

NALC & AALA Webinar Series

Growing Careers:

Planning for Success in Starting and Maintaining an Agricultural Law Student Association

September 11, 2024, Noon EDT



Caitlin Klingenberg
Vermeer Corporation

Regan O'Donnell
Student, UND School of Law

Austin Vincent
Kansas Dept. of Ag

Harrison Pittman
National Ag Law Center

General Outline For Today

- Background on NALC, AALA, and Presenters
- Value: Why Create/Maintain an Ag/Food Law Student Association?
- Getting Started
- Maintaining/Growing
- Additional Tips/Pointers
- Q&A (just enter into chat box)

Background on NALC, AALA, and Presenters

- Caitlin Klingenberg, Vermeer Corporation
- Regan O'Donnell, Student, UND Law
- Austin Vincent, Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
- Harrison Pittman, National Agricultural Law Center

About the American Agricultural Law Association



- The premier association for agricultural law and policy professionals
- Mission: to inform and engage the law and policy professionals who serve all facets of the agricultural and food communities
- November 7-9, Memphis, TN is next annual symposium

About the National Agricultural Law Center

- Created by Congress in 1987
- Objective, non-partisan research and information regarding laws and regulations affecting agriculture
- Serves as the nation's leading source for agricultural and food law research and information
 - A unit of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture
 - USDA Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library
- Stakeholder-driven

www.nationalaglawcenter.org



National Agricultural Law Center: Quick Highlights

- www.nationalaglawcenter.org
- NALC Bridges Initiative
- NALC Research Fellow Program
- Potential internships
- Staff Attorney hiring
- hmpittm@uark.edu

Survey Opportunity

- 10 minutes or less
- 15 questions



Stakeholder Survey

Will you share a few minutes of your thoughts in order to shape our research?

We want to hear from you!





Value: Why Create/Maintain an Ag/Food Law Student Association?



- Starting a group: Obvious and Not-So-Obvious Things to Consider

- What to Expect
- Institutional Approval Process
- Faculty Sponsor(s)?
- Organizing Documents
- Officer/Leader Selection
- What Can Go Wrong/Lessons Learned





- Maintaining/Growing an Association: Challenges & Opportunities
 - Leadership transitions
 - Meeting agenda
 - Timing of meetings
 - Funding/Budget & Fundraisers
 - Communications (listserv/social media?)
 - Balancing/Coordination with other student groups
 - Identifying speakers
 - And What can go wrong?



Additional Tips/Pointers

- Based on your experience, what is your best advice for having a successful student association
- Future points of contact for anyone interested in starting (or growing) an association?



Comments/Questions?

