**NABEC 2024 Conference Events**

**Registration – Sunday, 2 PM – 6:30 PM**—**3rd Floor** of the **Penn State Agricultural Engineering Building, Shortlidge Road, University Park**. Registration will be open Monday and Tuesday morning before the conference at the Graduate Hotel, the main conference venue.

**NABEC Planning Committee Meeting – Sunday, 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM – 107 Agricultural Engineering Building, Penn State**

**Sunday Welcome Reception – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM** – **312 Agricultural Engineering Building**, Penn State *(Included with the conference registration for registered Members and Students. Accompanying persons tickets $20.00 (USD).*

Sunday evening from 6:00 – 8:30 PM with light food. Meet and greet colleagues, friends, and families in the Agricultural Engineering Building, enjoying views of campus and the outdoor terrace.

**Graduate Student Welcome Activity – 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM** – **311 Agricultural Engineering Building**

On Sunday, join your fellow graduate students for some fun, networking, and peer-to-peer discussions before heading to downtown State College. You’ll also be able to bounce into the Welcome Reception to snag some snacks and say hi to your favorite professionals.

**Technical Conference Sessions and Business Meeting – Monday and Tuesday**

Held in the **Graduate Hotel Ballroom**. The conference will feature keynote speakers, technical oral papers, and poster sessions. Posters will be set up on easels in an adjacent room for the Monday afternoon poster session. A business meeting will be held later Tuesday afternoon. See the preliminary program in this newsletter for more details on the conference schedule and for more information on keynote speakers. There will be breaks and lunches for registered attendees.

**Monday Picnic – Larson Research Center/Pasto Ag Museum – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** *(Separate ticket – Adult/Child (age 13 and over) - $30 USD, Child (age 6-12) $15.00 USD; Child under 6 is free.)*

The NABEC 2024 evening picnic will be held at the Larson Research Center, a short 20-minute drive from State College. Enjoy a dinner of pulled pork and grilled chicken, tossed salad, chips/pretzels and fruit cup and sweet tea/water. Vegetarian burgers are also available for vegetarians. Please register online for this event. We are limited in increasing numbers at on-site registration. Vans will be available for those without vehicles or rides.

The venue is an enclosed building, with pleasant strolling in the area (weather permitting). The Pasto Ag Museum next door will be opened especially for us that evening. Enjoy food and history while visiting with friends and colleagues.

**Tuesday Awards Reception and Banquet - Cash bar at 6:00 PM; Banquet at 7:00 PM**. (*Separate Ticket –* *Adult/Child (age 13 and over) - $32-$39 USD, Child (under 12) $18.00 USD.)*

The Awards Banquet will take place in the main ballroom of the Graduate Hotel. There will be a full service cash bar at 6 PM followed by the banquet at 7 PM. An awards program will follow the meal.

The banquet dinner will feature the choice of one of three entrees. The three Banquet entrée choices are 1. **Eggplant Parmesan**, 2. **Grilled Sirloin Steak/Parsley Chive Butter**, and 3. **Grilled Salmon / Whole Mustard Dill Sauce.**  Meal sides include a tossed salad, roasted red potatoes, honey glazed carrots and carrot cake. Please indicate your entrée selection while registering.

The available child’s meal includes chicken fingers, fries and a fruit cup.

**Accompanying Persons Tours on Monday and Tuesday** *(Separate ticket)*.

Monday, join your friends, both old and new, for a tour of Penns Cave and the PSU Arboretum.

Tuesday, visit Shavers’s Creek Nature Center and either 2000 degrees pottery studio or Mount Nittany Winery.

**Wednesday Technical Tour** *(Separate Ticket, $20 USD)*

Wednesday’s Technical Tour will feature stops at the PSU Dairy Facility, Mushroom Research Center, and the Pennsylvania Grain Processing Ethanol Plant.