



**107th ALCA Annual Meeting
June 9-12, 2011
Treasure Island Resort & Casino
Red Wing, Minnesota, USA**

Tentative Technical Program starting Friday, June 10

John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture

***“Everything You Wanted to Know about Collagen Models-But Were Too Afraid to Ask!”
by David Rabinovich, Consultant, Mesquite, New Mexico***

Theme: “Going Green” Into the Future

Other Papers to be Presented on Friday and Saturday:

- Utilization of Shoe Upper Leather and the Effect of Hide Defects** by Chuck Caverly, Red Wing Shoe, Red Wing, MN
- Volarization of Crust-Finished Leather, Extraction of Dyes, Tannins, Oils Chromium** by Joana Felix, Franca, SP, Brazil
- Washing Formulations that can Soften and Remove “Adobe” type Bovine Manure** by Mila Aldema-Ramos, United States Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor, PA
- Leather Detective – Evaluating Obscure Defects** by Luis Zugno, Buckman International, Memphis, TN
- Vallero “Votex” Drum Technology, Reduced Energy, Water** by Doriano Paglia, Vallero Spa, Italy
- Wet Toggle and Moisture Sensing Technology** by Antonello Marchino, Emmezeta, Italy
- LWG - Its History, Structure, Positive Impact and Challenges** by Vanessa Margolis, Tong Hong Tanning, Oregon, USA
- Feed Through Fleshing Technology** by Franco Bertucci, Rizzi, Italy
- IR Rays Effect on Drying Finishing** by Adriano Peruzzi, Analytical S.R.L., Italy
- Optimizing a Sustainable and Innovative Wet White Process with Tara Tannins** by Juan-Carlos Castell, AIIICA – Asociacion de Investigacion de las Industrias del Curtido y Anexas, Igualada, Spain
- Newest Advances in Wringing** by Luca Bauce, Bauce, Italy
- Application of Collagen Extract from Chrome Shavings for Polycondensation Adhesives** by Jan Sedliacik, Technical University, Slovakia
- Preparation and Characterization of Polyphenol Modified Gelatin Products** by Maryann M. Taylor, United States Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor, PA
- New Generation Fungicide for the Leather Industry** by Dennis Dalton, Zenith Industrial Chemicals, Singapore
- Novel Acrylic Particle Technologies for High Performance Leather Finishing** by Joseph Hoefler, The Dow Chemical Company, Spring House, PA
- Application of Collagen Hydrolysate, Re-Using of Shavings and Wet Blue Trimmings** by Joana Felix, Franca, SP, Brazil
- Effects of Pretanning Processes on Bovine Collagen Structure** by Eleanor M. Brown, United States Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor, PA
- Airborne Ultrasonic Inspection of Hides and Leather** by Cheng-Kung Liu, United States Department of Agriculture, Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor, PA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, June 9

Council Meeting including hotel staff	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Board Room 1
Exhibitors set up	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Waucota
Main Registration	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
Cocktail Reception	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Paradise Cove
Dinner/Luau	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Paradise Cove

Friday, June 10

Breakfast buffet opens	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Chief Wabasha
Registration	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Waucota
Opening Address	8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Wacipi
John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture	8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Wacipi
1 st Session Technical Papers	9:45 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Wacipi
2 nd Session Technical Papers	10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wacipi
Lunch	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Chief Wabasha
3 rd Session Technical Papers	1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Wacipi
4 th Session Technical Papers	2:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Wacipi
Fun Run	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Meet outside hotel lobby
Dinner	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Chief Wabasha
Bowling/Refreshments	9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Strike/Spare

Saturday, June 11

Breakfast buffet opens	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Chief Wabasha
Registration	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Waucota
5 th Session Technical Papers	8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Wacipi
6 th Session Technical Papers	10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Wacipi
Annual Business Meeting	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wacipi
Activities Awards Luncheon	noon – 1:00 p.m.	Full Deck
7 th Session Technical Papers	1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Wacipi
8 th Session Technical Papers	2:40 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Wacipi
Social Hour	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Chief Wabasha
ALCA Awards Banquet	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Tinta Wita

Sunday, June 12

Breakfast buffet opens	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Chief Wabasha
Old and new council Meeting	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Board Room 1

ACCOMMODATION - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RATES

- All attendees are to make reservations themselves directly with Treasure Island Resort by faxing the enclosed reservation form back to the Group Reservations Department at 651-385-2595 or emailing it to melissa.reimer@ticasino.com, or calling them at 800-222-7077, ext. 6070, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- To confirm your reservation, a deposit of 1 night's lodging plus tax is required; they accept American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card;
- Be sure to specify Block Reference 61N0E8 to obtain rates below or use enclosed reservation form;
- The balance of the cost of your accommodation is payable directly to the hotel on departure;
- Cancellation policy of Treasure Island is as follows:
 - Must be received 7 days prior to arrival date or deposit will be forfeited
- Contracted Rates:

Room Type	
Single	\$260/per day
Double	\$215/per person/per day

Reservations received after the cut-off date **May 9, 2011** will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Full prepayment will be posted 7 days in advance.

Check-In Time is after 4:00 pm, and Check-Out Time is before 11:00 am.

Package rates include overnight accommodations, lodging tax, breakfast, lunch, dinner, service charge and tax.

NOTE: This mailer includes ballots for the 2011 Slate of Candidates. Please make sure to 1) Check two candidates for councilor on the salmon colored 2011 Election Ballot and enclose it in the small envelope, 2) Place the small envelope in the large envelope, and 3) Sign and print your name on the back side of the large envelope. All ballots must be received no later than June 1 to be counted.

2011 Nominating Committee Candidates

Vice President Elect

◆ Steve Lange

Steve Lange graduated from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio with a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology with a strong concentration in Chemistry. His professional career started as an Analytical Chemist with a medical device testing firm followed by a six year term as the Analytical Chemist for Chrysler Motors Chemical Division in Trenton, Michigan. He joined Seton Company in 1990 as Quality Assurance Manager and has worked in both the tannery & finishing plants. His responsibilities include investigating and resolving customer problems and creation and maintenance of the ISO/TS 16949 quality system. He joined GST AutoLeather as their Corporate Laboratory Manager in April 2011. He is also chair of the ASTM D31.07 Physical Testing subcommittee. He has been an ALCA member since 2002 and served as a Councilor from 2007 to 2010.

Council Members

◆ **Sarah Drayna** received her Bachelors Degree in biology from Lawrence University and then completed her Master of Science Degree from Duquesne University. She joined the chemical industry in 2000 by managing the biocide lab for Nalco Chemical Company. In 2002 she joined Bayer in the same role and then transferred to the leather business unit of LANXESS in 2004. Since that time Sarah has had roles of progressive responsibility from Lab Manager to Technical Manager for North America and now in her current role serves as the Business Manager for LANXESS' US leather business.

In 2006 Sarah took on her first role in the ALCA as a member of the convention committee and most recently served as Convention Vice Chair for 2008 and 2009 and Convention Chair for 2010 and 2011. Sarah is currently the Chair for the Environmental Committee.

◆ **Robert L. Dudley** graduated from East Tennessee State University with a BS degree, double majoring in chemistry and biology and physics and math. He obtained his MS from the University of Georgia and his PhD from the University of Guelph.

He joined Dr Colin Fyfe's group where he developed techniques utilizing solid state NMR spectroscopy to study cellulose, coal, peat

and biopolymers. He lectured for one year at the University of Guelph. He then worked for 3 years with the Department of the Army as a visiting research physicist. He then joined the USDA at the Eastern Regional Research Center where he managed the NMR laboratory. He later moved to the Microbial Food Safety Research Unit where he worked on the intervention of bacterial contamination of proteins. The last part of his career he worked in the Fats Oils and Animal Co-products Research Unit. The major portion of his work was the development of the Rapid Oxidative Unhairing protocol.

Bob retired in 2010. A member of the ALCA since 2002, he is currently a reviewer for JALCA. He is also on the Board of Trustees for the Martha Canfield Library and on the Executive committee of the Batten Kill Grange.

◆ **Renee J. Latona** has been of member of the ALCA since 2002. She received her Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Chestnut Hill College in 1999 and her Master's degree in chemistry from Temple University in 2004. Renee has worked for the past 13 years at the USDA's Eastern Regional Research Center. Her research efforts focus on finding new tanning agents for the production of leather with properties similar to chrome-tanned leather. She has worked on analyzing the effects of salts on the hydrothermal stability of collagen and on using gluteraldehyde and gelatin as a filler for leather. She has also worked on determining the feasibility of removing all or part of specific glycosaminoglycans from bovine hide during its processing into leather to see if the quality of the leather could be improved. Renee is chair of the Uses of Collagen and Its Co-products Committee, which is now a sub-committee of the Environmental affairs Committee. She also participates in Research Liaison Committee meetings held at ERRC. Renee has presented two papers at ALCA annual conventions, and she is co-author on 9 papers published in JALCA.

◆ **John Rodden** graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Environmental & Resource Economics and a minor in Business and Political Science. He is currently employed with Union Specialties as an industrial coating and leather technician. A member of the ALCA since 2008, John is also currently the Secretary Treasurer of the New England Tanners Club.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 - HAWAIIAN LUAU

Relax at Paradise Cove as you meet and greet your colleagues
Open bar from 7 - 8 pm
Dinner from 8 - 11 pm
Bonfire and activities to include bean bags, horseshoes and volleyball.
Join our Luau party in your best Hawaiian attire.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Annual Fun Run from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Meet outside hotel lobby and be sure to wear your running clothes
Mostly a noncompetitive event, but there are some athletes in our group
Tshirts for all participants
Complimentary beer afterwards

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Dinner at Chief Wabasha from 7:30 to 9 pm
Following dinner join us for us for some fun noncompetitive bowling at the Xtreme Bowl from 9 to 11 pm. Complimentary beer and pizza will be provided.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Activities Awards Luncheon from noon to 1 pm at the Full Deck
Enjoy a buffet luncheon followed by Fun Run ribbons and great door prizes.

ALCA Awards Banquet - Tinta Wita

Social Hour from 6 to 7 pm with open bar and appetizers
Dinner followed by presentation of awards to Alsop and O'Flaherty recipients, Wilson Lecturer, and volunteers

ACTIVITIES at TREASURE ISLAND

RED WING SHOE FACTORY TOUR

Visit the new Red Wing Shoe Store and Museum on Thursday;
Depart hotel at 1 pm and return around 3:30 pm.
Pre-registration required for transportation

LIVE MUSIC

Following our scheduled activities both Friday and Saturday nights, join us as we move the party over to the Parlay Lounge and their free live music.

Brochures will be available at registration for other attractions in the area such as fly fishing, bicycling, winery tours, shopping and boating. Visit www.redwing.org for more info on attractions.

GOLF

Tee times have been reserved for you at Mt. Frontenac beginning at 12:15 on Thursday; just call 1-800-488-5826 to reserve your spot and pay; spots are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis; transportation will be provided from the hotel beginning at 11:30 am.; box lunches will be furnished for those golfing;

MALLOFAMERICA

A trip to the Mall of America has been planned for guests on Friday, June 10; transportation will be provided departing at 9 a.m. from the hotel and departing at 3:30 p.m. from the mall; you must sign up during registration Thursday evening in order to get transportation

**THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
107TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
Treasure Island Resort and Casino, Red Wing, MN
June 9th — 12th, 2011**

Please send your registration form to the ALCA office by May 2, 2011. This will save you time at registration to be held on Thursday, June 9, from 5-7:00 p.m. Late registration will be on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. Cancellation must be made by May 9 in order to receive a refund.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO: MAY 2, 2011
TO BE LISTED ON REGISTRANT'S LISTING IN TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Registration (Print Clearly)

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

Email address: _____ Contact Number: _____

***Registration Fee for those staying at
Treasure Island (US Funds Only)****

(Check One)

- Member \$325 _____ Initial
- Retired Member \$125 _____ Initial
- ALCA Student \$125 _____ Initial
- Nonmember \$650 _____ Initial

***Registration Fee for those not staying at
Treasure Island (US Funds Only)****

(Check One)

- Member \$925 _____ Initial
- Retired Member \$725 _____ Initial
- Nonmember \$1250 _____ Initial
- Day Rate (Fri. or Sat.) \$125 _____ Initial
(includes lunch only)

*For those staying at Treasure Island, the registration fee entitles you to participate in most activities, entertainment & special meals sponsored by ALCA for the entire convention. For those not staying at Treasure Island, the registration fee (except for the day rate) entitles you to participate in the above, plus receive coupons for regular meals. Accompanying guests not staying at hotel must pay \$600 to receive meals and participate.

***Please note that the registration fee is in addition to any hotel registration fees, miscellaneous fees, or travel expenses incurred.**

_____ # of people Check this box if you will need transportation for the Thursday, June 9, tour to Red Wing Shoe Store and Museum

Shared ride service to and from the airport is available from SuperShuttle, www.supershuttle.com, or by calling 612-827-777 or 612-713-7488, faxing 612-713-8999, or emailing mssales@supershuttle.net.

Ticket counters are located in the Terminal 1-Lindbergh Ground Transport Center, accessible via the terminal's Tram Level.

Follow the signs to the appropriate escalator or elevator up. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

Shuttles drop off travelers near the Green and Gold parking ramps across from the Lindbergh Terminal.

From there, you can take an escalator or elevator down to the terminal's Tram Level (Level T) or up to a skyway to ticketing.

**Check, money order, or Visa, MasterCard, and Amex acceptable — funds drawn on a foreign bank must include an additional \$25.00 for bank processing fee. To wire funds – Wells Fargo Bank, 1500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401 USA, Acct #9168536911, ABA#121000248, International Swift Code WFBUIUS6S – include \$25.00 for bank processing fee.

Credit Card Type: _____ Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S REGISTRATION

(No fee if staying at designated hotel; otherwise meal fee)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

RETURN this form with your payment to:

ALCA – Attn: Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary
1314 50th Street, Suite 103
Lubbock, TX 79412-2940
or fax to (806) 744-1785