



**Chicago Customs Brokers
& Forwarders Association**

We are dedicated to insuring that The Chicago Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association maintains a high level of professionalism, provides educational seminars for our members to the best of our ability and furthers the relationships we have developed with Customs and Border Protection, and the outside agencies locally and on a national level.

From the President's Desk JOHN MORGAN

First of all, I would like to extend our wishes for a Very Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous New Year to all of you and your families.

WOW! That was quite a party we had last December 12th! We had over 400 attendees, all of whom seemed to have a terrific time. How could you not with all the great food, drinks, decorations, door prizes, music and entertainment? Not to mention all of the camaraderie with fellow colleagues and catching up with old friends! For all that were there, I believe you would concur it was an excellent evening and we trust we can count on you to attend this year's function as well. For those that didn't make it, come see what you've missed at the next one. Numerous photographs from the event are included in this edition for your viewing enjoyment.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge all of the terrific sponsors we are so fortunate to have. We have the **BEST SPONSORS** of any association and would not be able to continue arranging such events without their generous support! Once again, Mr. Dan Gadow of Air France arrived with round trip tickets for two to Paris, France as a door prize. Dan continues to challenge the other Chicago airlines to support the CCBFA and its members for their continued support of the local airline industry. Equally important we must thank our two largest sponsors, **Avalon Risk Management** and **Roanoke Insurance Group** who provided the cocktail hour to open the festivities, open bar, and the entertainment. A Big **THANK YOU** to all of the firms that donated items for the door prizes that we were able to distribute to the lucky winners. Also many thanks to **Airsped Inc.** for providing the centerpieces, not to mention the always entertaining Mr. Howard Proberts a.k.a. Mr. Cool (self-proclaimed)!

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Directors and volunteer members of the Holiday Party Committee who put in numerous hours of their time to plan, put up and take down decorations and arrange the table seating's. The committee members were: Carl Berenz, Lori Chaltin, John Cizek, Alice Estrup, Lisa Gingerich, Robert Macher, Jerry Metzo, John Morgan, David Pasco, Mary Peglow, Brian Pfister, George Pinkowski, Howard Proberts, Ellie Raye, Lorrie Roddy, Kim Roddy, Jane Sorensen, Salvatore Fragale, Laurie Gregory, Joseph Han, Michelle Macher, Jenny Petschke, Julie Pflanz, Jennifer Wiater and Rosa Zaragoza. Please join me in giving them a **BIG SHOUT OUT!**

A special thank you to Mr. Buzz Naughton of Freight Direction for once again making the pick up from the banquet hall and delivery to Lurie's Children's Hospital with all of the toy donations we collected that evening. A copy of the Thank You note received from Lurie's is included in this newsletter.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I trust that if you were the recipient of one of the many door prizes, you have sent a short THANK YOU to the sponsor that donated it. If not, it's still not too late to do so.

Now back to business! At our January board meeting, the following individuals were elected as officers for YOUR association for the 2014-15 terms:

President:	John Morgan
Vice-President:	Jane Sorensen
Treasurer:	Salvatore Fragale
Secretary:	Robert Macher
Chairman:	Mary Peglow

Our education committee has been working hard to develop our seminars and a listing of the already arranged programs can be found in the calendar section of this newsletter.

Included in this newsletter is a complete listing of all officers, members of the board of directors (voting and non-voting), as well as a list of all committees with their chairs. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact the chairperson to volunteer your time and expertise. Alternatively, you can also retrieve this information on our website, www.ccbfa.org for a listing of the committees and their chairmen. Unfortunately, the customs committee is already overflowing and will not be able to accept any new members until a spot opens up.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so immediately as we will be changing the password to the website soon. You will not receive the new password if you have not renewed and PAID your annual membership dues. There is a link on our website to access the membership portal, although you should have received a broadcast with a direct link to it as well.

This has been a brutal winter so far with no signs of letting up anytime soon. Try to stay warm and DRIVE SAFE!

Respectfully Yours,
John P. Morgan
President – C.C.B.F.A.



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

CUSTOMS COMMITTEE

Customs Committee Report

ISF Enforcement Update 1/22/14

There is an NPRM in regards to ISF 5 due out in February 2014

7.9 million ISF's filed since full enforcement took effect 7/19/13

Of those filings 1% were subject to cargo holds, 0.0003% subject to LD claims

Number of Liquidated Damage claim requests sent by ports to CBP HQ is about 200 +/-.

Number of Liquidated Damage claims approved by CBP HQ = 24

Number of Liquidated Damage claims issued by ports = 20

Main Liquidated Damage claim issues are: no files, late files, inaccurate files, and no BL match

Mitigation to \$500.00 observed with C-TPAT reduction.

ISF Progress reports available thru ACE Portal, refer to CSMS# 11-000155

Timeliness measure based on vessel departure minus 24 hours, local load port time

Statute of limitations on Liquidated Damage claims remains 6 years; however, guidance has been sent by CBP HQ to the ports to issue Liquidated Damage claims within 6 months of the violation. This guidance, however, does not absolve CBP of their right to issue claims up to 6 years.

Flex filing still available but CT filing with updates until 24 hours prior to arrival is acceptable and reduces risk of not updating flex filings to CT prior to vessel arrival.

CBP Organizational Updates:

Dan Baldwin, Executive Director of Cargo and Conveyance Security in OFO retired at end of 2013

Todd Hoffman, Area Port Director for LA/Long Beach now Acting Executive Director at CBP HQ

John Landers from Port of Cincinnati is the new Director of Manifest and Conveyance Security at CBP HQ

40th NCBFAA Annual Conference

Come represent your company, the CCBFA, learn, and network at our industry's national conference.

Early bird registration ends March 7, 2014.

CBP Commissioner Confirmation Hearings:

Senate Finance Committee confirmation hearing for CBP Commissioner nominee Gil Kerlikowske began on January 15. Chairman Baucus promised to move the nomination through his committee "very, very quickly." Initial indications are that final confirmation may come in the next few weeks.

ACE:

CBP continues to move forward with ACE development. Deployment B was released on January 4 and includes enhanced system functionality in the areas of ACE Cargo Release (formerly simplified entry), ACE entry summary, and PGA integration. Additional information concerning Deployment B and the new ACE capabilities can be found on the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov/ACE.

CBP plans to complete core trade processing capabilities in ACE, and decommission corresponding capabilities in the legacy system, by the end of 2016.

We have scheduled our meeting with CBP Chicago for February 26 at 2:00 PM.



FREIGHT FORWARDING COMMITTEE

Japan:

On March 1st 2014, Japan will require a pre-notification of cargo movement to be sent electronically under the guidelines of the Advance Filing Rules of Japan.

Please refer to the Japanese website for core date regarding the rule.

<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/index.htm>

Many software systems have added an AFR feature in order to transmit this data from you internal system. If you do not have an internal system that has accommodated the rule, then you can access the data on the public portal. <http://www.naccscenter.com/afr/index.html>

What is the purpose of the AFR?	Improved security / counter-terrorism
When is the data sent?	24 hours prior to departure of the vessel from the port of loading
Who is required to file?	VOCC (ocean carriers) and NVOCC
What is the official portal for filing?	http://www.naccscenter.com/afr

Is there a list of codes?

This document has a good summary of the requirements and codes:

<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/02.pdf>

Review this charge prior to reading the summary; it will be easier to understand:

<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/annex07.pdf>

What are the data elements?

<http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/advance/annex08.pdf>



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CCBFA – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

M. Jason Cunningham—Sonnenberg & Cunningham, Ltd.

January 2014

On January 9th, leaders from both sides of the aisle and from both the House and Senate introduced Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation. CCBFA members lobbied in favor of TPA during the Fall 2013 General Affairs Conference of the NCBFAA in Washington, DC.

TPA will reactivate the Executive branch's authority and credibility to negotiate new, large trade agreements with some of our greatest trading partners. Essentially, TPA is a necessary mechanism for the United States to negotiate and implement future trade agreements.

Senators Max Baucus and Congressman Dave Camp introduced the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2014 S.1900 and H.R.3830. So far, no Representatives or Senators from Illinois have co-sponsored the bills. Contacting your home Representative to request “co-sponsoring of H.R. 3830” can be very effective.

The CCBFA Legislative Committee appreciates any comments that you may be able to provide on proposed legislation. Please contact the CCBFA Legislative Director, Jason Cunningham – 312-899-1100 or via email at mjc@CustomsTradeLaw.com.

Annual Holiday Party

December 12, 2013

Dear Buzz and Friends at CCBFA,

On behalf of our patients, their families and our staff at Lurie Children's, I would like to thank you for your contribution and the part that you played in making this holiday season brighter. Your help in a better healing environment for our children is greatly appreciated.

The kid friendly fun, comfort and cheer that we are able to extend to our patients and families at the holidays and throughout the year would not be possible without the support of generous people like you.

With warm wishes for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and New Year,

Justyna



Mary Peglow(CCBFA Chairman), Joe Han (Avalon), and Laurie Gregory (Avalon) with the toys they collected at the CCBFA holiday party to be given to Lurie's Children's Hospital.



Annual Holiday Party

December 12, 2013





CALENDAR OF EVENTS & SAVE THE DATES

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

*Subjects for Seminar's - subject to changes

THU/20
FEB

NON-COMMERCIAL IMPORTATIONS
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/20
MARCH

E-BONDS/ACE
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/17
APRIL

FTA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/15
MAY

MAP 21
DINNER

THU/22
MAY

GEOGRAPHY FOR BROKERS
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/19
JUNE

TBA
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/18
SEPT

BACK TO BASICS PART 1 - TRAINING THE ENTRY WRITER
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/16
OCT

BACK TO BASICS PART 2 - TBA
2:00-4:00 PM

THU/20
NOV

TBA
2:00-4:00 PM

SOCIAL EVENTS

THU/10
JULY

CCBFA GOLF OUTING

THU/11
DEC

HOLIDAY PARTY

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