116th ALCA Annual Convention  
June 21-24, 2022  
Eaglewood Resort & Spa  
Itasca, Illinois, USA  

Technical Program starting Wednesday, June 22

**John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture**  
“The Road Ahead”  
*by Randy Johnson, President and CEO of Pangea Made, Inc., Rochester Hills, Michigan*

Other Papers to be Presented on Wednesday and Thursday:

- **Climate Change Mitigation - How the Chemical Industry is Aligning to the Paris Climate Agreement**  
  by Michael Costello, Stahl Holdings, Spain

- **Zeology, The New Standard in Tanning**  
  Smit & Zoon Group, The Netherlands

- **Novel Enzymatic Beamhouse Processes as the Basis for Enhanced Organic Pre-Tanning Technologies**  
  by Christopher Henzel, TFL Ledertechnik GmbH, Koln, Germany

- **The Future of ESG Reporting - Impacts and Opportunities for the Leather Industry**  
  by Kathryn Kutskill, Sustainable Leather Foundation, UK

- **Optimization of a Zeolite Tanning Process**  
  by Manuel Navarro, Cromogenia Units, Mexico

- **Recovery of Industrially Useful Hair and Fat from Enzymatic Unhairing of Goatskins during Leather Processing**  
  by Joseph Ondari Nyakundi, Leather Research Laboratory, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

- **CM New Through-Feed Fleshing Technology FH 4.0**  
  by Marc Oomens, im innovating, The Netherlands

- **Automotive Leather - An Insider Perspective on Material Testing**  
  by Roger Pinto, Pangea, Rochester Hills, MI

- **A Retrospective of Key Silicone Functionalities Which Contribute to Leather Manufacturing**  
  by Tim Roggow, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI

- **Science Based Environmental Footprint Reduction Strategies**  
  by Kim Sena, JBS Couros, Brazil

- **Materials Emissions Test Methods In The Automotive Landscape**  
  by Kevin Smith, Eagle Ottawa by Lear, Rochester Hills, MI

- **Leather’s Current Challenges and Opportunities**  
  by Stephen Sothmann, Leather and Hide Council of America (LHCA), Washington, D.C.

- **COMELZ CNC Cutting Systems**  
  by Giulio Tandura, COMELZ, Italy

- **New Chrome Recovery Cleaning Technologies**  
  by Gerardo Villarreal, Semler Industries, Chicago, IL  
  and Jose Luis Gallegos Garcia, Elementis LTP, Milwaukee, WI

- **H.E.A.T. A New Sustainable Green Solution for Treating and Evaporating Hide Brine Wastewater**  
  by Russell Vreeland, Eastern Shore Microbes, Belle Haven, VA

- **The Leather Image and the LN Modern Leather Guide**  
  by Luis Zugno, Leather Naturally, Memphis, TN
TENTATIVE SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, June 21
Council Meeting including hotel staff 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Hickory Board Room
Buffet lunch for non-golfers 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Burnham’s
Lunch for golfers at course 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Golf Club at Eaglewood
Golfers tournament 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Golf Club at Eaglewood
Exhibitors set up 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Trillium Foyer
Main Registration 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Trillium Foyer
Opening Reception 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Prairie River Patio
Dinner 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Prairie River and Patio

Wednesday, June 22
Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Burnham’s
Editorial Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Burnham’s
Registration 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Trillium Foyer
Opening Address 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Trillium
John Arthur Wilson Memorial Lecture 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Trillium
Break 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Trillium Foyer
1st Session Technical Papers 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Trillium
Lunch 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Burnham’s
2nd Session Technical Papers 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Trillium
Break 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Foyer
3rd Session Technical Papers 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Trillium
Fun Run 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Eaglewood Grounds
Reception 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pavilion
Dinner 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pavilion
Activities - Bowling, pool, darts, bar 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Kegler’s

Thursday, June 23
Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Burnham’s
Old and New Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Hickory Board Room
Registration 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Foyer
4th Session Technical Papers 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Trillium
Break 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Foyer
5th Session Technical Papers 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Trillium
Annual Business Meeting 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Trillium
Sports Activities Awards Luncheon noon – 1:30 p.m. Prairie River
6th Session Technical Papers 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Trillium
Break 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Foyer
7th Session Technical Papers 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trillium
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wisteria Patio
ALCA Awards Banquet 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Linden A Ballroom

Friday, June 24
Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Burnham’s
Departure

ACCOMMODATION - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RATES

• All attendees are to make reservations themselves directly with Eaglewood Resort either by calling the Reservations Coordinator, Sarah Mabeley, at 630-694-5923 or emailing her at smabeley@eaglewoodresort.com and identifying yourself as being with the American Leather Chemists Association room block or by using the the link found on this website, www.leatherchemists.org/annualconvention/hotelreservation.

All single room guest should us the link to make their reservations. For any rooms that will have more than one person, please contact our Reservations Coordinator, Sarah Mabeley at the above number or by email. Deadline for reservations is May 27, 2022. Reservations received after the cut-off date are subject to availability and may not qualify for the discounted group rate.

• Cancellation policy of Eaglewood is as follows:
  — Any individual reservation cancelled by June 12 will receive a full refund; there will be no refund to deposit if cancelled after June 12, 2022.

• Contracted Rates for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday:
  Single $415.54 per night
  Double $568.58 per night for two

• Contracted Rates for pre/post convention dates:
  Single $189 per room per night plus taxes

Package rates include lodging each night, breakfast, lunch and dinner, amenity fee, applicable taxes, and food service gratuity.
2022 Nominating Committee Candidates

**Vice President**

- **John Rodden** graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Environmental & Resource Economics and a minor in Business. He is employed with Union Specialties as an industrial coating and Senior Leather technician. John has been a member of the ALCA since 2008 and served two terms as councilor. He was a member of the Nominating Committee in 2015, the O’Flaherty Selection Committee and currently chairs the 2022 Nominating Committee. He is currently the Secretary Treasurer of the New England Tanners Club.

**Councillor Candidates**

- **Jorge G. Diaz-Munoz**, after college, started to produce leather on his own in order to learn more about the entire process. He then studied the Masters in Leather Engineering in Mexico, which is the same Masters taught in Igualada, Spain. After receiving his master’s degree, he continued his studies and in 2014 received his PhD from the Universidad Politecnica de Cataluña (Spain) doing research in a more sustainable tanning process. He has published a 4 part series, “Low Carbon Products to Design Innovative Leather Processes” in IALCA. Back in Mexico, he joined GST Autoleather, first as a Product Engineering Manager in charge of the internal programs launchings for GM, and after 1.5 years he moved to Wet-end R&D where he was in charge of the innovation developments, like alternatives for Chrome free leather and projects focused on “the leather of the future”. He then joined a family tannery as General Manager. During the pandemic he went to work for Stahl Mexico and is currently their Technical Manager for NAFTA region.

- **Myron Hooks**, was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where he attended Detroit Public Schools. He attended Wayne State University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Chemistry. In 2009 he began working for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company’s Research and Development (R&D) department in Rochester Hills, MI. During his time at Eagle, he was promoted to Sr. Tanning Scientist and was responsible for start-up of the Wet End and Finishing chemical laboratories used for leather research and development applications. He also directed development of the internal ISO 17025 certified analytical laboratory for VOC and Odor chemical detections in leather and methods for GC/MS, HPLC, FTIR, ICP/OES, Digital Microscope and Goniometer instrumental testing. In addition he managed Innovation and Sustainability projects for pioneering tanning, retanning and premium leather applications. Throughout his leather career he grew to become an active producer for ASTM D31 leather block committee and published and presented a paper for the ALCA, for which he was later recognized as a Lollar Prize Paper recipient. Myron currently works as a Sr. Scientist for DOW Chemical finish chemistry applications, which he began this year. His favorite things to do are watching movies, going to parks, traveling and playing board games with his wife, four kids and a 1-year-old puppy. His hobbies are restoring older vehicles, dog-training and learning new things.

- **Roger A. Pinto**, born in Brazil, is a Chemical Engineer graduate from the Federal University of Paraná, UFPR, where he served as Adjunct Instructor to the student community and as Chemical Technology Consultant to the local industries for a period of 6 years. In 1999 Roger joined the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he became an Engineering Research Scientist in the field of environmental engineering and sustainable systems for over a decade. During his professional life in academia, he co-authored 22 peer-reviewed papers, contributed to other 9 assorted scientific studies, and carried out the successful completion of federal and state research grants totaling over $5 million in funding. In 2012 he transitioned to industry, joining GST AutoLeather. As his understanding of genuine automotive leather grew, responsibilities followed, becoming part of the Advanced Development Group of the business now rebranded to Pangea. Roger holds a position as Finish Research Manager for global developments and is the Technical Reporting Coordinator supporting Design, Sales, and Quality groups out of Pangea’s Corporate Development Center in Rochester Hills, Michigan. On his personal time, he enjoys being around his family, venturing with gourmet cooking, and coloring abstract art.

- **Janio Rocha** has a Leather Technician degree from Centro Tecnologico do Couro SENAI/RS/Brazil, has been in the Leather industry since 2005, works in three different countries (Brazil, Uruguay and US), and has had different roles from production, quality and sales departments. He entered the US market in 2014 same time as member of the ALCA. In 2019 he became part of National Beef Leathers as a Technical Manager and on November of 2021 accumulated the Sales Director Position.

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**ABOUT EAGLEWOOD RESORT & SPA**

**THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN HEALTHY & FUN**

Escape the everyday responsibilities and celebrate being you! Eaglewood Resort & Spa offers everything you need from relaxation to seasonal fun. Enjoy their state-of-the-art fitness center and indoor pool, private bowling alley, and 106 magnificent acres of beautiful landscape.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Eaglewood Golf Course, Tuesday, June 21; 12:00 pm

*Eaglewood’s Chicago area golf course is rightfully nicknamed “The Little Green Menace” for its dramatic sloping greens*

Lunch provided for golfers at course beginning at noon

Club rental extra and payable to course at time of rental.(registration included with convention registration on back)

Pre-registration is required and forms can be found at our website, www.leatherchemists.org, under Annual Convention/Golf.

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**NOTE:** Again this year we will vote on the 2022 Slate of Candidates electronically. Be sure to put electionbuddy.com in your address book so this email doesn’t go to your junk mail. Look for this information soon. Candidate bios will be on the ballot you receive via email. Voting will conclude on June 1.
Please send your registration form to the ALCA office by June 1, 2022. This will save you time at registration to be held on Tuesday, June 21, from 5:00 p.m. Late registration will be on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Cancellation must be made by June 1 in order to receive a refund.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO: JUNE 1, 2022
TO BE LISTED ON REGISTRANT’S LISTING IN TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Registration  (Print Clearly)

Name _________________________________________ Company _______________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________ Contact Number: ________________________________

*Registration Fee for those staying at Eaglewood Resort (US Funds Only)**
(Check One)

☐ Member $325 _________ Initial

☐ Retired Member $125 _________ Initial

☐ ALCA Student $125 _________ Initial

☐ Nonmember $650 _________ Initial

*Registration Fee for those not staying at Eaglewood Resort (US Funds Only)**
(Check One)

☐ Member $803 _________ Initial

☐ Retired Member $603 _________ Initial

☐ Nonmember $1128 _________ Initial

☐ Acc. Guest Meals $478 _________ Initial

*A $50 discount will be given to companies sending two or more people and paying regular member price. For those staying at the Eaglewood Resort, the registration fee entitles you to participate in most activities, entertainment & special meals sponsored by ALCA for the entire convention. For those not staying at the Eaglewood Resort, the registration fee entitles you to participate in the above, plus receive coupons for regular meals beginning Tuesday evening and ending Thursday night. Accompanying guests not staying at the designated hotel must pay the $478 fee to receive meals.

*Please note that the registration fee is in addition to any hotel registration fees, miscellaneous fees, or travel expenses incurred.

Registration for Golf Tournament — Tuesday, June 21, 12 pm, Eaglewood Course

☐ $100 for 18 holes including cart rental. Club rental extra. Check if club rental needed: _____ yes Which? _____ right _____ left

Preferred Foursome: ______________________________________________________________________________________

**Check, money order, or Visa, MasterCard, and Amex acceptable- funds drawn on a foreign bank must include an additional $25.00 for bank processing fee. To wire funds – call or email ALCA office – must include $25.00 for bank processing fee.

Credit Card Type: __________________________    Number:  _________________________________________

Expiration Date: ________________________ Security Code:__________  Zip/Postal Code for Credit Card  __________

NON-ATTENDEE ACCOMPANYING PERSON’S REGISTRATION
(No fee if staying at designated hotel; otherwise meal fee)

NAME ______________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________

THE AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
116TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
Eaglewood Resort and Spa, Itasca, IL
June 21st – 24th, 2022

RETURN this form with your payment to:
ALCA – Attn: Carol Adcock, Executive Secretary
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Lubbock, TX 79412-2940
or email to carol.adcock@ttu.edu
or fax to (806) 744-1785