

CAO ANNUAL MEETING

January 9, 2026

Rochester Airport Marriott
1890 Ridge Road West
Rochester, NY 14615

Location – Salons B&C

8:00 am Registration & Coffee

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9:00 am Greetings/ Introductions – *Renee St. Jacques, Vice Chair*

9:15 am Governor's Agricultural Priorities for 2026
Commissioner of Agriculture – Richard Ball

9:40 am Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Update and Discussion
Dean Benjamin Houlton, Ph.D.

10:00 am New Industry Leader Introductions
Aaron Ristow – NY Farm Viability Institute
Dr. Shelley Mehlenbacher – Cornell University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

10:15 am Resolutions Review – *Renee St. Jacques*

Location – Arcadia Room

12:15 pm Lunch

Location – Salons B&C

1:15 pm Resolutions Review Continues – *Renee St. Jacques*

CAO Lobby Day -

- In-Person / Wednesday, February 4, 2026
- Proposed Priority Issues for 2026

3:00 pm Business Meeting

2. Call to Order and Comments – *Renee St. Jacques*
3. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting – *Brian Reeves*
4. Financial Statement for 2025 & 2026 Budget – *Michael Maffei, Treasurer*
 - Membership Report
5. Board Nominations
6. Other Business

3:30 pm Adjourn Meeting

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