

NAEGA APPROVED ARBITRATION PANELISTS - Effective 3/26/2010 - (15 persons total)

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Professional background: Since 1983 experience and a number of senior management positions at multinational organizations with focus on export operations, credit and risk management, contract structures, negotiations, arbitration, trade finance, letters of credit, documentation, grading and inspections, fleet management (bulk carriers and tankers), time chartering, voyage chartering, bareboat chartering, voyage analysis, laytime, marine insurance, terminal operation and logistics. Working knowledge of English and American maritime law. Served on various boards and committees including the Merchants Exchange of Portland, the Maritime Fire & Safety Association, NAEGA and the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, a governor appointment with unanimous state senate approval. Frequently participated as industry speaker in trade conferences and market programs. Education include a BA in Psychology and Logical Studies; graduate studies in Transportation Management, and various certificates in Advanced Chartering Problems, computer science and business communications.

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Professional Background: Retired from Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc., New York City. Employed by Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc. from 1965 to retirement, with entire extent of employment in the grain division. Served as Deputy General Manager, Produce Department. Experienced in all phases of grain trade, including chartering and maritime matters. Served as a member of NAEGA Transportation Committee some years ago. Have participated in numerous arbitrations in the past. Familiar with the terms/conditions of the NAEGA contract.

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Professional Background: Worked as grain exporter for Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut, 1974-1978. Joined Philip Bros., NYC/Geneva 1978. Helped establish grain division. Responsible for global feed grain position. Directed and actively engaged in international contract negotiations, hedging, execution, ship chartering, finance, currency arbitrage, cost and risk analysis, and physical swaps. Became independent trader and member Chicago Board of Trade 1983. Elected twice to CBOT Board of Directors. Chaired and participated in numerous committees. Appointed to National Grain Trade Council (NGTC) 1995 and served on the Executive Committee. Became independent consultant 1995. Advised several multinational companies in the field of crop insurance. Hired by the UN-FAO, Rome 1996 as consultant to the Turkish Agricultural Commodity Development Project. Worked for Ceres Partnership (CBOT) to provide expertise to commodity futures exchanges in emerging markets. Retained by Catalyst Institute, 1999, as project manager to prepare research report for Nomura Securities, London, describing financial opportunities in several commodities for the Arabian peninsula. Invited conference speaker in more than a dozen international forums 1995 to present. Education: Graduate, Carleton College, Minnesota, 1973.

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Professional Background: Recently retired from Cargill Incorporated after 10 years (1999 - 2009) where last held the position of CASC Trade Execution Leader for North America. Previously worked for Continental Grain Company for 31 years (1968 - 2009) and achieved the position of Assistant Vice President, Manager of Export Administration, in Continental's World Grain Division. During time spent with both companies gained experience in all aspects of export administration, including commodity traffic and contracts. Currently working with NAEGA as Senior Advisor, Contracts and Commercial Practice

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Professional Background: I have been an arbitrator since 1980. Currently President/Owner of Interactive Dispute Resolution Services. Was Vice President in charge of arbitrations at Continental Grain Company in the Commodity Marketing Group. Served as President of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. from 1997 to 2001. Employed by Bunge Corporation from 1973 to 1981 in maritime claims. Worked at Continental Grain Company from 1981 to 2000, handling maritime and commodity disputes and arbitrations in London (GAFTA, FOSFA, LMAA) and in the U.S. (SMA, AAA, NAEGA and NGFA). PhD, Yale University.

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Professional Background: From 1999 to the present, Director of Export Administration for CHS Inc. This group executes contracts for both CHS (US) and its' overseas offices. Experienced with NAEGA, GAFTA, FOSFA, and ANEC. Prior to joining CHS, worked 25 years at Continental Grain Co. holding numerous positions all focused on the exporting of grain, including Assistant Merchandiser, Feedgrains; Government Programs Administrator; Merchandiser-Wheat; Ass't Vice President – Chartering. Six years experience on the NAEGA contracts committee. Presently a member of the biotech committee of NAEGA. Education – B.S. Economics and M.A. Economics, Eastern Illinois University.

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Professional Background: Former Vice President Export/Operations, Louis Dreyfus Corp. Held a variety of trading positions, as well as administrative positions, during 29-year tenure with Louis Dreyfus Corp. Have served as an arbitrator since 1978 for the National Grain and Feed Association. Chairman, Waterborne Commerce Committee, National Grain and Feed Association; serves on Board of Directors, National Waterways Conference; served on Contracts Committee, North American Export Grain Association; former member, Inland Waterway Users Board.

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Professional Background: Vice President, Export Execution/Traffic Management, Alfred C. Toepfer International, Inc. Employed with A.C. Toepfer Int'l for 35 years in international grain/feedstuff trading and execution. Member of AAA Commercial Grain Arbitration Panel since 1979. Currently serving on NAEGA Contracts Committee and Strikes Committee.

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Professional Background: Served as a consultant to Garnac Grain Company Inc, after working full-time with Garnac Grain since 1967 to 1999 in various positions leading up to Vice President and Secretary, Garnac Grain Co. Inc, and Senior Vice President and Secretary, Norfoods, Inc., Head of Legal and Insurance Department. 1958 to 1967. for Andre & Cie S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland. Handled arbitration, disputes and claims arising from purchase and sale of grain and contracts of affreightment; also responsible for corporate property and casualty insurance program. Former Chairman of NAEGA Contracts Committee. American Arbitration Association Grain Arbitration Panel; Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc., New York. Member of Maritime Law Association of the United States.

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Professional Background: Employed in the grain merchandising business for 36 years, Started with Continental Grain Company, 1973-76. Senior Corn Merchandiser, Senior Wheat Merchandiser and Manager of Overseas Grain Sales and Operations for The Pillsbury Company 1976-82. U.S. Feed Grains Export Manager, The Ferruzzi Group of Rivina Italy, New Orleans office, 1983-85; Manager of Cross Country Grain Trading Group and numerous management positions leading up to General Manager, Transportation and Export Groups, Bartlett and Company, Kansas City, 1987 to 2001. Formerly: Manager of the Export Group for Bartlett Grain Co. L.P., and past Chairman of NAEGA Contracts Committee. Education: B.A., San Jose State University, California, 1972.

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