

**NACD 2008 BOARD MEETING AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON COURT HOTEL
525 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW**

*Registration Badge Required for All Events
Meetings in the Ballroom unless otherwise noted*

Saturday, July 19, 2008

- 1:00 – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION
Ballroom Foyer
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM NACD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 4:15 – 6:30 PM NACD REGION MEETINGS

Sunday July 20, 2008

- 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION
Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM NACD FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 1:00 – 5:30 PM NACD BOARD MEETING
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM CONFERENCE KICKOFF RECEPTION
Atrium Ballroom

Monday, July 21, 2008

- 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION
Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Ballroom Foyer
- 8:30 AM WELCOME TO THE NACD LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
NACD President John Redding
- 8:40 AM WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN INTO?
NACD Director of Legislative Affairs Keira Franz
- 9:00 AM WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTION
Gary Mast, USDA Deputy Undersecretary
- 9:15 AM USDA PERSPECTIVE
Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer
*Meet the 29th Secretary of Agriculture, sworn into office
earlier this year. Secretary Schafer will oversee the
implementation of all elements of the farm bill, and direct the
Department for the remainder of the Bush Administration.*

- 9:30 AM PARTNERING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE
Dale Hall, Fish and Wildlife Service Director
NACD has a longstanding partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Many of you are familiar with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, but there are several areas where Districts and U.S. FWS can work together.
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE
Hear from key Congressional staff that works on annual appropriations bills in NACD priority areas. Learn the ins and outs of the appropriation process, and the best time to make contacts.
- 11:00 AM FOLLOW THE MONEY – WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CONGRESS PASSES THE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS?
Dana York, NRCS Associate Chief
Sally Collins, FS Associate Chief
Jane Hardisty, NRCS State Conservationist, Indiana
NACD key federal partners talk about the process after the appropriations bills are signed. How is funding allocated to state and local offices? Why is there such a delay and how are the programs that you help to implement or utilize affected? Understanding this funding process will help you, your state, and your district plan.
- Noon – 1:30 LUNCHEON
NACD has partnered with the Smithsonian Institute’s Soil Exhibit on Stewardship Education materials. The Exhibit opens this week and Smithsonian representatives will be on hand to tell you about the exhibit and prepare you for your tours this week.
- 2:00 PM WHAD’ YA KNOW?
- 2:10 PM WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CRP?
FSA Conservation & Environmental Protection Division Director Bob Stephenson
Director Stephenson explains the changes in the Conservation Reserve Program resulting from the 2008 Farm Bill. What enrollments continue and what is the future of the program? What additional options are available to landowners through other FSA programs?
- 2:30 PM OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE DEBATE
Debbie Reed, DRD Associates
International negotiations, voluntary carbon banking, cap &

trade, federal regulations, renewable fuels and legislative activity. Global Climate Change is at the forefront of all environmental discussions, and hot topic on the 2008 Presidential campaign trail. Where do districts fit in and what does all this mean for your local community?

- 3:15 PM PRODUCING ENERGY
Bob Young, Chief Economist, American Farm Bureau Federation
How does conservation fit into the growing production of biofuels? What are the impacts of changing cropping patterns, new crop acreage, water use for crop production and processing? Where can Districts target outreach efforts and which areas of the country will feel the greatest long-term impact of the growing biofuels market?
- 3:30 PM ARE YOU READY FOR THE HILL?
 NACD Legislative Staff
- 4:00 PM End Speaker program
- 4:30 – 7:30 PM WAR AND REMEMBRANCE TOUR*
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM GUIDED TOUR OF THE SMITHSONIAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
 SOILS EXHIBIT**
- 6:00 PM Dinner on your own
- Tuesday, July 22**
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM DID YOU FORGET ANYTHING?
 Hotel Lobby
Pick up extra copies of handouts if necessary. Staff on hand to answer last minute questions
- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Congressional Visits
Please take this opportunity to meet with your local Representatives and Senators on the work of your district, your state and NACD.
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM GUIDED TOUR OF THE SMITHSONIAN NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
 SOILS EXHIBIT**
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM NACD Open House
 509 Capitol Court, NE
Plan to stop by to tour the office and rest during your day of hill visits. Our office will be open for visitors until staff needs to head to the Hill to set up for our evening reception

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Congressional Reception

Historic Mansfield Room, 2nd floor of the Capitol Building

Finish up your day of visits to Capitol Hill with light refreshments at NACD's 2nd Annual Congressional Reception.

*Tickets required. Not included in your registration. Planning underway, details to come.

** NACD is working with Smithsonian to arrange a guided tour(s) for Legislative Conference participants. Space is limited. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first served basis and will only be accepted through the conference registration form (available April 24 on NACD's website). Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the museum. The museum will be open to general visitors throughout the conference and participants are also welcome to visit on their own.