b> <i>By Invitation Only: Members of the Governing Boards</i>  <b>Featuring:</b> Kristie Pellecchia Loiacono, Principal, Pellecchia International and Former Head of Western Hemisphere, U.S. International Development Corporation
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>  <i>Join us as we open the business program of the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. AAPA President and CEO Chris Connor will offer welcome remarks and insight into the state of the port industry. AAPA's member ports will offer "Greetings from around the Hemisphere," and attendees will be treated to some Orlando entertainment.</i>

	<b>Featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities</li> <li>- Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach</li> <li>- Lasse Petterson, President and CEO, Great Lakes Dredge &amp; Dock Corporation</li> <li>- Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi</li> </ul>
9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Keynote Address featuring the United States Port and Supply Chain Envoy</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> General Stephen R. Lyons, United States Army (Ret.), Former Commander of the United States Transportation Command and Port and Supply Chain Envoy to the Biden-Harris Administration  <b>Audience Q&amp;A Moderated by:</b> Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities
9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Lighthouse Awards Presentation Ceremony</b>  <i>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.</i>
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	<b>Networking Break in the Exhibit Hall</b>
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>Networking Lunch Sponsored by:</b> 
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Open Hours in AAPA Annual Convention and Expo Exhibit Hall</b>  <b>Product Demonstrations in the Port Tampa Bay Theater</b>
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Panel Discussion: The Future of Cruising</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jaime Castillo, Vice President, Global Port Services, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line</li> <li>- Rick Sasso, Chairman, MSC Cruises</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- David Candib, Vice President, Port Operations, Carnival Cruise Line</li> <li>- Rodger Rees, Port Director and CEO, Galveston Wharves at the Port of Galveston, Texas</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Daniel Ronan, Associate News Editor, Print and Multimedia, Transport Topics</p>
<p>4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address Delivered by Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, United States Navy (Ret.), Administrator, United States Maritime Administration</b></p> <p><b>Introduction by:</b> Paul Anderson, President and CEO, Port Tampa Bay</p>
<p>4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. <i>Pacifica 10</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: How to Compete for Federal Grants – a Georgia Ports Authority Success Story</b></p> <p><i>A step-by-step discussion of how to successfully compete for federal grants, as highlighted by the \$140 million in grants that GPA has recently received. The presentation will cover the standard requirements and criteria in these transportation grant programs, how the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) has raised the bar, and tips that are essential for developing successful grant applications.</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kevin Keller, National Director, Intermodal Transportation Planning, HDR Engineering, Inc.</li> <li>- James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer, Georgia Ports Authority</li> <li>- Branden Villalona, Director, South Atlantic Gateway Office, U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration</li> </ul>
<p>4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. <i>Pacifica 11</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Smart Ports and Emerging Technology</b></p> <p><i>With the ever-increasing maritime traffic, greater frequency of cargo loading/unloading, a greater number of vessels operating in each trade route and confined areas in ports, the practice of Smart Ports is no longer an option but essential to remain competitive in the shipping market and at capacity.</i></p> <p><i>This best-in-class panel will share the latest technologies being deployed today and how these deployments are progress and the</i></p>


	<p><i>Return-on-Investment expectations one can look to see and the timing it takes to see this payback.</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jussi Suhonen, Vice President, Sales, Konecranes</li> <li>- Scott Welford, Director of Technology and Business Policy, Utah Inland Port Authority</li> <li>- Captain Abhishek Nair, Director of Business Development, PortXchange</li> <li>- Mark Higgins, Director, Motor Carrier Experience, Virginia International Terminals, LLC</li> <li>- Lov Kher, Fellow, 5G &amp; MEC Solution Architect, Verizon Business Group</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Adam Schipper, Director of Ports, Ericsson</p>
<p>4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. <i>Pacifica 12</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Offshore Wind Power</b></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matt Wartian, Ph.D., Ports and Maritime, Burns and McDonnell</li> <li>- Cathie Vick, Chief Development and Public Affairs Officer, Virginia Port Authority</li> <li>- John Pauling, U.S. Construction Lead, Orsted</li> <li>- William Hanson, Senior Vice President, Government Relations &amp; Business Development, Great Lakes Dredge &amp; Dock Company</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Ian Gansler, Manager of Energy, Resilience, and Sustainability Policy, American Association of Port Authorities</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Exhibit Hall Reception</b></p> <p><b>Signature Cocktails Sponsored by:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;">  </div> </div>


<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, October 19</b> All Times Listed are in EDT</p>	
<p>7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>Pre-Function West Registration Desk</i></p>	<p><b>Registration</b></p>

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast and Networking</b>
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. <i>Coral Sea 2</i>	<b>AAPA Supply Chain Partner (SCP) Council Breakfast</b>
9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Welcome Back</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities
9:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>General Session: Path Toward Resiliency</b>  <i>An executive-level conversation about major port infrastructure projects highlighting the theme that ports are good stewards of federal funding.</i>  <b>Panel Discussion Featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi</li> <li>- William Hanson, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Business Development, Great Lakes Dredge &amp; Dock Corporation</li> <li>- Hydi Webb, Port Director and CEO, PortMiami</li> <li>- Craig Mygatt, CEO, Ceres Terminals Incorporated</li> <li>- Kerry Thomas, Director, Preparedness Grants Division, FEMA</li> </ul> <b>In Conversation With:</b> Lynette Cardoch, PhD, Director, Resilience & Adaptation, Moffatt & Nichol
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Keynote Address from the United States Corps of Army Engineers</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> Major General William (Butch) H. Graham, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers  <b>Audience Q&amp;A Moderated by:</b> Jen Armstrong, Director of Navigation Policy and Legislation, American Association of Port Authorities
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Pacifica 8 and 9</i>	<b>Roundtable Discussion: The Digitalization of U.S. Ports</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stephen B. Rauch, Vice President, Information Technology, South Carolina Ports Authority</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eric Olafson, Director, Global Trade and Business Development, PortMiami</li> <li>- Jack Hedge, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority</li> <li>- John Wolfe, CEO, Northwest Seaport Alliance</li> <li>- Bryan Brandes, Maritime Director, Port of Oakland</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Dr. Noel Hacegaba, Deputy Executive Director, Port of Long Beach</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Pacifica 10</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable: Building Digital Infrastructure: Serving the Needs of the Broader Port Community</b></p> <p><i>Automation, robotics, Big Data, the Internet of Things, connected ports – or digitalization as a whole – have been major buzzwords in port industries for quite some time. For one specific reason: Digitalizing the port ecosystem provides tangible value added for all participants. However, our experience shows that many port players either fail to come up with a clear vision, do not select the right initiatives or don't manage to strictly execute their strategy. Pilot projects are frequently initiated but they do not merge into any coherent strategic vision, only provide limited benefits to relevant participants, or do not get rolled-out across the ecosystem. The real challenge often lies in translating digital initiatives into real value creation.</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew Scott, CEO, QuayChain</li> <li>- Andi Huels, Head of AI, Lenovo</li> <li>- Jan Diekmann, Technical Account Manager – Advanced Industries, Ericsson</li> <li>- Doug Sinclair, Business Director, Facilities and Transportation, Radix Engineering and Software</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Jill Flygare, Chief Operating Officer, Utah Inland Ports Authority</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Pacifica 11</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Electrification and the Role of Ports</b></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matthew Jackson, Vice President, Business Development, Crowley</li> <li>- David Bolduc, President, Green Marine</li> <li>- Chet Warner, Chief Operating Officer, Pareto Energy</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation With:</b> Kieran McLoughlin is Vice President, Industrial Internet of Things, USA, Schneider Electric</p>

<p>10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Pacifica 12</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Workforce Development - Building up the Infrastructure and Transportation Labor Force</b></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emily Hopkins, Director, MITAGS, West Coast Campus</li> <li>- David Bowen, Senior Director, Technical Training and National Apprenticeship Director, ATS Airframe Services</li> <li>- Franklin Brown, Craft Learning Manager and Director, Apprenticeship, McCarthy Holdings, Inc.</li> <li>- Sophia Harris, CEO and Managing Member, Organizational Development Resource Group</li> <li>- Tanya Chisholm, General Manager of HR and WFD, Georgia Port Authority</li> <li>- Luis Navarro, Director of Workforce Development and Equity, Port of Seattle</li> </ul> <p><b>In Conversation with:</b> LeeAnne Schirato, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Commission Specialist, Port of Seattle</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <i>Coral Sea 2</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Modernization of the NSRS and the New SPCS Zones</b></p> <p><i>The presentation will provide a good overview on both the new shift coming for the horizontal and the vertical datums as part of the modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) and the results showing the new State Plane Coordinate (SPCS) Zones for each state.</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will include a short overview of why the datum change, how it's being done, some of the potential impacts, the change from the US survey foot and cover details of the new State Plane Coordinate System zones to reduce linear distortion.</i></p> <p><b>Featuring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allen K. Nobles, PLS, Senior Vice President, Surveying &amp; Mapping, LLC</li> <li>- Denis Riordan, PLS, Geodesist, National Geodetic Survey</li> <li>- Tripp Corbin, GIS and Aerial Business Development Manager, Surveying and Mapping, LLC</li> <li>- Jose De Jesus, P.E., LEED, AP BD + C, Director of Engineering, Port Tampa Bay</li> </ul>
<p>12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch Sponsored by:</b> </p> <p><small>DIRECT CHASSISLINK INC.</small></p>

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Open Hours in AAPA Annual Convention and Expo Exhibit Hall</b>  <b>Product Demonstrations in the Port Tampa Bay Theater</b>
2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Panel Discussion: Global Supply Chain</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thomas Overacker, Executive Director, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection</li> <li>- Mike O'Malley, Senior Vice President, Government &amp; Public Relations, DCLI</li> <li>- Bud Darr, Executive Vice President, MSC Group/TIL</li> <li>- Louis E. Sola, Federal Maritime Commissioner</li> </ul> <b>In Conversation With:</b> Bethann Rooney, Port Director, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Innovating Port Leadership with AAPA Professional Development Programs</b>
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>AAPA Speaker Series Sponsored by</b>  <b>PORT CORPUS CHRISTI</b>  <b>Introduction by:</b> Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port of Corpus Christi  <b>Featuring:</b> Nicole Malachowski, First Woman Thunderbird Pilot, Combat Veteran, Fighter Squadron Commander, White House Fellow & Adviser
4:30 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Closing Remarks and Save the Date for Annual Convention 2023</b>  <b>Featuring:</b> Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities
4:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. <i>Pacifica Ballroom 7</i>	<b>Introduction to New AAPA Chair of the Board of Directors</b>
5:30 p.m.	<b>Travel to CityWalk for Closing Event</b> <i>Guests must pass through a security check point before entering CityWalk regardless of mode of transportation.</i>  <b>Walk:</b> 10-12-minute walk from hotel.

	<p><b>Boat:</b> 5–8-minute boat ride from hotel. Last boat leaves CityWalk at 2:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>Bus:</b> Meet in the lobby to board the bus and head to the closing event. <i>One-way transportation.</i></p>
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<p><b>Closing Event</b></p> <p><i>Enjoy this private event that includes the best of all worlds at Universal CityWalk. Our Block Party allows you to experience a variety of venues, cuisine &amp; entertainment while the promenade lets you congregate and relax in the open air and under the stars. It's all in one night and all for YOU!</i></p>