



# AMERICAN COTTON SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION



## DALLAS, TEXAS

**MAY 25-27, 2016**

**RITZ-CARLTON**

**SERVING THE COTTON TRADE SINCE 1924**



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## ANNUAL CONVENTION SERVING THE COTTON TRADE SINCE 1924

Discover a Dallas luxury hotel where glamour, graciousness and the Texas spirit meet: the Ritz-Carlton. In the heart of trendy uptown, the Ritz-Carlton in Dallas offers an unforgettable experience in an unforgettable city.

Few hotels in the Lone Star State can match the Texas hospitality of The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas, where every guest is welcomed with a warm smile, a chilled mini-margarita, and a creamy bite of guacamole, freshly crafted each evening by our resident Guacamologist™. Perhaps that is why we bear the moniker, “the living room of Dallas.” From the moment you set foot in our luxury Texas hotel’s lobby, you’ll be encouraged to simply relax and make yourself at home.

The American Cotton Shippers Association is currently working on a tentative schedule, whereby the convention kicks off Wednesday morning, May 25th, with the Futures Contracts Committee meeting, followed by the Welcome Reception and Dinner for all attendees that evening. This year’s rates are \$279 with rooms blocked for Tuesday, May 24th through Saturday, May 28th.

Please make your reservations now by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-960-7082 and let them know you are with the American Cotton Shippers Association to obtain the convention rate. Visit the [ACSA website](#) for further details including taxes, parking fees, and check-in time.

**PLEASE NOTE THE RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE IS APRIL 22, 2016.**



## CONVENTION INFORMATION

■ **REGISTRATION:** [Pre-register online by May 9th](#) Registration fee this year is \$500.00 and includes spouse or guest. Attendees may register online and pay by credit card through PayPal. *NOTE: A PayPal account is not required.* However, the PayPal site will request an email address and phone number for confirmation purposes.

At the convention, you may visit the registration desk to check in and pick up your ID badge, program, and attendee list. The registration desk will be open from 9am to 6pm on Wednesday, May 25th and 8am to 6pm on Thursday, May 26th. If you have not pre-registered, you may do so at this time.

■ **VENUE INFORMATION:** Situated in the heart of Uptown, The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas provides unparalleled access to the city's most celebrated venues. They are located near the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, as well as the American Airlines Center, home of the Dallas Mavericks and Dallas Stars. Aside from sports, the AA Center hosts a variety of live concerts and entertainment throughout the year. Ride along historic McKinney Avenue in the charming McKinney Avenue Trolley, or take a chauffeured drive in their complimentary luxury house car to explore the enclave's sophisticated shops, restaurants, galleries and night life. Infinite options for culture, entertainment, theater, festivals, and sporting events abound within a mere five-mile radius from the hotel.

■ **CONVENTION SCHEDULE:** There is a tentative convention schedule located on our website at [www.acsa-cotton.org](http://www.acsa-cotton.org) (as well as one on page 5 of this booklet). A copy will also be included in your convention packet. Be sure to check it often for updates.

■ **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:** The hotel is easily accessible by air or road from anywhere within North America. Major carriers fly into DFW or Love Field. All major car rental firms operate at both airports. Silver West Limousine service can be arranged from DFW or DAL airports. For assistance with transportation including rates, or any other personal requests, please contact the concierge desk at (214) 922-4836.

■ **WEATHER:** The weather in Dallas has an average maximum of 89 and an average minimum of 70 degrees.

■ **ATTENDEE LIST:** See who has already made plans, view a [current list of attendees](#).

■ **SPEAKERS:** Our speakers this year will include [Michael McFaul](#), professor of political science at Stanford University, [A.B. Stoddard](#), associate editor and columnist at *The Hill* newspaper, and [J. Christopher "Chris" Giancarlo](#), CFTC Commissioner.

■ **EVENT SPONSORS:** ACSA is a not-for-profit organization. We rely on sponsorship to help cover the costs of the convention. The opportunity to participate as a sponsor of our convention is available when registering online, otherwise please contact the ACSA office for further information on becoming a sponsor (901-525-2272). The three levels of sponsorship are:

- PLATINUM: \$10,000 and above
- GOLD: \$10,000 - \$5,000
- SILVER: Less than \$5,000

In return for your sponsorship, you will receive:

- Special Badge and Ribbon for Sponsor Levels
- Firm Name Listed in the Program
- Individual Firms will be recognized during the Business Sessions
- Firm name will be prominently displayed at all Social Functions and throughout the meeting sessions as well





## ▶ AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER

[www.americanairlinescenter.com](http://www.americanairlinescenter.com)

One of the nation's top arenas. Since opening its doors in 2001 the American Airlines Center has been setting the precedent for sporting and live entertainment events. Bringing in a wide variety of big name shows such as The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Beyonce, Elton John, Billy Joel, Madonna, Paul McCartney, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Katy Perry and many, many more.

## ◀ AT&T PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

[www.attpac.org](http://www.attpac.org)

The Center presents a variety of programs year-round in its indoor and outdoor performance venues, including the Broadway Series and, in association with TITAS, contemporary dance and music, as well as other touring and community performances. The Center also provides performance space for local performing arts organizations, including Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, The Dallas Opera, Dallas Theater Center and Texas Ballet Theater.



## ▶ DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM

[www.dwazoo.com](http://www.dwazoo.com)

Just .6 miles from the hotel. The upper level of the aquarium is an artificial reproduction of the Orinoco Rainforest where visitors can see the only public display of three-toed sloths in the United States. The lower level houses aquaria featuring fish, sea anemones, coral, jellyfish, and other sea animals from around the world.





# DALLAS, TEXAS ★ PLACES OF INTEREST

## NASHER SCULPTURE CENTER

[www.nashersculpturecenter.org](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org)

The longtime dream of the late Raymond and Patsy Nasher, the museum was designed by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano, in collaboration with landscape architect Peter Walker, to seamlessly integrate the indoor galleries with the outdoor garden spaces, creating a museum experience unlike any other in the world.



## REUNION TOWER

[www.reuniontower.com](http://www.reuniontower.com)

The tower is a 561 ft (171 m) observation tower and one of the most recognizable landmarks in Dallas, Texas. Located at 300 Reunion Blvd. in the Reunion district of downtown Dallas, the tower is part of the Hyatt Regency Hotel complex, and is the 15th tallest building in Dallas. Also known locally as “The Orb,” it was completed in 1978. At night, the globe at the top of the building is illuminated with 259 custom LED fixtures and are controlled by various computer-generated patterns and colors.



## PIONEER PLAZA

[www.dallasconventioncenter.com/contact-us/pioneer-plaza/](http://www.dallasconventioncenter.com/contact-us/pioneer-plaza/)

Commemorating the trails that brought settlers to Dallas and cattle to market. Featuring native plants and trees, a flowering stream and a larger-than-life bronze cattle drive. Each bronze piece – there are 49 longhorn cattle in all, herded by 3 cowboys on horses – was created by artist Robert Summers of Glen Rose, Texas.



**FURTHER DETAILS OF SPEAKERS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS THEY ARE FINALIZED.**



# 2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION ★ ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one registration form per registrant & fax to 901-527-8303 before **MAY 9, 2016** | Or register online at [www.acsa-cotton.org](http://www.acsa-cotton.org) | Please Type or Print Clearly.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title: Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc.) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

(A guest is a family member or friend, not a co-worker or industry peer)

Member/Type: ☐ Merchant ☐ Primary Buyer/Mill Service Agent ☐ Associate or ☐ Guest

Wednesday Evening Reception and Dinner: Please indicate your attendance plans for the evening.

☐ YES, I (we) plan to attend – Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO, I (we) will not attend

## METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Registration Fee - \$500.00 USD

☐ CHECK payable to ACSA or ☐ CREDIT CARD

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

☐ American Express ☐ Discover Card

If paying by Credit Card, Please complete the following information:

Name on Card

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp date \_\_\_\_\_ CID code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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CANCELLATIONS: Registrants who are unable to attend may notify American Cotton Shippers Association on or before **May 16, 2016**, for a full refund.

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# ACSA MEETING SCHEDULE ★ SERVING THE COTTON TRADE SINCE 1924

*As meeting times and rooms are subject to change, please check your program upon arrival.*



DAY	TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION/ROOM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>ACSA OFFICE</b>	<b>ELM</b>
	9:00 AM	ICE Meeting (Invitation Only)	TBA
	10:30 AM	Futures Contracts Committee	TBA
	1:30 PM	ACEA and WCEA Shareholders Meeting	TBA
	2:30 PM	Retiring Board of Directors Meeting	TBA
	5:00 PM	Past Presidents/Chairmans Meeting	TBA
	6:00 PM	Welcome Reception followed by Dinner*	TBA



DAY	TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION/ROOM
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>ACSA OFFICE</b>	<b>ELM</b>
	7:30 AM	Industry Breakfast	TBA
	9:00 AM	Foreign Affairs	TBA
	9:00 AM	Transportation, Documentation, Insurance	TBA
	9:00 AM	Primary Buyers/Mill Service Agents	TBA
	9:00 AM	Quality Quotations	TBA
	10:00 AM	Data Systems	TBA
	10:00 AM	Gins, Warehouses, Domestic Trade	TBA
	11:00 AM	National Affairs	TBA
	6:00 PM	Reception	TBA

<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>ACSA OFFICE</b>	<b>ELM</b>
	7:00 AM	Come & Go Breakfast	TBA
	10:00 AM	General Session	TBA
	12:30 PM	Executive Luncheon & Business Session	TBA
	6:00 PM	Farewell Reception	TBA



*\* Wednesday Evening Dress Attire: Jacket and No Tie*

*Dress Attire for all other business and social functions is business/resort casual.*





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