
**AMERICAN LEATHER CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION
2014 SPRING MEETING OF THE
RESEARCH LIAISON COMMITTEE
USDA, ARS, EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTER
WYNDMOOR, PA**

Date: Tuesday April 22, 2014, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

The purpose of the ALCA RLC is to maintain an awareness of ongoing hides and leather research, to foster research collaboration, and to assist the USDA and other public research institutions in establishing research priorities.

The Research Liaison Committee meets twice a year, once in April at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center and then during the ALCA annual convention in June to review industry trends and requirements. The RLC polls members of the ALCA, the U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association (USHSLA) and members of the Leather Industries of American (LIA) to identify and prioritize the immediate and long-term needs of the industry for by-product hides.

Membership and attendance at the RLC Spring Meeting is open to those affiliated with leather manufacture. Those attending represent hide producers and dealers, tanners, production management, product development executives, researchers, scientists, consultants, chemical suppliers, industry & trade lobbyists, students and those connected to the study & usage of collagen.

Proposed topics include:

- Recap of the global and U.S. raw material market
- Update on issues pertaining to the U.S. hide & leather industry (USHSLA)
- A regulatory and trade update
- Recap of domestic leather activity
- Update on status of ERRC hides and leather program
- Reports from ERRC from hides and leather program covering such areas as pretanning, physical properties of leather, alternative tannages, byproduct utilization and finishing, leather quality and non-destructive testing.

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