



Schedule of events: 2019 WCI Washington Meetings

(subject to change)

All events will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Tuesday, February 12

- 7:15 a.m. Plated Breakfast. *Please be Prompt. (Palm Court Ballroom)*
- WCI Advocacy Asks: Preparation for Capitol Hill visits (WCI members only), led by Chris Johnsen and John Doyle, Jones Walker**
- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits
- 5:15 -9:00 p.m. **WCI 18th Annual Leadership Service Award reception and dinner honoring Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)**
Introduced by Wade Beasley, Business Representative, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters
Reception 5:15 p.m. (Palm Court Ballroom); Dinner 7 p.m. (District Ballroom)
Presentation/Retiring of the Colors by the United States Army Military District of Washington Color Guard

Wednesday, February 13

- 7:30 a.m. Buffet breakfast (*Cabinet Room*)
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. **WCI Board of Directors Meeting (WCI members only)**
(Palm Court Ballroom)
- 10:00 a.m. **Address by Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Chairman, House Homeland Security Committee**
Introduced by Austin Golding, President, Golding Barge Company

12:00 p.m.



Keynote Luncheon Address by the Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture (*District Ballroom*)
Introduced by Rick Calhoun, WCI Chairman of the Board Emeritus

1:15-1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30-2:00 p.m.

Address by Sandor J. Toth, Publisher, River Transport News (*Palm Court Ballroom*)
Introduced by Deb Calhoun, Senior Vice President, WCI

2:00-2:45 p.m.

Address by Eddie Belk, Jr., Chief of Civil Works Programs Integration, Corps of Engineers
Introduced by Mike Toohey, President/CEO, WCI

2:45-3:15 p.m.

Address by Rep. James Comer (R-KY), Member, House Agriculture Committee
Introduced by Matt Ricketts, President/CEO, Crouse Corporation

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Congressional Professional Staff Panel

Brian Clifford - Deputy Staff Director – Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Ryan Seiger – Staff Director – House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Jen Armstrong – Professional Staff – Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Moderated by Tracy Zea, Vice President of Government Relations, WCI

4:30-5:00 p.m.

Address by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Ranking Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Introduced by Rob Innis, Director of Transportation, LaFarge Holcim

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

5:15 p.m.

WCI Closing Reception (*Chinese Room*)

Thursday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast (*Rhode Island Room*)

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon **National Waterways Foundation Meeting** (*Foundation Trustees, Invited Guests Only*) (*South Carolina Room*)