

National Waterways Conference
November 7-9, 2007
Mobile, AL

Final Program (10/12/07)

Conference Theme: “ **Waterways: Meeting Tomorrow’s Freight Needs**”

Wednesday, November 7

6-8 PM **Welcoming Reception**

Thursday, November 8

8:30 AM **Call To Order-** Mr. Scott Robinson, NWC Chairman
Welcome- The Honorable Sonny Callahan, Former U.S.
Congressman and Chairman of Energy and Water
Development Appropriations Subcommittee

8:45 AM **First Session-** Mr. Scott Robinson, Moderator
“The State of the Corps and Its Programs”

Mr. Steven L. Stockton, Deputy Director of Civil Works,
USACE, Washington, DC.

Mr. Gary Loew, Chief, Programs Integration Division,
USACE, Washington, DC.

Mr. James Walker, Chief, Navigation Branch,
Operations Division, USACE, Washington, DC.

9:30 AM **Spouses Breakfast and Program.**

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Second Session-** Mr. Fred Rickert, NWC Acting
President, Moderator

“More Effective Ways To Finance Development” Mr.
Norb Whitlock, Executive Vice President, American
Commercial Barge Lines, Jeffersonville, IN

“Water Transportation, The European Experience”

Mr. Brian E. Clark, Project Director, Mobile Container Terminal, APM Terminals International, Netherlands.

“ Modal Comparisons of Freight Transportation Effects on the General Public”

Mr. Jim Kruse, Director, Center for Ports and Waterways, Texas Transportation Institute, Houston, TX

12.00 PM **Luncheon-** Mr. Gary Lagrange, NWC Vice-Chairman, Presiding

Remarks: Mr. Neal Wade, Director, Alabama Development Office, Montgomery, AL

Entertainment: Honorable Clyde Ray Webber, Vidalia, LA

2:15 P.M. **Third Session-** Mr. Tim Parker, Chairman, Alabama State Port Authority and Member of The Inland Waterways Users Board

“Transportation, The Lure That Landed The Big Tuna”

Mr. Bob Hess, Consulting Partner, Engagement Manager, Cushman & Wakefield, Rosemont, IL.

Mr. Ernst Bernsdorf, Senior Vice President, ThyssenKrupp Stainless, Duisburg, Germany.

Mr. Kai Mahnke, Vice President, ThyssenKrupp Steel USA, Mobile, AL

3:15 PM **Break**

3:30 PM **Fourth Session-** Mr. Ron Coles, NWC Board Member, Moderator

“The Corps and Its Programs-2007...2027”

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) E.R. “Vald” Heiberg, Former Chief of Engineers and Consultant, Dawson and Associates, Washington, DC

4:00 P.M. **“Freight Transportation- A State’s and Riverport’s Perspectives”**

Mr. Butch Brown, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson, MS

Mr. Ken Canter, Executive Director, Paducah/McCracken County Riverport Authority, Paducah, KY

5:00 PM **NWC Membership Meeting**

7:00 PM **Reception and Dinner
“Mardi Gras Celebration-Mobile Style”**

Friday, November 9

7: 00 AM **NWC Board Meeting**

9:00 AM **Closing Session-** Mr. Scott Robinson, Presiding Announcements (Including newly elected Board Members and Officers)

Update: Ms Helen Brohl, Executive Director, Committee on Marine Transportation System, Washington, DC.

Report on Proposed FEMA Flood Plain Regulations:

Mr. Rob Rash, CEO, St. Francis Levee District. West Memphis, AR

Closing Keynote Speaker:

“ Freight Movement and Its Challenges”

Mr. Tony Furst, Director. Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, DC

10:15 AM **Adjournment**