



***Schedule of events: 2018 WCI Washington Meetings**

**(subject to change)*

The Washington Seminar runs from 1:30-5 p.m., with an Opening Lunch at 12 Noon, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC

Tuesday, February 13

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens (*Moretti Ballroom Foyer*)
- 7:30 a.m. Buffet breakfast (*Moretti Ballroom Foyer*)
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. **WCI Board of Directors Meeting** (*WCI members only*) (*Moretti Ballroom EF*)
- 12:00 p.m. **Opening Lunch Address by The Honorable Ryan A. Fisher, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)**
(*Moretti Ballroom C*)
Introduced by Mike Toohey, WCI President/CEO
- 1:15-1:30 p.m. Break
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. **Keynote Seminar Address by The Honorable Mark Buzby, Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration**
(*Moretti Ballroom EF*)
Introduced by Tim Parker, Parker Towing Company, WCI Chairman
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. **Congressional Professional Staff Panel**
Ian Bennitt, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Jack Groarke, Deputy State Director, Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)
Moderated by Tracy Zea, WCI Director of Government Relations
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. **Remarks by Mark Copeland, Policy Advisor to Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)**
Introduced by Rodney Weinzierl, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, WCI Board of Directors
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Break (*Moretti Ballroom Foyer*)
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. **Address by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR), Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**
Introduced by Phyllis Harden, Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company

- 4:00-4:30 p.m. **Address by Thomas P. Smith, P.E., SES, Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
Introduced by Paul Rohde, WCI Vice President, Midwest Region
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. **Address by Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN), Member, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**
Introduced by Marty Hettel, ACBL, WCI Board of Directors
- 5:00-5:15 p.m. **Address by Rep. James Comer (R-KY), Member, House Agriculture Committee**
Introduced by Matt Ricketts, Crouse Corporation, WCI Board of Directors
- 5:15-5:45 p.m. **WCI Advocacy Asks: Preparation for Capitol Hill visits (WCI members only), led by Chris Johnsen and John Doyle, Jones Walker**
- 5:45 p.m. Adjourn
- 5:45-7:00 p.m. **WCI Opening Reception (The Library)**

Wednesday, February 14

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (*Corning Room*)
- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits
- 5:00 -8:00 p.m. **WCI 17th Annual Leadership Service Award reception and dinner honoring Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) (Moretti Ballroom EF)** *Introduced by Stephen Little*
Preceded by the Presentation/Retiring of the Colors by the **Joint Armed Forces Color Guard from the Military District of Washington**
Waterways Counsel Award presentation to **Jeffrey McKee**, Chief, Navigation Branch (ret.), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *Introduced by Peter Stephaich, WCI Vice Chairman*

Thursday, February 15

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (*Cecchi Foyer*)
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **WCI Membership Development and Retention Committee Meeting (Cecchi A) (by invitation only)**
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **National Waterways Foundation Meeting (Foundation Trustees, Invited Guests Only) (Cecchi B)**