**National Chicken Council**

**61st Annual Conference**

**Ritz-Carlton, Washington D.C.**

**October 28-29, 2015**

**Registration and Information**

*Located in the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Foyer*

Wednesday, October 28: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 28**

8:30-Noon NCC Communications Committee meeting

**The Boardroom**

Noon-1:15 p.m. Board of Directors Buffet Luncheon

*Sponsored by**Cryovac Sealed Air Corporation*

**Plaza Ballroom I**

1:15-5:15 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

**Ritz-Carlton** **Ballroom Salons I1 & II1**

(*Open to NCC board members, allied leader representatives, and invited guests only*)

3:15-3:45 p.m. Board of Directors Refreshment Break

*Sponsored by**Aviagen*

**Ballroom Foyer**

5:30-7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

**Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon III**

***Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health***

(*Dinner on your own*)

**Thursday, October 29**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

*Sponsored by Cobb-Vantress*

**Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon III**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome to the 61st Annual Conference**

NCC Chairman Jerry Lane, President,

Claxton Poultry Farms, Presiding

**Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salons I & II**

9:00 a.m. Spouse Continental Breakfast

**The Washington Room**

*Sponsored by Cobb-Vantress*

8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m. **Report from Capitol Hill**

Senator David Perdue (R-GA)

Serves on Agriculture, Budget, and Foreign Relations Committees

9:15-9:45 a.m. **Avian Influenza: Government Response, Trade Impact and Outlook**

* **Federal Response and Outcomes**

Dr. Jonathan Zack, Director, National Preparedness and Incident Coordination Center Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services, APHIS Veterinary Services

* **Trade Impacts and Outlook**

Dr. Lisa Ferguson, National Director, Policy Permitting and Regulatory Services, National Import Export Services, APHIS Veterinary Services

9:45-10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

*Sponsored by CEVA Animal Health*

**Ritz-Carlton** **Ballroom Foyer**

10:15-11:00 a.m. **“Global Trends and Game Changers”**

Haiyan Wang

Managing Partner of China India Institute

11:00-Noon **“The Current Political Landscape of Today: Prospects for the Democrats and the Republicans”**

John Zogby

Founder and Senior Analyst, Zogby Poll

Noon-1:30 p.m. Conference Luncheon

**Ritz-Carlton Ballroom Salon III**

* Installation of New NCC Officers

1:30 p.m. **Welcome to the Afternoon General Session**

Todd Simmons, NCC Newly Elected Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Simmons Foods, Presiding

**Ritz-Carlton Ballroom I & II**

1:30-2:15 p.m. **“Inside the Obama Administration’s Second Term”**

Charles Krauthammer

Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist and Political Commentator

*Sponsored by BMO Harris Bank*

2:30-3:15 p.m. “**USDA Update”**

Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack

U.S. Department of Agriculture

3:15-4:15 p.m. **“Eating Patterns in America”**

Harry Balzer, Chief Industry Analyst and Vice President,

The NPD Group

4:15-5:30 p.m**.** Cocktail Reception

*Sponsored by Meyn*

**The Washington Room**

(*Dinner on your own*)