



National Waterways Conference, Inc.
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**2009 Annual Meeting
Charleston, West Virginia
September 23-25, 2009**

**Trends in Water Resources:
Collaborative Solutions and the New Federalism**



The West Virginia Public Port Authority hosts this year's Annual Meeting in scenic Charleston, West Virginia, marking the first time in NWC's 49-year history that our Annual Meeting will be held in the Heart of Appalachia. The Kanawha River meanders through the valley and mountains surrounding the capital city. The river is the trademark of commercial and recreational activity, and barges can be seen transporting coal daily. Historically, the Ohio River and its tributaries -- Kanawha, Big Sandy, Little Kanawha and the Monongahela Rivers -- have been among the major waterways in the United States. This river system, instrumental in the economic and industrial development of West Virginia, the Ohio River Valley and the United States, is West Virginia's gateway to the global market.

This year's meeting -- "Trends in Water Resources: Collaborative Solutions and the New Federalism" -- will provide insight and analysis of the issues and challenges facing the water resources industry. Speakers include high-ranking government officials and business leaders who will discuss a range of topics critical to your success. Hear about the movement towards collaborative watershed planning; what the changes in the regulatory climate will mean for your business, including an overview of vessel general permit and emissions requirements; and an assessment of hot topics including possible changes to the Clean Water Act, alternative financing mechanisms for the inland waterways trust fund, and the impact of potential climate change legislation on the water resources community.

Register Now! Don't miss this informative and dynamic event!

ACCOMMODATIONS

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Charleston, this all-suite hotel is just 8 miles from Yeager Airport. Just pick up the courtesy phone in the airport terminal for free airport shuttle.

Book early to receive NWC's group rate of \$139.00. This special rate will expire on August 31, 2009, after which reservations will be based on regular rates, subject to availability. For reservations, contact the Embassy Suites at 304-347-8700 or online at: www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com. You must refer to code "NWC" to receive the special rate.

SPOUSE EVENTS



New this year, we are offering 2 options:

Option 1: A guided trolley tour through historic Charleston. Visit the Governor's Mansion, Craik-Patton House and the Capitol Building. Enjoy shopping, lunch and a wine tasting at Capitol Market.

Option 2: A golf outing at Little Creek Golf Course, followed by lunch at the Sand Trap restaurant. The challenging 6,096 yard layout winds over and around West Virginia's beautiful mountains, demanding a variety of shots and placing a premium on accuracy.

Thanks to the generosity of the Charleston Convention and Visitor's Bureau, there is no charge for this year's spouse events. However pre-registration is required. Please indicate which event you wish to attend on the registration form.

Tentative Schedule At A Glance:

Wednesday, September 23

2:00p.m. NWC Nominating Committee
2:30p.m. NWC Membership Committee
3:00p.m. NWC Legislative Policy Committee
2:30p.m. IRPT Board Meeting
4:00p.m. NWC Executive Committee
6:00p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 24

7:00a.m. Complimentary Embassy Suites Breakfast
7:30a.m. The Future of Inland Navigation, a recap of the Smart Rivers 2009 World Conference, Hosted by PIANC
9:00a.m. General Session begins
8:00a.m./9:30a.m. Spouse Events
10:15a.m. Beverage Break
10:30a.m. 2nd Session
12:00p.m. Keynote Speaker Lunch
1:45p.m. 3rd Session
3:15p.m. Break
3:30p.m. 4th Session
4:30p.m. NWC Membership Meeting
6:30p.m. Cocktail Reception / Dinner at the Clay Center (Trolley Shuttle Provided)

Friday, September 25

7:00a.m. Complimentary Embassy Suites Breakfast
7:30a.m. NWC Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting
9:00a.m. 5th Session
11:00a.m. Wrap up and Adjourn
2:00p.m. Possible Optional Golf Tournament