



15th Annual
Waterways Symposium

Rivers of Optimism: Catch the Wave

November 14-16, 2018

Hotel Sofitel, 20 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** **National Waterways Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting** (Cannes Room/Trustees and invited guests only)
- 12:30 p.m.** **Waterways Symposium Registration Opens** (Chicago Ballroom Foyer)
- 1:00-1:45 p.m.** **WCI Membership Development and Retention Committee Meeting** (Limoges Room/Invitation Only)
- 2:00 p.m.** **WCI Annual Meeting** (Chicago Ballroom/Open to all WCI Members)
- 2:15-5:00 p.m.** **WCI Board of Directors Meeting** (Chicago Ballroom/Open to all WCI Members)
- 5:00-6:30 p.m.** **Opening Reception** (Paris Foyer)

WATERWAYS SYMPOSIUM, DAY 1

Thursday, November 15, 2018

- 7:30 a.m.** **Symposium Registration Opens** Buffet Breakfast (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:30 a.m.** **Waterways Symposium Begins** (Grand Ballroom)
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** **Opening Remarks, Peter Stephaich, WCI Chairman of the Board**
- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.** **Macro Environment: Adapting to Change and Planning For Growth:** Tom Scott, Global Director, Agribusiness Consulting, Informa Economics IEG
- 9:45-10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.** **Political Recap**, Roger Bernard, Policy Analyst, Informa Economics IEG
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.** **Address by The Honorable R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army** (Civil Works)
- 11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Buffet Lunch and Keynote Address by The Honorable Sonny Perdue, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture** (Invited) (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
- 1-1:15 p.m.** **Break**
- 1:15-3:15 p.m.** **What's Moving on the Waterways?** (Commodities Panel) (Grand Ballroom)
Moderator: Ken Eriksen, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics IEG
Grain/Fertilizer: TBD, CHS, Inc.
Coal: Betsy Monseu, CEO, American Coal Council
Petroleum: TBD
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.** **TBD**

Day 1, Thursday, Nov. 15, continued:

- 4:15-5 p.m.** **Viewing of HBO Vice's "The Big Fix"** infrastructure segment (air date: June 29, 2018)
- 6:00 p.m.** **Reception/Dinner at the Signature Room on 95th.** Join us for a special event on the 95th Floor of the Signature Room for breath-taking views of the Chicago skyline.

WATERWAYS SYMPOSIUM, DAY 2

Friday, November 16, 2018

- 7:45 a.m.** **Registration** (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
- Buffet Breakfast** (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:30-9:15 a.m.** **Address by MG Scott Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations** (Invited) (Grand Ballroom)
- 9:15-9:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 9:45-11:00 a.m.** **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Panel Discussion: Illinois Waterway Closures in 2020** with Tom Heindl, Chief of Operations, Rock Island District;
The Opening of Olmsted and the Removal of Locks 52 & 53 with William Chapman, Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division;
Emergency Supplemental Funding in the Gulf with Dennis O. Norris, Chief, Operations Division, Mississippi Valley Division
- 11:00-11:30 a.m.** **America's Ports Are Rivers' Partners** address by Kurt Nagle, President & CEO, American Association of Port Authorities
- 11:30 a.m.** **Closing remarks by Michael J. Toohey, President/CEO, Waterways Council, Inc.**
- 12 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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February 12-14, 2019

WCI's 2019 Washington Meetings:

Washington, DC, Mayflower Hotel

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November 6-9, 2019

WCI's 2019 Annual Meeting and 16th Annual Waterways Symposium:

Pittsburgh, PA, Fairmont Hotel

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 eiseverywhere.com/343106

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$650 AFTER
Oct.12,2018: \$725 (including on-site) Spouse
and Guest (evening special events): \$250**

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Spouse and Guest Registration

- Yes! My spouse or guest will attend the opening reception on Wednesday night and the reception/dinner at the **Signature Room on 95th** Thursday night.

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 pay by credit card, register **ONLINE** at eiseverywhere.com/343106

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