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**Class X**

**Seminar IV**

**March 21-23, 2017  
AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

10:45 a.m.	<b>Arrive at Florida Farm Bureau Tallahassee Office Building (please park at Kleman Plaza or other parking lots)</b>	310 West College Ave., Tallahassee, FL
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>“Let’s Reflect”</b> Ms. Alicia Taylor Ms. Melissa Syfrett	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Michael Basore John Bertram	<b>Box Lunch</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Review Agenda for the Week</b>	
	<b>“Putting Politics in Perspective”</b>  Ms. Mary Ann Gosa Hooks Director Governmental Affairs UF/IFAS	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): John Bertram Holly Chamberlain	<b>“Buying EAA Land for Everglades Restoration—Does it make sense?”</b>  Mr. Ernie Barnett Executive Director Florida Land Council	
	Former Assistant Executive Director South Florida Water Management District	

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>“How Florida is Faring Financially”</b>	
Chairperson(s): Holly Chamberlain JC Deriso	Mr. J. Ben Watkins III Director Division of Bond Finance State of Florida	
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>“Florida Farm Bureau Federation &amp; Ag Coalition Priority Issues”</b>	
Chairperson(s): JC Deriso Cade Easley	Mr. Adam Basford Director of State Legislative Affairs Florida Farm Bureau Federation WLIANR Class VII	
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>“Issues That Should be on Our Radar Screens”</b>	
Chairperson(s): Cade Easley Martin Hackney	Mr. Mohammad Jazil Attorney Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.	
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	<b>Free Time</b>	
5:45 p.m.	<b>Depart for Andrew’s Capital Grill &amp; Bar</b>	228 South Adams St. Tallahassee, FL
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner with the Florida Pest Control Association and Invited Legislators and Staff</b>	
Chairperson(s): Martin Hackney Reba Hicks	<b>Sponsored by: Mr. Sean Brantley (Class VII)</b>	
	<b>Adjourn &amp; Check Into Hotel – Evening on your own</b>	
<b><u>Wednesday, March 22, 2017</u></b>		
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast at hotel</b>	
7:45 a.m.	<b>Travel to Capitol and Park</b>	The Capitol 400 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Make stops at Legislator offices/possibly sit in on a committee meeting</b>	

8:45 a.m.	<b>Walk to FDACS office</b>	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Chairperson(s): Reba Hicks Aaron Himrod	<b>“My Reflections of Tallahassee and Working Within the Political Process—And My Challenge to Class X”</b>  Mr. Mike Joyner (WLIANR Class I) Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	FDACS Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Chairperson(s): Aaron Himrod Cody Hoffman	<b>Comments from the Commissioner</b>  The Honorable Adam Putnam Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Walk back to Florida Farm Bureau office</b>	310 West College Ave., Tallahassee, FL
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Cody Hoffman Adrian Jahna	<b>“Higher Education Issues of the 2017 Legislative Session”</b>  Mr. Marshall Criser III Chancellor State University System of Florida	
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch – Boxed Lunches</b>	
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Adrian Jahna Andrea Johnson	<b>“Marketing Florida”</b>  Ms. Carol Dover President and CEO Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association	Florida Farm Bureau
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Andrea Johnson Tom Kirschner	<b>“Every 20 Years: The Work of the Constitutional Review Commission”</b>  Ms. Deborah Kearney (retired) General Counsel 1997-98 Constitution Review Commission	
3:00 p.m.	<b>Travel to Florida Forestry Association</b>	402 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Tom Kirschner Kiley Harper-Larsen	<b>WLI Alumni Legislative Reception</b> WLI Class X WLI Alumni Invited Guests	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Free time</b> <b>Travel to Mike and Alicia Joyner’s home</b>	5983 Colonel Scott Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32309

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Chairperson(s): Kiley Harper-Larsen Joshua Light	<b>Dinner at the home of Mike and Alicia Joyner with invited guests</b>	
9:00 p.m.	<b>Evening on your own</b>	
<b><u>Thursday, March 23, 2017</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast at Hotel Check out</b>	
7:20 a.m.	<b>Depart for Trulieve Medicinal Marijuana Growhouse and Processing Center</b>	6749 Ben Bostic Rd. Quincy, FL 32351
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Chairperson(s): Joshua Light Brad Lundy	<b>“An Introduction to the Medicinal Marijuana Industry in Florida”</b>  Mr. Thad Beshears WLIANR Class VII Owner  Mr. Richard May WLIANR Class VII Owner  Ms. Kim Rivers CEO  Mr. Jason Pernell COO  Other Speakers TBA	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Depart for North Florida Research and Education Center</b>	155 Research Road Quincy, FL 32351
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>“Let’s Reflect”</b>  Mr. Austin Spivey Mr. Kyle Straughn	Seminar Rooms 1 & 1A
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Individual Issues Identification Exercise</b>  Dr. Hannah Carter	
12:30 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up – Evaluation -- Adjourn</b>	

**Drive Safely!**

**Next Seminar:  
May 23-25, 2017  
SW Florida**