**2018 Annual Meeting**

**Hilton Columbia Center**

**Columbia, SC**

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

**2:00 – 6:00 PM Registration – Lobby of the Hilton**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM** **Board of Directors Meeting**

*SC Watermelon Promotion Board and SCWA Board members*

**4:00 – 6:00 PM President’s Reception**

*Light hors d’oeuvres, live music and cocktails*

# Saturday, January 6, 2018

**8:30 AM** **Registration open**

**10:00 AM** **Welcome** …….…..…….…………………….……….....…..…………….Gilbert Miller

President, SCWA

**Introduction of the**

**SC Watermelon Queen Program** ……………………………..........……... Ann Bryant

SCWA Queen Coordinator

**Introduction of Queen Contestants** ………………..…….………....Blakely Johnson

**Speech & Promotions Wear Competition** 2016 SC Watermelon Queen

**Legislative update**……………………………………………………….Cassidy Evans

SC Farm Bureau

**National Watermelon Board Report**………………………………..Jason Hanselman

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch**

*Buffet featuring South Carolina favorites*

**Seed Spitting Contest** ………………………….……… Queen Contestants and Guests

Stage area

**Watermelon Queen Contest Interviews** ………... Judges and Queen Contestants Only

**2:40 – 6:00 PM Annual SCWA Live Auction and Social**……………………Gilbert Miller

President, SCWA

**7:00 PM Watermelon Banquet**

*Seated dinner, service begins at 7pm*

**Introduction of Judges** ………………………………..………………...... Ann Bryant

**Evening Gown Competition** …………………...………..….…..….. Queen Contestants

**Auction Report** ………………..…………………………….. Gilbert Miller, President

**Crowning of the 2017**

**South Carolina Watermelon Queen**……………………Commissioner Hugh Weathers

**Closing Remarks by President** …..…………………………................ Gilbert Miller

**9:00 PM– Until Melon Ball**

*Cocktails & Dancing with DJ Gary Brantley*