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Session Sponsors: BASF, Saratoga Sod Farm, NYFB

Goals:
1. Learn about the state political process, lobbying and state agencies
2. Network with state political leaders
3. Improve Written Communication Skills
4. Revisit MBTI and learn about Conflict Management

Agenda: semi-final – As of 1/22/14

Monday, February 3, 2014: (Dress is business attire)

Facilitator: Judy Littrell

AM  Lunch on your own en route to Albany
12:30  Class Arrives NYFB, 159 Wolf Rd.
1:00  Lobbying Panel (20-30 min. ea. w/ Q&A at end)
     Julie Suarez, CALS at Cornell – Why Lobbyists?
     Jeff Williams, NYFB – Do’s and Don’ts of Lobbying
     Rick Zimmerman, ZGA LLC – Importance of Coalitions
3:00  Break – Welcome by Jeff Kirby (class 4), Executive Director

Facilitator: Patience Frysinger

3:15  Agency Panel – sampling w/ Ag oversight (20-30 min. ea. w/ Q&A at end)
     DAM – Ron Rausch, Deputy Commissioner
     DOH – Patricia Race, Division of Nutrition
     DOL – Christina Marzello, Ag Labor Liaison
5:15  Travel to hotel; check in and freshen up
6:00  Dinner at Bucca di Beppo, 44 Wolf Rd.
     Speaker: Ag Econ. Dev. – Pat Hooker

EVE  Return to hotel, hospitality (March facilitator meeting)
Tuesday, February 4, 2014: (Dress is business attire) Early start today!
Facilitator: Paul Molesky
7:00 Group breakfast in hotel with speaker - state government process
How a Bill Becomes Law – Assemblyman Clifford Crouch (class 1)
8:00 Carpool to LOB, clear security (See separate travel/parking instructions)
9:30 Legislative Shadowing activity – see roster – allow for security, don’t be late!
Find your assigned legislator’s office, and spend the morning with them
11:30 Move to lunch location – Albany Room (Concourse Level)
12:00 Lunch with invited guests (Legislative staff in small groups)
1:00 Travel to NYSDAM, 10B Airline Dr., Pride of NY Room
Facilitator: Paul Molesky
2:00 Written Communication Skills workshop – Linda VanBuskirk, COMM
Also Kelly Young, Linda McCandless, Julie Berry
3:30 Break
3:45 Continue Writing Workshop
5:30 Adjourn
6:00 Dinner on their own
EVE Return to hotel, Hospitality suite (April facilitator meeting)

Wednesday, February 5, 2014: (Dress is business casual)
Facilitator: Chris Whipple
7:00 Continental breakfast on your own at hotel (peer coaching group meeting)
7:45 Check out, travel to NYFB offices, 159 Wolf Rd.
8:00 MBTI and Conflict Management workshop – Larry
10:00 Break
Charlotte Carter/Peter Glassman – Dispute Resolution Center “Infomercial”
10:15 Year 2 application guidelines discussion – Larry
11:00 Debriefing discussion – Facilitator Team(s) (January and February)
12:00 Lunch; housekeeping
1:30 Optional Tour at RailEx terminal in Rotterdam (tentative)