

***“Native American Producers Continuing to Use Innovative Farming and Ranching Practices to Sustain and Protect Our Agricultural Resources”***

## ***Conference Program***



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**SWIAA 35th Annual Conference Program  
January 16-19, 2023  
Casino del Sol \* Tucson, Arizona**

**SWIAA IS PLANNING FOR AN IN-PERSON EVENT FOR THIS YEAR’S 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SWIAA, INC. CONFERENCE SCHEDULED JANUARY 16-19, 2023 IN TUCSON, AZ WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND PROTOCOLS STILL IN PLACE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ATTENDEES. FOR EVERYONE’S SAFETY, ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ASKED TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.**

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**MONDAY - JANUARY 16, 2023 (PRE-CONFERENCE) BOARD ROOM**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM SWIAA Board Pre-Conference Meeting**

**◆ ◆ 12:00 – 1:30PM ◆ ◆ LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN) ◆ ◆**

**MONDAY - JANUARY 16, 2023 (DAY 1) – INNOVATIVE RESOURCES WORKSHOP BALLROOM C**

**1:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

- 1:15 pm -2:00 pm** **Increasing Accessibility of Food Safety and Integrated Pest Management Resources**  
**Dr. Shujuan (Lucy) Li, University of Arizona**
- 2:00 pm- 2:45 pm** **Tribal Livestock/Equine Extension Team Tools & Resources**  
**Dr. Betsy Greene & Juan Arias of FRTEP**
- 2:45 pm- 3:15 pm** **Project Central Leaders in the Community**  
**Scott Koeing, Executive Director Center for Rural Leadership**
- 3:15 pm -4:00 pm** **ALIRT Program Overview**  
**Dr. Ryan Wolker, DVM, MVETSC, DACVS & Dr. Betsy Greene UArizona Equine Specialist**

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 17, 2023 (DAY 2) - GENERAL SESSION BALLROOM C**

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration**

- 9:00 am** **Conference Opening**
- Opening Remarks** **Mr. Homer Marks Sr., President, SWIAA, Inc.**
- Welcome** **Honorable Mr. Francisco Munoz, Council Member Pascua Yaqui Tribe**
- Invocation** **Pascua Yaqui Tribal Member**
- Posting Colors** **American Legion Yoeme Post 125**
- National Anthem** **Ms. Jaylene Wood**

- 9:15 am** **SWIAA Annual Membership Meeting**
- **President's Report**
  - **Treasurer's Report**
  - **Election of New Board Members**

◆ ◆ 10:00 – 10:15 AM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆ BALLROOM C

CONCURRENT SESSIONS IN BREAKOUT ROOMS

<p><b>10:15-11:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Ballroom A</b></p> <p><b>Painted Desert Demonstration Projects, Inc.</b> Dr. Mark Sorenson STAR School</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>11:00-11:15 am</b></p>	<p><b>Ballroom B</b></p> <p><b>Tax Issues for Tribal Producers</b> Dr. Ruby Ward, Utah State Univ. JC Hobbs, Oklahoma State Univ.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Trent Teegerstrom</b></p>	<p><b>Ballroom C</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Response Plan for Vaccines for the State of Arizona and Tribal Nations</b> Dr. Ryan Wolker, DVM, MVETSC, DACVS &amp;</p> <p><b>Moderator: Andrew Antone, Sr.</b></p>
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### Ballroom C

**3:30-4:30 pm** *Advancing Vector-borne Disease Surveillance in Indigenous Peoples Communities*  
Dr. Dawn Gouge, Extension Specialist, Dept. of Entomology

**4:30-4:45 pm** **Door Prize Drawing No. 3 – Donated by xxx**

**5:00 pm** **END OF SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 18, 2023 (DAY 3) - GENERAL SESSION BALLROOM C**

**9:00 am** **Call to Order: Mr. Andrew Antone Sr., Vice-President, SWIAA**

**Invocation: Dorothy Sunna, Board Member**

**9:15-9:45 am** **Tribal Water Issues**  
Ray Martinez, Colorado River Indian Tribe, Parker Valley NRCD

**9:45-10:15 am** **Coupling Human and Machine Knowledge to Optimize Tribal Food Systems**  
Dr. Amanda Ashworth, Dr. Phillip Owens, USDA Agricultural Research Service

◆ ◆ 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM ◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK AND DOOR PRIZE DRAWING ◆ ◆ BALLROOM C

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**12:00 PM-1:45 PM Award Luncheon Ballroom C**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

**Mr. Andrew Antone, Sr.**

**DR. ROE B. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Cheyenne Carlisle**

**Daniella James**

**Kaitlyn Humeumtewa**

**MARIO MARKS TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**Nevaeh Quiroz**

**2023 SWIAA RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**Freeport McMoRan- Cyprus Tohono Mine  
Gila River Indian Community Tribal Council  
Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**

**Wayne Griffith**

**Pee Posh Veterans**

**Tiffany A. Marks**

**Wahlean J. Riggs**

**Dr. Mark Sorensen**

**Mary Lopez**

**Katherine Espuma**

**Laurie Suter**

**Gilbert Two Two**

**MEMORIAL AWARDS**

**2:00-2:45 pm**

**Ballroom A**

**Friends of The Farms Program**

Dionne Washington, Project  
Manager, AZ Food Bank

**Moderator:**

**Trent Teegerstrom**

**Ballroom B**

**Historical Traditional  
Farming**

Amy Juan, Manager, San  
Xavier Cooperative Farm

**Mary Lopez**

**Ballroom C**

**Economic Development  
Through Foods**

Nina Sajovec, Co-Director &  
Sterling Johnson, Co-  
Director, Ajo Center for  
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**Eleanor Ortega**

**2:45-3:15 pm**

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**3:30-4:00 pm**

**Ballroom A**

**Barrio Grains Presentation**

Don Guerra, Owner Barrio Bread  
& Barrio Grains

**Moderator:**

**Brian Davis, Sr.**

**Ballroom B**

**Animal Therapeutics**

Velma Begay, Owner

**Eleanor Ortega**

**Ballroom C**

**FSA Programs**

Farm Service Agency

**Trent Teegerstrom**

**4:00-4:30 pm**

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**Ballroom C**

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Farm Service Agency

**Trent Teegerstrom**

**4:30 pm**

**END OF SESSION**

**THURSDAY – JANUARY 19, 2023 (DAY 4) - GENERAL SESSION BALLROOM C**

- 9:00 am**            **Call to Order**
- 9:15-9:30 am**    **Bridgestone Vision for Guayule in Arizona**  
Dr. David Dierig, Bridgestone
- 9:30-10:15 am**   **Revitalization of Indigenous Crops: A New Definition of Regenerative Agriculture**  
Dr. Michael Kotutwa Johnson, UA

**◆ ◆ 10:15 – 10:30 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆ ◆**

- 10:30-11:15 am**    **Stakeholder Analysis of the Sociocultural, Economic & Political Dynamics of the Feral Horse Overpopulation Crisis on Navajo Nation**  
Alexendra Carlisle, Tribal Extension Shiprock
- 11:15-11:30 am**    **Door Prize Drawing No. 8 – Donated by xxx**
- 11:30-12:00 pm**    **Scholarship Winners Presentations**  
**12:00 pm**            **END OF 2023 SWIAA, INC. 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc. Executive Board Post-Conference Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 – 1:00 PM BOARD ROOM**

***The SWIAA Board would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for all of their time and effort to make this year's conference so successful:***

Homer Marks Sr.	President	Tohono O'odham Nation
Andrew Antone Sr.	Vice President	Tohono O'odham Nation
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Agnes Joaquin	Coordinator	Tohono O'odham Nation
Eleanor Ortega		Tohono O'odham Nation
Gerald Pablo		Tohono O'odham Nation
Mary Lopez		Tohono O'odham Nation
Brian Davis Sr.		Gila River Indian Community
Dorothy Sunna		Gila River Indian Community
Wahlean J. Riggs		Gila River Indian Community
Chris Honahnie		Hopi Nation
Brenda Antone		San Carlos Apache Tribe
Trent Teegerstrom		University of Arizona
Jing Luo		AATech
Sofia Montes		AATech

***If we missed anyone who assisted to make the Southwest Indian Agricultural Association Annual Conference a success, we apologize***



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