



Welcome to
BIG SKY
Country!!

FFSC Annual Conference

July 29 - 31

Billings, Montana

Join your professional colleagues (and bring the family) as the Farm Financial Standards Council shakes Midwest dust off its boots and heads west to Billings, Montana for its 2014 Annual Conference.



Location Hilton Garden Inn, Billings
2465 Grant Road
Billings, MT 59102
406-655-8800

Dates Tuesday July 29 through Thursday, July 31, 2014

Conference Agenda

**Tuesday,
July 29**

1:00 p.m. – Technical Committee Meeting
2:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Registration opens
6:30 p.m. – Welcome to Montana Opening reception

**Wednesday,
July 30**

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast at leisure
8:30 a.m. – Opening welcome and remarks – Barbara Wheeling/Jim Kelm
8:45 a.m. – *Oil in the Bakken – What the Excitement is All About*
Scott Rickard, Ph.D., Director, Center for Applied Economic Research, Montana State University Billings. The Bakken Formation is the largest domestic oil discover since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay estimated at 503 billion (yes, BILLION) barrels. It has dramatically changed the landscape, culture and economy of the area. It stretches from northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. Scott will provide an overview of the scope of its impact.
9:45 a.m. – Refreshment break
10:00 a.m. -- *Succession Planning in the Agricultural Industry -- Insights from a Certified Financial Planner*
Lyle Hill, Certified Financial Planner, Waddell and Reed Listen along as Lyle reviews some of the challenges facing the 'retirement generation' and the impacts farm transitions have on tax liabilities and financial reporting.
11:00 a.m. – *FFSC Membership Program* -- Yes, the Council is considering opening itself for general membership. Be part of the discussion and help shape the Council's future.
Noon -- Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – *What's Available Online and How We Can Access It – an Interactive Presentation*
Todd Doebling, Centrec Consulting, and **Dale Nordquist**, Center for Farm Financial Management lead discussion and interactive research into what IS available online.

3:00 p.m. – Refreshment Break

3:30 p.m. – *An Overview of Section IV Revisions*

Barb Wheeling, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business, Montana State University, Billings.

5:30 p.m. – Depart for an evening at ZOO Montana for an evening of outdoor dining and quiet strolls through the 70-acre wildlife park located in Billings.

Visit <http://www.zoomontana.org/>

9:00 p.m. – Return to Hotel

**Thursday,
July 31**

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Leisure

8:00 a.m. – *2015 Financial Boot Camp Program*

Mike Wilson, Executive Editor, *Farm Futures* magazine

8:30 a.m. -- Committee Reports

Technical Committee

Marketing Committee

Finance Committee

Membership Committee

9:30 a.m. – Refreshment break -- Hotel Checkout

9:15 a.m. – Bylaws Committee Report

10:30 a.m. – Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. -- Adjournment

The content of the agenda qualifies for 6.0 Illinois Public Accountants Continuing Education Credits.
State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, License # 158-002205
Certificates of Attendance will be provided upon request

Lodging

The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn -- Billings, 2465 Grant Road, Billings, MT. A room block in the name **Farm Financial Standards Council** has been established with a room rate of \$129 single through quad. Reservations can be made directly by calling

406-655-8800

or online at

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/B/BILBMGI-FSC-20140728/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The special group rate is available (space permitting) beginning 3 days prior and for 3 days after the FFSC Meeting. If you wish to book reservations outside the July 28-31 dates, call the hotel directly.

Hotel Reservations Deadline is Monday, July 7.

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Hilton Garden Inn, Billings, MT

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Registration Deadline is July 11 -- No exceptions

Meeting Registration Fee \$150

(includes materials, receptions, breaks, lunches, dinner. Does NOT include golf outing)

[] Meeting Registration (\$150.00) _____

[] Spouses/Children (\$35 includes Tuesday/Wednesday evening receptions/meals and zoo visit) _____

Total _____

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