

General Session Agenda
2023 AAFCO Annual Meeting
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland
Monday, July 31, 2023
8:30 AM

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8:30 AM Opening Remarks, President Eric Brady, Tennessee Department of Agriculture

8:35 AM Introduction and Welcome to Maryland, Kevin Atticks, Secretary of Agriculture



Kevin Atticks was appointed Secretary of Agriculture on Jan. 17, 2023. Prior to his appointment, Atticks was CEO (and founder) of Grow & Fortify, a nonprofit that supports value-added agricultural organizations and the businesses they represent. Grow & Fortify published the first assessment of the state's value-added agricultural industry, illustrating the expansive impact generated by this sector, which includes wineries, creameries, meat processing, agritourism, equine, and dozens of other industry segments. Atticks was also the

Executive Director of the Maryland Wineries Association, Brewers Association of Maryland, and the Maryland Distillers Guild and served as the President of the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council, and the Chair of the WineAmerica State and Regional Associations Advisory Council.

Atticks currently serves on the University of Maryland College of Agriculture's Global Leadership Council, the board of Future Harvest, and the board of the Maryland Tourism Coalition.

8:50 AM Memorials, Immediate Past President George Ferguson
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

8:53 AM Presentation of 2023 Awards, President Eric Brady, Tennessee Department of Agriculture

- E. B. Vorhees Award, Richard Ten Eyck—For a career of outstanding vision, leadership, promotion, and dedication to the association and assuring safe animal feed

9:00 AM Association Business Meeting, President Eric Brady, Tennessee Department of Agriculture