



Legislative and Legal Concerns Committee

8:30 – 10:00 am | June 14, 2014 | White River Ballroom G

AGENDA

I.	Welcome and Introductions	David Pearl	8:30
II.	Review of Antitrust Compliance Policy	David Pearl	
III.	Approval of the Agenda	David Pearl	
IV.	Approval of Minutes from January, 2014	David Pearl	
V.	Domestic Policy Update – Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), Farm Bill	Jane DeMarchi	8:40
VI.	Federal Legislative Affairs – Storm the Hill, Appropriations, GM Labeling, International Treaty	Jane DeMarchi	9:00
VII.	State Affairs – 2014 legislative session wrap-up, GM labeling and bans	Pat Miller	9:10
VIII.	ASTA Seed Advocate Program	Pat Miller and Jane DeMarchi	9:30
IX.	Legal Update – Patent Reform, Trade Secrets	Gary Kushner	9:40
X.	Report from the Nominating Committee		
X.	Adjourn		10:00

* **Decision needed**

ASTA Antitrust Compliance Policy Statement

It is the policy of the American Seed Trade Association to comply strictly with the Federal and State antitrust laws. ASTA's policy and guidelines, to ensure compliance with both the letter and spirit of the laws, are set forth in ASTA's bylaws.

The antitrust laws prohibit combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade. This means that competitors may not legally agree to conduct that inhibits competition. Anticompetitive agreements may be inferred from discussions about sensitive topics. Because trade associations like ASTA bring competitors together to address industry concerns, we must be especially careful not to agree to actions that might be interpreted as anticompetitive.

It is ASTA policy to have written agendas for all meetings, to have legal counsel present where sensitive issues might be discussed, and to prepare minutes of all meetings. This applies to all meetings held during a conference hosted by ASTA. If you have any questions about the proper scope of any ASTA meeting, or the Association's antitrust compliance policy, please raise it with the meeting chairperson or member of ASTA staff.