

Industrial Hemp Program Study Committee

Monday, November 21, 2016

12:30 p.m.

Room 103

PANEL #2

Biographies

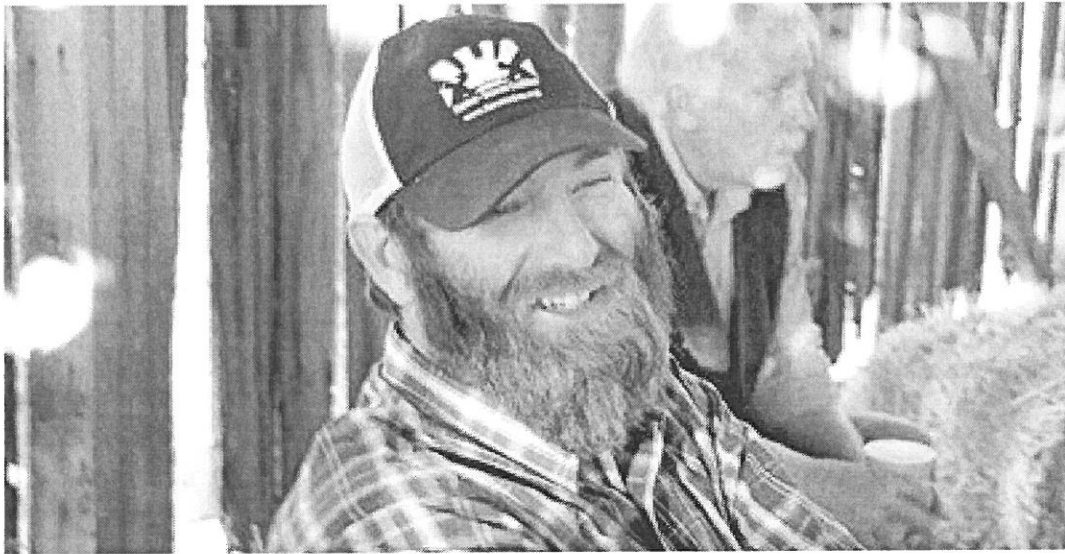
OF PRESENTERS

Mike Lewis
Kentucky

Mr. Lewis is a hemp farmer and veteran who served in the 3rd U.S. Infantry, The Old Guard. Following his military service in 2010, Mr. Lewis entered the agricultural industry as a fulltime farmer. Currently, he operates America's first federally permitted industrial hemp farm since 1934. Previously, he has served as a member of the Kentucky Industrial Hemp Commission.

Mr. Lewis's passion for agriculture extends beyond his own hemp farm into his other interests, which include helping fellow veterans. In 2012, Mr. Lewis founded The Growing Warriors Project, an organization that trains and equips veterans to enter the agricultural production industry. Since its inception, the organization has helped more than 65 veteran families grow more than 18,000 pounds of organic food.

For his efforts, Mr. Lewis was given the 2013 Kentucky's Local Food Hero Award by Seed Capital Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He has also been recognized by Yahoo! as one of eight people who "Made Our World a Better Place," in 2014 for his efforts in the agricultural industry.



Rick Trojan
Colorado

Mr. Trojan is an entrepreneur and commercial hemp farmer in Denver. Before entering the hemp industry, he owned several start-up companies, including a healthcare software firm he sold in 2012 so he could focus on the hemp industry, which includes a 300-acre farm and a hemp CBD products company. Since shifting his focus to the hemp industry, Mr. Trojan has been recognized as an industry leader. He founded the Hemp Road Trip, a national campaign that has travelled to more than 26 states to educate and raise awareness about industrial hemp. Mr. Trojan also works at the state and federal level on hemp-related issues and legislation.

Mr. Trojan is a member of the National Hemp Association Advisory Council. He holds a B.A. in procurement and marketing, and an MBA in global management.



Mike Bowman
Colorado

Mr. Bowman is a hemp farmer and fifth generation Coloradan from Wray, CO. He has been a rural and agricultural advocate for most of his adult life.

Mr. Bowman's involvement in the agricultural industry goes beyond farming. He was a co-founder of the Colorado Farm2Cafeteria workgroup; has served as chair of Colorado's New Energy Future board; co-chaired Governor-Elect Bill Ritter's energy transition team; and was a founding board member of the Rocky Mountain Hemp Association.

Currently, Mr. Bowman is the board chair of the National Hemp Association and is a member of the Colorado Industrial Hemp Commission. He sits on the Board of the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance as a founding member, and also serves on the Board of Advisors for DyneGen, an engine technology company. He was appointed as a Champion of Change by President Obama and will hold that position until May 2019.

