



Seed Trade Association of Arizona

32nd Annual Convention

“Cultivating Tomorrow; Young Leaders in Seeds”

Thursday - Friday: May 2 - 3, 2024

Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

7000 N Resort Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750

Guest Rooms starting at \$199 + Taxes + Resort Fee \$10/night

Make your reservations ASAP!

Book your room by using this link: <https://www.loewshotels.com/ventana-canyon/group-2024-staa-annual-convention>

Or call 800-234-5117 & mention Seed Trade Association Room Block

** If you need to cancel for any reason, please cancel more than 7 days prior to arrival to avoid a one night room and tax penalty.

Hotel reservation cut-off date is April 1, 2024 (5pm)

Convention Program (Tentative)

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Welcome Reception (fun gathering at the resort for anyone coming in early)

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am - Registration Opens

10:00 am - Opening General Session

President's Remarks

Arizona Department of Agriculture – Update from the Director

Paul Brierley, Director – Arizona Department of Agriculture

Introduction to Arizona Crop Improvement Association

Alan Rubida, President - Arizona Crop Improvement Association

University of Arizona-Yuma Update on Current Academic Programs

Dr. Tanya Hodges, Regional Academic Program Coordinator – Yuma/La Paz/Imperial

American Seed Trade Association - Update on Industry Issues

Pat Miller, Senior Director of Special Projects – American Seed Trade Association

STAA Scholarship Recipients Awards

Featured Speaker

Dr. Shane Burgess

Dean, University of Arizona College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences

STAA Business Meeting

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Meetings

Outgoing President's Remarks / Incoming President's Remarks

Convention Adjourns

Board of Directors Meeting - Officer Elections

6:00 pm - Hosted Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm – Dinner

Post-Dinner Silent Auction

Friday – May 3rd

8:00 am – Al Simons' 13th Annual Scramble Golf Tournament – Loews Ventana Golf Club (Shotgun start) – post golf awards, drinks/munchies

10:00am – 12:30pm Paint & Sip Class (on-site @ Flying V Patio)