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# 12th Annual Waterways Symposium

November 11 - 13, 2015

## WRRDA: Fulfilling Promises, Achieving Outcomes

Omni Royal Orleans Hotel - 621 St. Louis Street - New Orleans, LA



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Wednesday, November 11, 2015

- 9:00 am - 12:15 pm **National Waterways Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting** (*Trustees Only*) (West Salon)
- 1:30 pm **Symposium Registration Opens** (Grand Salon Foyer)
- 1:00 - 1:45 pm **WCI Membership Committee Meeting** (West Salon)
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm **WCI Annual Meeting** (*open to all WCI members*) (Center/East Salons)
- 2:15 - 5:00 pm **WCI Board of Directors Meeting** (*open to all WCI members*) (Center/East Salons)
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Opening Reception** (Royal Garden Terrace)

SYMPOSIUM DAY ONE: Thursday, November 12, 2015

- 8:00 am **Registration** (Grand Salon Foyer) / **Continental Breakfast** (Promenade Room)
- 9:00 am **WCI Annual Symposium** begins (Grand Salon)
- 9:00 - 9:15 am **Welcome Remarks, Merritt Lane**, WCI Chairman of the Board
- 9:15 - 10:00 am **World Outlook, Allen Sinai**, Chief Economist/Strategist, Decision Economics Global Research
- 10:00 - 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15 - 11:15 am **Political Recap, Jim Wiesemeyer**, Senior Vice President, Farm and Trade Policy, Informa Economics
- 11:15 - 11:45 am **Remarks by The Honorable Mitch Landrieu**, Mayor of New Orleans, introduced by **Merritt Lane**
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm **Buffet Lunch and Lunch Address** (Esplanade Room)  
**MG Michael Wehr**, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, USACE
- 1:00 - 1:15 pm **Break**
- 1:15 - 3:15 pm **What's Moving on the Waterways? (Commodities Panel)**  
**Moderator: Ken Eriksen**, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics  
**Soybeans: TBD**  
**Chemicals: TBD**  
**Natural Gas: Jim Grech**, EVP & Chief Commercial Officer,  
CONSOL Energy (*invited*)
- 3:15 - 4:30 pm **Watch "BARGE," Winner of the 2015 Grand Jury Prize for Best Feature Documentary**,  
Dallas Film Festival, with remarks by Director/Producer **Ben Powell**
- 4:45 pm **Adjourn**
- 6:00 - 9:15 pm **Celebrate "Nawlins" with dinner at Arnaud's**, just blocks from the hotel. The National Rivers Hall of Fame will also present its National Achievement Award to Mark Knoy, President/CEO, American Commercial Lines, Inc., in recognition of his significant contributions to the rivers of America.

Join us for a special dinner at Arnaud's, steps off Bourbon Street in the French Quarter.



Arnaud's boasts a museum of gowns of many Mardi Gras past.

## SYMPOSIUM DAY TWO: Friday, November 13, 2015

- 7:45 am            **Registration** (Grand Salon Foyer) / **Continental Breakfast** (Promenade Room)
- 8:30 - 10:30 am   **NOLA and the GIWW: Connecting Links of Resilience, Restoration, and Renewal** (Grand Salon)  
**Spencer Murphy**, General Counsel, Vice President - Risk Management, Canal Barge Co., Inc.  
(Moderator)  
**Jim Stark**, Executive Director, GICA  
**Rep. Garret Graves**, (R-LA)  
**Gary LaGrange**, President / CEO, Port of New Orleans  
**Michael Hecht**, Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
**Justin Aerenworth**, Gulf Coast Restoration Agency
- 10:30 - 10:45 am   **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:45 am   **P3 Perspectives**  
**Scott Sigman**, Transportation & Export Infrastructure Lead, Illinois Soybean Association  
Others TBD
- 11:45 am           **Closing remarks by Michael J. Toohey**, President/CEO, Waterways Council, Inc.
- 12:00 pm           **Adjourn**

**Registration fees:** \$650 for Early Bird registrations received by **October 1**, and \$725 for registrations received after that date. Registrations for spouses and other guests attending the evening social events are available for \$250 per guest. Register online with a credit card at [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org) or if you prefer to register by mail, see details on the registration form (next page).

**Save the Date for WCI's 2015 Washington Meetings, Seminar and Leadership Service Award Dinner, March 9-11, 2016, Madison Hotel, Washington, DC**

## Registration Form

### Questions?

**Call: Medina Moran, Waterways Council, Inc.**  
**Telephone 202-765-2166**

Your registration fee, payable to Waterways Council, Inc., should be submitted in full at the time of registration. For the fastest response, we encourage you to use your credit card and register securely **ONLINE** at [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org)

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$650**  
**AFTER OCT. 1: \$725 (including on-site)**  
**Spouse and Guest (evening special events) \$250**

**REGISTER ONLINE  
TODAY!**

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If paying by check, please fill out the following form and mail to:  
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### Spouse and Guest Registration

Yes! My spouse or guest will attend the Opening Reception on Wednesday night and the dinner at Arnaud's on Thursday night. I will add the \$250 fee per guest to my payment.

Spouse/Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a disability. Please contact me about my special accommodation needs.

### PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT (Payment required at time of registration)

Enclosed is my check made payable to **Waterways Council, Inc.**

My check payable to **Waterways Council, Inc.** will follow by mail to the above

To pay by credit card, register **ONLINE** at <http://www.waterwayscouncil.org>

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations at the Omni Royal can be made online with this link:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/new-orleans-royal-orleans/meetings/waterways-council-2015-fall-annual-meeting>

**Deadline to register is October 12.** You may also call the hotel directly at 1-800-578-0500 and use the code Waterways Council group for the group rate of \$239 per night plus tax before the October 12 deadline.