

AHFA Specialized Furniture Carriers Presents:

JUNE 12-14, 2023 CHARLESTON, SC FRANCIS MARION HOTEL

	Monday, June 12
9:00 a.m. Tee Off	OPTIONAL GOLF: Westcott Plantation 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: Hotel Lobby - Dinner is on your own.
	Tuesday, June 13
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION: Hotel Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	OPENING REMARKS
	Bill Smith – Vice President Business Development and Sales, CV International 2023 Specialized Furniture Carriers Board Chair
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	SESSION 1: KEYNOTE – SUCCESS IS A DECISION
	Ruben Gonzalez – Four-time Olympian, competing in four different decades, Best Selling Author, Coach, and Motivational Speaker
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	SESSION 2: CALIFORNIA AB5 AND NEW CARB ZERO EMISSION REGULATIONS - WHAT ARE THEIR NATIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR THE INEVITABLE?
	Peter Schneider – President, TGS Logistics Inc, Fresno, CA
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	SESSION 3: FURNITURE DISTRIBUTION AUTOMATION. WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND HOW CAN YOU MANAGE COSTS AND ROI
	Moderator: Christian Dow - EVP, Industry Leadership & Membership, Material Handling Institute
	Bobby Uland - Fives Intralogistics Corp Michael Lennard - Rockwell Automation
	Matt Kulp - St. Onge Company
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	SESSION 4: THE VALUE AND CHALLENGES OF NEARSHORING – MEXICO, CENTRAL, and SOUTH AMERICA
	John Hyatt – Mexico Business Associates, long-term Latin America international business development professional. Co-author, "Mexican Business Culture: Essays on Tradition, Ethics, Entrepreneurship and Commerce

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	BUS TOUR OF CHARLESTON PORT
	South Carolina Ports Authority
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	BREAK
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	SESSION 5: SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS UPDATE
	Byron Miller - Chief Commercial Officer, South Carolina Ports Authority
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	SESSION 6: THE STATE OF OCEAN FREIGHT AND DATA TECHNOLOGY
	Eric Johnson – Journal of Commerce, Senior Editor, Technology
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SESSION 7: NINE DIFFERENTIATORS THAT SEPARATE ACQUISITION WINNERS AND LOSERS
	Spencer Tenney - President and CEO, Tenney Group, specialized merger and acquisition advisory firm dedicated to transportation and logistics since 1973.
5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	TUESDAY CLOSING REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS
	Mike Padjen – Executive Director, AHFA Specialized Furniture Carriers Division
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM EXPERIENCE AND RECEPTION
	Take in spectacular waterfront views of historic Charleston as you network and browse the South Carolina Aquarium, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music, and a few surprises.
	Wednesday, June 14
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	WELCOME BACK!
	Bill Smith
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	SESSION 8: FURNITURE INDUSTRY LEADER KEYNOTE
	Caroline Hipple – President, Norwalk Furniture; Board of Governors, Withit; AHFA Board of Directors, 2023 Chair of the Home Furnishings Hall of Fame
	SESSION 9: SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG (ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE) WHAT IS COMING AND HOW DO YOU PREPARE?
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Peter Grieshop – Head of Strategic Transformation, SPARQ360 Robert Mather – Head of Sustainability Americas, SPARQ360
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	SESSION 10: (ZOOM): STATE OF THE HOME FURNISHINGS INDUSTRY
	Jerry Epperson – Managing Director, Mann, Armistead, and Epperson, Ltd.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	SESSION 11: SHIPPERS PANEL DISCUSSION OF HOME FURNISHING'S SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES
	Moderator: Tiffany Bowman - President/CEO, Bluewater Logistics Group
	Brad Russell – Sr Vice President, Operations, Bassett Mirror Company, Inc. Robert Buford – Logistics Manager, Uttermost
	Barry Bailey – Director of Transportation, Fairfield Chair Co.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS
	Dan Hunt – CEO, American West Worldwide Express, Inc.
	Incoming 2024 Specialized Furniture Carrier Board Chair