



CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY: April 22, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Move-In
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. IRPT Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. IRPT Board Meeting

- 5:15 p.m.** Bus pick up at Hotel
5:15 p.m. Bus pick up at Convention Center
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception:
Port of Greater Baton Rouge
2425 Ernest Wilson Drive
Port Allen, LA 70767



TUESDAY: April 23, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AASHTO Council on Water Transportation Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibition Hall opens
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Port Professionals Meeting: Updating O & D's for Tonnage Sake**
Defining Port Boundaries
Defining USACE Project Boundaries
Plan to Update Dock Ownership/Leases
Mark Pointon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute of Water Resources
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **General Membership Meeting & Basin Breakout Sessions (open to all)**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Kickoff Luncheon & Welcome**
Moderator: Cindy Cutrera, IRPT President
Jay Hardman, Port of Greater Baton Rouge
Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, City of Baton Rouge
The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana
U.S. Representative Garret Graves (R-LA)
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Inland Port/Terminal Grant Program**
Introduction: William "Bill" Miller, Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority
Efforts and Path Forward: Aimee Andres, Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **All about Infrastructure**
Priorities to Rebuild: *Durund Elzey, U.S. Corps Infrastructure Team*
408 Permitting: *Durund Elzey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District*
From the Users Board: *Marty Hettel, Inland Waterways Users Board*

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Networking Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Innovative Technology to Increase Efficiencies**

5:15 p.m. **Bus pick up at Convention Center**
5:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. BBQ Reception at SEARCOR AMH



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WEDNESDAY: April 24, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Federal Programs and Benefits (funding and assistance)**
James Murphy, Maritime Administration
John Henry Jackson, Department of Commerce, New Orleans

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **FBI: Infrastructure Security**
FBI Special Agent Matthew Tarabour, Federal Bureau of Investigations

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. **Regulatory Changes, Decisions and Rulemaking**
Captain Tracy Phillips, U.S. Coast Guard New Orleans District

11:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Institute of Water Resources: Memorandum and more**
Mark Pointon, Institute of Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Keynote Luncheon**
Dr. Norma Jean Mattei, Mississippi River Commission

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Market Needs (Challenges and Opportunities)/Commodities Discussion**
Agriculture/Forestry: *Rene Simon, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry*
Chemical and Steel: *Bruce Lambert, Metro Analytics*
Energy: *Tyler Gray, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Anticipated Growth of Cruise Industry**
Industry Outlook and Attracting Lines: *Gary Frommelt, American Queen Steamboat Company*
Port Priorities and Infrastructure needs (docking/services): *Captain Jeff Monroe, HDR, Inc.*

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Reception at Jolie Pearl Oyster Bar





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THURSDAY: April 25, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Case Study: Port of Greater Baton Rouge**
Challenges and Opportunities: *Jay Hardman, Port of Greater Baton Rouge*
Business Development: *Greg Johnson, Port of Greater Baton Rouge*

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Member Team Building Offers Benefits to Shippers**
IRPT Teams: Anthony Gex, Consolidated Terminals and Logistics

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Spotlight on Inland Ports (Capabilities and Connectivity)**
Mandi Brink, Missouri Port Authority Association
Brian Wright, Kentucky Riverport Association

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Using Foreign Trade and Opportunity Zones**
Erik Autor, National Association of Foreign Trade Zones
James Chappell, Louisiana Economic Development

End of Conference and Exhibitor Breakdown

