National Waterways Conference, Inc.
2019 Annual Meeting
The Peabody Memphis
September 17-19, 2019

‘History and Soul’

Tuesday, September 17

2:00pm – 5:00pm – Registration – Peabody Grand Ballroom West Foyer

1:00pm – 3:00pm – IRPT Lower Mississippi Basin Meeting – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D

2:00pm – 2:30pm – NWC Nominating Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C
2:30pm – 3:00pm – NWC Membership Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C
3:00pm – 4:00pm – NWC Legislative Policy Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C
4:00pm – 5:00pm – NWC Executive Committee – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

5:30pm – 7:00pm – Welcome Reception – Peabody Rooftop & Skyway
   Welcome remarks from The Honorable Jim Strickland, Mayor of the City of Memphis

Wednesday, September 18

7:30am – Buffet Breakfast – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D&E

9:00am – Opening Session – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon A&B
   Welcome – Mr. Randy Richardson, Executive Director, Port of Memphis, and Chairman, National Waterways Conference, Inc.

Speaker gifts: While we are very appreciative of the generosity of our speakers in giving their valuable time to us, in lieu of speaker gifts, we have made a donation to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital to help end childhood cancer.

Opening Speaker:
The Honorable R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

Update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Headquarters
   • Edward Belk, Chief, Programs Integration Division
   • Thomas P. Smith, Chief, Operations and Regulatory

9:00am – Spouse Event – Meet in Lobby in front of Capriccio’s Grill
   **Space is limited! Pre-registration is required**

10:15am -10:30am – Beverage Break – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon E&F
10:30am – 12:00pm – Session Two – Regional Spotlight

- COL Zach Miller, Memphis District Commander
- COL Rob Hilliard, Vicksburg District Commander
- COL Stephen Murphy, New Orleans District Commander
- Edward H. Grimm III, President and CEO, Southern Towing Company
- Stephen Gambrell, Executive Director, Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association

12:00pm - 1:30pm – Luncheon - Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

Luncheon Speaker: LTG Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1:45pm – 4:00pm – Session Three – Current and Emerging Water Resources Issues

- Elliott Bouillion, President and CEO, RES (Resource Environmental Solutions)
- Ken Eriksen, Senior Vice President, Informa Economics
- Thomas Kula, Executive Director, North Texas Municipal Water District

4:00pm – 5:00pm - NWC General Membership Meeting

6:30pm – A one-of-a-kind Memphis experience at the World Famous Charlie Vergos Rendezvous, with entertainment provided by the soulful sounds of Chris Gales, a guitarist, singer and songwriter straight from the legendary Beale Street.

Thursday, September 19

7:30am - NWC Board of Directors – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon C

7:30am – Buffet Breakfast – Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon D&E

9:00am – 12:00pm Closing Session - Peabody Grand Ballroom Salon A&B

Introduction of new Officers and Directors

Panel: A Comprehensive Approach to Yield Multiple Benefits

- Rick Johnson, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
- Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA)
- Dustin Boatwright, Chief Engineer and Executive Vice President, Little River Drainage District
- Michael D. Klingner, PE, Chairman, Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Association (UMIMRA)

The Capitol Outlook from federal and state partners
• Gene Higginbotham, Projects Director, Senator John Boozman (Arkansas)
• Jay Sherrod, Projects Director, Rep. Rick Crawford (Arkansas)
• Jeff Parrish, State Counsel and Field Director, Senator Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee)
• Jeremy Jordan, Constituent Services Representative, Rep. Steve Cohen (Tennessee)
• Dan Pallme, Tennessee Department of Transportation

12:00pm – Adjourn