The National Waterways Conference, established in 1960, is the only national organization to advocate for Congressional authorizations, funding and common sense policies and laws that recognize the widespread public benefits of our nation’s critical water resources infrastructure. Membership includes waterways shippers and carriers, flood control associations, levee boards, port authorities, industry and regional associations, dredging contractors, water supply districts, hydropower producers, engineering consultants, state and local governments, and former Congressional and administration officials. By fairly representing the multiple users of water resources infrastructure, NWC has earned the respect and credibility of decision-makers in Congress and the Administration.

Policy Focus – NWC engages federal policy makers on numerous key issues, including:

- **Water Resources Development Acts**
  - Participating in hearings and roundtable policy discussions held by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to review priorities for consideration in water resources legislation.
  - Drafting legislative proposals to streamline the Corps of Engineers’ policies and making the project delivery process more efficient and effective.
  - Hosting “WRDA 101” educational policy briefings for Congressional staff to discuss legislative action and policy priorities.

- **Congressional Appropriations**
  - Advocating for increased funding for all Corps of Engineers’ programs, an approach that does not pit the various infrastructure beneficiaries against each other, as well as other Federal grant programs that are integral to the infrastructure needs of states and communities.

- **Infrastructure Legislation**
  - Advising various Congressional committees on how to better address water-related infrastructure priorities within their respective infrastructure authorizing legislation, including reviewing and drafting legislative proposals.

- **Executive Branch initiatives and proceedings**
  - Engaging Executive Branch officials on initiatives and proceedings, including WRDA/WRRDA implementation guidance; USACE policy and procedural guidance to alter civil works projects pursuant to Section 408; the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard; the Principles, Requirements and Guidelines; the Waters of the U.S. rulemaking; and water supply and reallocation policies.

**Partnerships and Collaboration** – NWC is very active in engaging its members as well as other organizations

- **NWC hosts a spring Legislative Summit and Congressional Reception in Washington D.C., and a fall Annual Meeting focusing on current Federal and Congressional infrastructure initiatives, including high-ranking guest speakers from the Executive Branch and Members of Congress.**
- **NWC-USACE Partnership Agreement** – periodic meetings with small groups of members to hold candid and robust discussions on various policy issues.
- **Waterways Alliance** – NWC holds monthly meetings in Washington D.C. with other infrastructure interests to discuss issues of mutual concern and forge productive relationships, along with guest speakers from federal agencies and Congressional committees.

**Membership** – NWC’s reach and scope provides a comprehensive approach to Federal government relations and advocacy

- **NWC is the leading voice in water resources and associated infrastructure policy and advocacy, providing each member an opportunity to participate on the Board of Directors, but most importantly, allowing members access to industry and policy experts who have helped write our nation’s water and transportation policy over the last two decades.**
- **Quarterly newsletters provide a comprehensive review and analysis of water resources policy developments.**
- **Timely news alerts on important issues and an informative and up-to-date website.**