



Schedule of events: 2017 WCI Washington Meetings

The Washington Seminar runs from 1:30-5 p.m., with an Opening Lunch at 12 Noon, on Monday, March 20 at the Willard InterContinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC.

Monday, March 20

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens (Crystal Room Foyer)
- 8:00 a.m. Buffet breakfast (Peacock Lounge)
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. **WCI Board of Directors Meeting** (*WCI members only*) (Crystal Room)
- 12:00 p.m. **Opening Lunch Address by Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite**,
Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(Pierce Room)
Introduced by Tim Parker, WCI Chairman of the Board
- 1:15-1:30 p.m. Break
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Keynote Seminar Address by Brigadier General Mark Toy**, Commander,
Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (Crystal Room)
Introduced by Mike Toohey, WCI President/CEO
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. **Congressional Professional Staff Panel**
Susan Bodine, Chief Counsel, Senate Environment & Public Works
Committee
Ryan Seiger, Minority Staff Director, Water Resources and Environment
Subcommittee, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Jen Armstrong, Professional Staff, Senate Appropriations Committee
Moderated by Tracy Zea, WCI Director of Government Relations
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. **Address by Congressman Garret Graves (R-LA)**
Introduced by Merritt Lane, Canal Barge Company
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. **Address by Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL)**
Introduced by Rodney Weinzierl, Illinois Corn Growers Association
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. **Preventing the Transfer of Aquatic Invasive Species Through the Chicago
Area Waterways, David Hamilton**, Senior Policy Director, The Nature
Conservancy
Introduced by Paul Rohde, Vice President, Midwest Region, WCI

- 4:30-5:00 p.m. **Address by Congressman Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
Introduced by Garry Niemeyer, Member, Waterways Council, Inc. Board of Directors
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. **WCI Advocacy Asks: Preparation for Hill visits** (*WCI members only*) led by **Chris Johnsen and John Doyle, Jones Walker**
- 5:45 p.m. Adjourn
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. **WCI Opening Reception** (Peacock Lounge)

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits
- 5:00 -8:00 p.m. **WCI 16th Annual Leadership Service Awards reception and dinner** honoring **The Honorable Bob Gibbs** (R-OH), Former Chairman, House Water Resources Subcommittee; **2017 Waterways Counsel Award presentation** to **David Dale**, Program Director, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, USACE
Presentation/Retiring of the Colors by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard from the Military District of Washington (Willard Room)

Wednesday, March 22

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. National Waterways Foundation Meeting (*Foundation Trustees, Invited Guests Only*) (Douglas Room)