Dear Members,

Please join us this summer for the 59th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting, scheduled for July 29 to 31 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. We are excited to welcome you to this annual member meeting where we come together to discover and discuss the opportunities and challenges our industries must handle today and in the future.

This meeting will allow you critical time to participate with fellow delegates and Council staff on the prospects and hurdles facing U.S. agriculture. As you have heard again and again over the last year, When Trade Works, The World Wins, and there is no better event to prove this is true than this meeting where we are ready to highlight our global work with key partners to build new demand for coarse grains and co-products, including ethanol. Our A-Teams are also set to meet and provide staff direction on critical issues surrounding the specific commodities we represent and markets in which we are involved.

We rely on your guidance to help us uphold our commitment to develop markets, enable trade and improve lives as we serve our customers around the world. We look forward to your participation at this important time, so come offer your ideas to help increase and expand U.S. exports of corn, sorghum, barley, ethanol, DDGS and more!

See you in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

Jim Štitzlein | Chairman

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Sunday, July 28
AFTERNOON
Optional Tour: City Tour

Monday, July 29
MORNING
Introducing the Council: Meet USGC board and staff members and learn how to take full advantage of the USGC membership meeting. By Invitation Only.
General Session: Start the day with a welcome to Cincinnati from new President and CEO Ryan LeGrand.

Spouse/Guest Welcome Breakfast: Join old friends and make new ones at this welcome for spouses and guests. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required.

AFTERNOON
A-Team Meetings: USGC Advisory Teams (A-Teams), the backbone of the Council, are organized by topic including Asia, ethanol, innovation and sustainability, Middle/East Africa, Western Hemisphere, trade policy and value-added programs. The Council encourages anyone who is not a member of an A-Team to sit in on these sessions to find out more about USGC programs.

EVENING
Evening Reception: Join fellow USGC members and guests at an evening reception - a great opportunity to network with industry colleagues, get acquainted with new USGC members and talk with USGC staff.
Planning Guide

Hotel Reservations

All meetings will take place at the:

Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West 5th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Phone: (513) 579-1234

Make reservations online at the Council's website, www.grains.org/event/cincinnati, or by calling the hotel's reservations department at (513) 579-1234 and mention the U.S. Grains Council meeting to receive the discounted rate. Reservations deadline is Monday, July 1, 2019. After this date, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis.

The Council has negotiated a room rate of $194 USD per night, single or double occupancy, plus 17.5 percent tax. Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check-out time is 11 a.m.

Ground Transportation

The Hyatt Regency Cincinnati is approximately 12 miles from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (airport code CVG). While taxis and Ubers are available, it is best to pre-arrange transportation to and from the hotel. Transportation to the hotel via taxi will cost approximately $40 one-way. Uber is available at an estimated cost of $22 one-way.

Attire

Business casual attire is appropriate for all meetings. Casual attire with comfortable shoes is appropriate for tours. In Cincinnati, the average high temperature for July is 86 degrees with an average low of 66 degrees.

Tuesday, July 30

MORNING
Sector Meetings: Discuss issues with industry specific colleagues and USGC staff during meetings organized by sector: corn, barley, sorghum, agribusiness or general farm organizations.

General Session: Come back together to discuss policy issues affecting international trade and market growth opportunities for U.S. corn, sorghum, barley, DDGS, ethanol and other co-products.

LATE MORNING
Optional Tour: Rockwood Pottery.

AFTERNOON
Breakout Sessions: Break into smaller sessions to learn how to discuss specific trade issues with diverse audiences.

EVENING
Offsite Event: Walk to the Great American Ball Park to watch the Cincinnati Reds, baseball's first professional franchise, play ball against the Milwaukee Brewers. This event is free for registered attendees; additional guests can register for $110 each.

Wednesday, July 31

MORNING
Board of Delegates Meeting: The Council’s business meeting will include presentations to the USGC Board of Delegates on priorities and key takeaways from their breakout sessions. Delegates will also elect new officers and members of the USGC Board of Directors.

LATE MORNING/ AFTERNOON
Board of Directors Meeting with Advisory Team Leaders
Optional Tour: Consolidated Barge and Grain, Co. facility.
Sunday, July 28                                1:30-4 p.m.
CINCINNATI CITY TOUR
This guided bus tour will visit the River Walk in Covington, the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, once home to a large German immigrant population and now America’s largest intact historic district, and make stops at the Music Hall and on top of Mt. Adams to enjoy the city overlook.
Cost: $25 per person
Tour Includes: Roundtrip transportation and water.

Tuesday, July 30              9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
ROCKWOOD POTTERY
Founded in 1880 and located in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, the Rookwood Pottery Company carries a long tradition of artistic inspiration balanced with a rich heritage of quality and excellence. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at how this heirloom quality pottery is made. Enjoy lunch at Taft’s Ale House, a brewpub serving American cuisine in a converted historic church.
Cost: $60 per person
Tour Includes: Roundtrip transportation, guided tour and lunch.

Tuesday, July 30                                         7 p.m.
CINCINNATI REDS – OFFSITE EVENT
Celebrating its 150th Anniversary Season, come enjoy America’s pastime at the Cincinnati Reds baseball stadium! Watch the game the comfort of an exclusive patio section featuring an upscale buffet, full beverage service and access to a climate-controlled viewing area. Play ball!
Cost: $110 per person for guests; this is free for registered attendees.
Tour Includes: Entrance to the game, private venue for food and drinks.

Wednesday, July 31                       1:30-4 p.m.
CONSOLIDATED GRAIN AND BARGE, CO. FACILITY
The productivity of America’s Heartland spurred demand for safe and efficient transportation operations. Tour CGB’s Riverside Terminal to learn how the company moves agricultural products through the national inland river system.
Cost: $20 per person
Tour Includes: Roundtrip transportation and tour.

*Space is limited. First come/first serve.