2020 Annual Meeting & Education Conference

May 6-9

Grand Hyatt
Denver, CO

National Academy of Arbitrators
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Tuesday, May 5, 2020
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
NAA Registration Desk

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
NAA Registration Desk

7:30 am - 12:00 pm
New Member Orientation

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Board of Governors Meeting

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Membership Committee Meeting

8:30 am - 5:00 pm
CPRG Meeting

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
New Member Luncheon  (Invitation Only)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
President’s Welcoming Reception

Thursday, May 7, 2020
8:30 am - 9:00 am
Welcome and Introductory Remarks

President
Barry Winograd, NAA, Oakland, CA

Program Announcements
Daniel G. Zeiser, NAA, Cleveland, OH

Host Announcements
Kathy L. Eisenmenger, NAA, Denver, CO

9:00 am - 10:15 am
Cannabis, Impairment, and the Nexus to the Workplace Incident Giving Rise to the Just-Cause Inquiry
In this highly interactive session, the panel of arbitrators, senior members of the Academy and relatively newer members of the Academy, will address a number of workplace scenarios dealing with Cannabis in the workplace. The focus of the scenarios will be workplace-marijuana cases addressing the rapidly emerging impairment/nexus divide growing from increased legalization and decriminalization of recreational marijuana use. The audience will have an opportunity to record and report their reaction to each scenario on their smartphones and other electronic devices.

Moderator
Andrew M. Strongin, NAA, Takoma Park, MD

Facilitator for Audience Participation
Homer C. La Rue, NAA, Columbia, MD

Panelists
Jules Bloch, NAA, Toronto, ON
Lisa Charles, NAA, Princeton, NJ
Andrea Dooley, Arbitrator, Oakland, CA
John Sass, NAA, Golden, CO
Global Workplace Dispute Resolution

The panel will describe the history of efforts to develop recognition of labour and human rights standards within transnational corporate workplaces and, more recently, to put in place remedies for workers in countries with weak labour law enforcement structures. The panel will describe international efforts to remedy the violation of such workers’ human rights and their labour and employment rights at work, including freedom of association, prohibition against child labour, health and safety at work, and reasonable conditions of work.

**Moderator**
Chris Albertyn, NAA, Toronto, ON

**Panelists**
Brian Burkett, Faskin, Martineau, DuMoulin LLP, Toronto, ON
Rich Giacolone, Director, FMCS, Washington, DC
Katie Quan, UC Berkeley Labor Institute, Berkeley, CA
Manfred Weiss, Professor Emeritus, Law School of the J.W. Goethe University, Frankfurt, GE

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Distinguished Speaker Luncheon

**Speaker**
Eliseo Medina, International Executive VP and International Secretary-Treasurer of the SEIU, retired

**Introduction by**
President Barry Winograd, NAA, Oakland, CA

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm
“DON’T INTERRUPT ME WHEN I’M INTERRUPTING” -Winston Churchill or Maintaining Civility During a Hearing

This session will explore how counsel and arbitrators should deal with situations when the goal of civility and rationality is threatened during a hearing. What is the line between intense advocacy and drama for the sake of drama? How should a representative deal with rudeness or incivility from the opposite representative? How should the arbitrator deal with drama, rudeness or out of control antics at a hearing? Leading counsel from the USA and Canada who represent management and unions will explore these issues with two experienced NAA arbitrators.

**Moderator**
Paula Knopf, NAA, Toronto, ON

**Panelists**
Ben Aisenberg, NAA, Denver, CO
Wassim Garzouzi, Ottawa, ON
Patrick Scully, Denver, CO
Thursday, May 7, 2020 (Continued)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Social Hour: Workers Rights, an International Perspective: A Discussion with Manfred Weiss, Eliseo Medina, and Katie Quan
This session will continue from the morning Global Dispute Resolution panel. Chris Albertyn will have a discussion with Manfred Weiss, Eliseo Medina, and Katie Quan, focusing on workers’ rights from an international perspective. Refreshments will be served.

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Friday, May 8, 2020 (Continued)

9:00 am - 10:15 am
Mass Claims in Employment Arbitration after Epic Systems: Unintended Consequences and Unexpected Opportunities
The recent flurry of high-profile mass arbitrations following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis and the expansion of the gig economy has generated intriguing developments, including innovative means by which potential claimants are reached, efforts by employers to modify or be released from arbitration requirements, approaches to coordinating without consolidating claims, responses from the legislative arena, and important court rulings, including the anticipated holding from the Supreme Court of Canada in Heller v. Uber.

Moderator
Jacquelin F. Drucker, NAA, New York, NY

Panelists
Patricia Thomas Bittel, NAA, Cleveland, OH
Michele Ballard Miller, Cozen O'Connor, San Francisco, CA
Michael Wright, Wright Henry LLP, Toronto, ON

10:30 am - 11:45 am
A Conversation with Sara Nelson, President of the Association of Flight Attendants
NAA member Gil Vernon will pose questions to Ms. Nelson about the airline industry, current and future labor relations in the U.S., the government shutdown in early 2019, and other topics.

Moderator
Gil Vernon, NAA, Hudson, WI

Panelist
Sara Nelson, President, AFA/CWA, Washington, DC

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Presidential Luncheon
NAA President Barry Winograd, NAA, Oakland, CA, will be introduced by Margaret R. Brogan, NAA, Philadelphia, PA and Oakland, CA.

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Recent Developments in Canadian Labour Law
An update on recent developments in Canadian labour law with the Chairs of the Canada Industrial Relations Board and the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Moderator
Elizabeth MacPherson, NAA, Kemptville, ON

Panelists
Ginette Brazeau, Chairperson, Canada Industrial Relations Board, Ottawa, ON
Bernie Fishbein, Chairperson, Ontario Labour Relations Board, Toronto, ON
Friday, May 8, 2020

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Current Issues in the Airline Industry
A wide-ranging discussion of the major issues likely to affect the airline industry and its labor relations in the future. In particular, the panelists will address how arbitrators attract and retain business in this industry, new and unique discipline issues facing arbitrators, the panelists’ views of the appropriate role of arbitrators on system boards, and innovative dispute resolution methods.

Moderator
Amedeo Greco, NAA, Madison, WI

Panelists
Lucretia Guia, American Airlines, Fort Worth, TX
Art Luby, ALPA, Washington, DC
Eric Mennel, United Airlines, Chicago, IL
Elizabeth Roma, Guerrieri, Bartos & Roma, PC, Washington, DC

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Federal Sector Arbitration: The Effect of Trump Administration Executive Orders - Surviving an Appeal to the FLRA
Presidential Executive Orders 13836, 13837, and 13838 have changed the way in which issues are addressed in the grievance and bargaining processes and how issues are handled before arbitrators and administrative agencies. This session will examine the effect of the more significant substantive and process changes and perspectives of a current practice in the Federal Sector.

Moderator
Jerry B. Sellman, NAA, Columbus, OH

Panelists
Ernest W. DuBester, Member, FLRA, Washington, DC
Ken Moffit, Jr., Director of Negotiations, NTEU, Washington, DC
M. David Vaughn, NAA, Clarksville, MD

Saturday, May 9, 2020

8:45 am - 9:15 am
New Member Introductions

9:15 am - 10:00 am
Educational Session on the New Academy Internal Grievance Process
Recently, the Academy has adopted an internal grievance process for members. The Committee on Intra-Organizational Grievance Policy and Process will introduce members to the process.

Moderator
Homer La Rue, NAA, Columbia, MD

Panelists
TBA

10:15 am - 11:30 am
The Nuts and Bolts of an Arbitration Practice
Long-time NAA arbitrators and newer NAA members join together to discuss how they run their arbitration practices. Topics will include setting fees, calendar management, use of assistants, decision-writing process, ramping up a practice, scaling back a practice, sources of work, and more.

Moderator
Elliot Shaller, NAA, Washington, DC

Panelists
Catharine Harris, NAA, Sacramento, CA
Haydee Rosario, NAA, New York, NY
John Sass, NAA, Denver, CO
Christine Schmidt, NAA, Toronto, ON

11:30 am - 12:15 pm
US Designating Agencies Update
Update on developments at the key designating agencies.

Moderator
Barry Simon, NAA, Arlington Heights, IL

Panelists
Christine L. Newhall, Senior Vice-President, AAA, Boston, MA
Arthur Pearlstein, Director of Arbitration, FMCS, Washington, DC
Saturday, May 9, 2020 (Continued)

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Honorary Life and 25 & 40 Year Members

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
NAA Annual Business Meeting (Members Only)

3:00 pm
Board of Governors Meeting

Please return the registration form or register on the NAA Website, www.naarb.org, at your earliest convenience.

Details

THE HOTEL

The Grand Hyatt Denver is located at 1750 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202. The Academy’s block of guest rooms at a special conference rate of $219 is limited; rooms in our block will be available until April 1, 2020, or until our block is sold out, whichever occurs first. Attendees will be eligible for the conference rate of $219 for a single or double occupancy only as long as rooms in the Academy’s room block remain available. Room reservations may be made online (see below) or by calling the Grand Hyatt Denver at 1-303-295-1234. Please be certain to request that your reservation be assigned to the National Academy of Arbitrators room block. The reservation must be guaranteed by a first night’s deposit by a credit card acceptable to the Grand Hyatt Denver.

Making online hotel reservations – To make your reservations, please click here: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DENRD/G-ABAA. If you need additional assistance, please contact the hotel at 877-803-7534.

REGISTRATION FEE

Each registration includes one non-transferable registrant ticket for the following events: President's Welcoming Reception, Thursday Distinguished Speaker Luncheon, and Friday Presidential Luncheon. Tickets are available at an additional cost for guests to attend all meal events. Guest meal tickets are transferable; registrant tickets are not.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Only those cancellations received at the NAA Operations Center by mail, e-mail, telephone, or fax on or before April 2, 2020 will be entitled to refunds of the conference registration fee (subject to $100 processing charge) and additional meal tickets. Please note: The Academy accepts Checks (U.S. Funds Only) and Credit Cards (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa).
Details

CLE
Accreditation is being requested for this conference from states with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for attorneys. CLE forms will be available at the NAA registration desk. If you need more information, please contact Coordinator of CLE, Fredric R. Dichter.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
NAA committee meetings may not be held during conference activities, including ticketed meal functions. Committee or Regional Chairs who need meeting rooms at other times, and who have not already scheduled space with the NAA Operations Center, must contact the Operations Center as soon as possible (Telephone: (607) 756-8363, FAX: (607) 756-8365 or E-mail: naa@naarb.org). Time and space has been reserved on Thursday (4:30 pm – 5:30 pm) and Friday (3:00 pm - 4:00 pm) for Committee and Regional meetings. This space is very limited and will be available on a first-requested, first-reserved basis.