

AGENDA

District at Large Oct 15, 2023- 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
National Harbor, Maryland

1. Welcome and brief Comments Chair
2. Select a Nominee for the Executive Board of USAHA
3. District Reports NE, NC, S, W
4. Allied Reports
5. Leadership Chair and Vice Chair
6. Old Business
7. New Business

New Business suggestion:

- #1 Goal is to increase participation/membership.
- What are there 2-3 priority issues we in DAL will champion for USAHA?
- I.E., animal health issues? foreign animal disease/disaster preparedness, and biotechnology/GE Farm Animals
- Should we be discussing/addressing alternative products (clearly cell-cultured and plant-based) on labeling etc. Is this common ground to build unity?
- Other
- How do we advance since we have seemed to be spinning our wheels

District-at-Large (DAL):

1. **Purpose:** DAL is a geographically neutral district comprised of allied members, elected regional delegates and past presidents. DAL can be referred to as USAHA's industry district. To quote Dr. Tim Richards, DAL Vice-Chairman, "USAHA's existence is predicated on the fact that industry exists; conversely, industries can't exist without organizations like USAHA." (Haas, newsletter 2020)
2. **Vision:** DAL new vision is to unite all agricultural industries and utilize the DAL of the USAHA to be the "platform: for all agricultural industries to come together and work on common issues that affect all agriculture producers across the country, i.e., water, environmental, animal welfare, food safety, food security, transportation issues, etc. DAL's overarching goal is to be inclusive not exclusive.
3. **What DAL needs from districts (SE, NE, Central, and West):** We need commitments from each district to help us build our industry network within each district.
 - Our reach out is to bring:
 - Awareness of USAHA
 - Build direct contact within and across agricultural industries on our country in order to bring agricultural production to the forefront of our citizens minds because food production is of the utmost importance for our society and national security. Without food, we have no security nor society.
 - Design meetings at USAHA that are tailored for producers to attend.
 - DAL is the platform.

Putting our world in perspective WHO SHOOK THE JAR?

If you collect 100 black fire ants and 100 Red Fire Ants and put them in a jar nothing will happen, but if you take the jar, shake it violently and leave it on a Table the Ants will start Killing each other. Red Believes the Black is the enemy. While Black Believes the Red is the enemy. When the Real Enemy is the person who shook the jar. The same is True in Society Man vs Women, Black Vs White, Faith vs Science, Young vs Old. Etcetera....
Before we Fight Each Other, We must Ask Ourselves, Who Shook the Jar?
"Mark Twain, Samuel Clemens"