



AHFA Specialized Furniture Carriers presents:



JUNE 13-15, 2022 WILMINGTON, NC

EMBASSY SUITES WILMINGTON RIVERFRONT

## Conference Agenda

### Monday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Tee Off **OPTIONAL GOLF:** Carolina National Golf Club (pre-registration required)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION:** Hotel Lobby

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** **WELCOME RECEPTION:** *Dinner is on your own.*

### Tuesday, June 14

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. **CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION:** Hotel Lobby

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**  
**Steve Ennis** – Vice President of Sales, Murrow's Transfer Inc.,  
2022 Specialized Furniture Carriers Board Chair

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **SESSION 1: WELCOME ADDRESS**  
**Timothy Keith Moore** – Speaker of the North Carolina  
House of Representatives

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **SESSION 2: KEYNOTE – OVERCOMING LIFE'S OBSTACLES AND  
BECOMING A BETTER YOU**  
**Chad Porter** – Inspirational and Motivational Speaker,  
Best Selling Author & Coach

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m.** **BREAK**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **SESSION 3: RESHORING AND NEARSHORING**  
**Rosemary Coates** – Executive Director, Reshoring Institute,  
President, Blue Silk Consulting

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| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.   | <b>SESSION 4: RETAILER PANEL</b><br><b>TODAY’S LOGISTICS CLIMATE AND ITS IMPACT ON RETAIL</b><br><br><b>John Gray</b> -- Owner, Custom Home Furniture Galleries<br><b>Mike Lesso</b> – Division Vice President of Supply Chain, American Freight Company                                 |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.         | <b>LUNCH</b>   |
| 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.          | <b>RAILROAD MUSEUM TOUR AND NETWORKING EVENT</b><br><br><i>Complimentary ice cream from Boombalatti's ice cream truck will be in the Railroad Museum parking lot.</i>  |
| 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.          | <b>SESSION 5: LOGISTICS SYSTEM CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION</b><br><br><b>Tom MacKenzie</b> – Independent Privacy & Security Consultant<br><b>Greg Michalek</b> – Senior Director, Business Development, TCDI<br><b>Steve Wujek</b> – Senior Network & Cybersecurity Engineer, TCDI |
| 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.          | <b>SESSION 6: THE STATE OF OCEAN FREIGHT</b><br><br><b>Peter Tirschwell</b> – Vice President of Maritime, Trade & Supply Chain, S&P Global   |
| 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.          | <b>SESSION 7: NORTH CAROLINA PORTS UPDATE</b><br><br><b>Hans Bean</b> – Chief Commercial Officer, North Carolina Ports   |
| 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.         | <b>CLOUD 9 ROOFTOP BAR EVENT</b><br><br><i>Take in spectacular rooftop views of historic Wilmington and the Cape Fear River while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, drinks and live music.</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday, June 15</b> |  |
| 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.     | <b>WELCOME BACK!</b>   |
| 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.     | <b>SESSION 8: LONG-TERM LOGISTICS CHALLENGES AND THEIR IMPACT ON FUTURE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING AND SALES</b><br><br><b>John D. Bassett, III</b> – Chairman, Vaughan-Bassett Furniture   |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.    | <b>SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS</b>  |
| 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.        | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.        | <b>SESSION 9: HIRING AND LABOR RETENTION</b><br><br><b>Seth Becker</b> – Vice President of Sales and Recruiting, Randall Reilly  |
| 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.        | <b>SESSION 10: STATE OF THE HOME FURNISHINGS INDUSTRY</b><br><br><b>Ken Smith</b> – Partner/Member, Smith Leonard, PLLC  |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.   | <b>CLOSING</b>   |