

# AGENDA

Washington Growers League  
2012 Annual Members Meeting  
Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012  
Yakima Convention Center, Rooms C and D  
10 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Yakima, WA 98902-2515

- 9:00AM – 9:30 AM      Check-in
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM      WGL Annual business meeting – *President Richard Halvorson*
- Welcome and introductions
  - President's comments
  - Executive Director's Report
  - Reading of the Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting
  - Elections
- 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM      Farm Labor Contractors, Sharing Labor, Transporting Employees –  
Stokes Lawrence Law Firm
- 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM      Labor Cycles and Outlook: The Labor Market in 2011 and 2012
- State Workforce Agency Perspective – Craig Carroll,  
Okanogan WorkSource
  - The Industry Perspective on the Labor Market – Kirk Mayer,  
Washington Growers Clearinghouse
  - Tree Fruit Crop Sizes in 2011 and the outlook for 2012 – Jon Devaney,  
Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association
  - Non-tree fruit, labor-intensive crops 2011 and the outlook for 2012 –  
Alan Schreiber
- 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM      Lunch  
Speaker: The Status of Immigration Reform – Tom Roach, Immigration Attorney
- 1:15 PM – 1:30 PM      Housing Options from WGL – Jesse Lane, WGL Housing Program Manager
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM      Automation and Mechanization: people, horticulture, economics and engineering  
– Karen Lewis, WSU Extension
- 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM      A Review of Commonly Discussed Non-H-2A Options to recruit Agricultural  
Employees: Student Visas, Immigrant Visas, Prisoners, Refugees and More –  
Tom Roach, Immigration Attorney, Pasco, WA
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM      The H-2A program: Can Your Business Actually Use It? A Practical View from  
12 Years of Experience – Mike Gempler, Washington Growers League