



NACD North Central Region Board of Directors Meeting

January 5 – 6, 2023 • Minneapolis, MN

The NACD North Central Region Board of Directors will be holding their winter meeting in Minneapolis, MN January 5 – 6 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington-Minneapolis South.

Attendees

All conservation partners are invited to attend the winter board meeting and will be sent formal notification/invitations. These groups include North Central NASCA Representatives, NRCS State Conservationists and Regional Conservationists, NCDEA Region Representative, EPA Region 5 and 7 Regional Ag Advisors, State Association Executive Directors, and NACD North Central Region Board Members and Alternates. We would welcome additional attendees – just be sure to notify [Beth Mason](#).

There will be no virtual option for attendees.

Location

DoubleTree Hotel, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439

Reservations: Hotel rooms can be reserved online at [this link](#). When you go online to book, please be sure to edit your stay to either January 4 – 6 or January 5 – 6. By default, it is set for both nights. We have added January 4 to accommodate those who need to come the night before.

If you need phone in your reservation instead, please contact:

Jennifer Jensen, Group Rooms Coordinator

Hotel (952) 835-7800 or Direct (952) 893-8498

Rooms will be available the night of January 4 and January 5 for a rate of \$109 per night + tax. The room rate will be extended for 3 days prior and 3 days after if you would like to extend your stay.

The room block expires December 21. At that time, the special rate or room availability can no longer be guaranteed, however, the hotel can still take reservations if the rooms are available.

Amenities:

- Free shuttle transportation to and from the Airport
- Complimentary Mall of America Coupon Book
- Complimentary wireless internet in all guest rooms
- Mini refrigerator and microwave in all guest rooms
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary internet in meeting space
- Chocolate Chip Cookies upon arrival

- Onsite Restaurant/Bar, Crescent Kitchen and Lounge
- Daily Brew featuring Starbucks coffee, snacks and hot/cold to-go items
- Pool and whirlpool
- 24-hour fitness center
- 24-hour business center
- Restaurants and night life within walking distance

The hotel requests you follow local guidance on any COVID restrictions.

Meeting Registration

There will be no registration fee for this meeting – as the North Central Region Board of Directors and State Associations are covering the cost through their annual collection of region dues. However, we will need the attached registration form filled out and returned to plan for catering and other logistics. You may also just email the information to beth-mason@nacdnet.org in lieu of the form.

Air Travel/Transportation

Attendees can fly into the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) and take the hotel shuttle. More information on regular pick-up times and locations will be provided.

Complimentary parking is available at the hotel.

For more information: please contact Beth Mason, NACD at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or (317) 946-4463 (office and cell).

Draft Agenda

The program agenda is still under development with some speaker confirmations needed. As the agenda develops, updates will be made.

Thursday, January 5

(All times are approximate.)

- 1:00 pm **Welcome/Introductions**
- 1:15 pm **Carbon Market and Conservation Districts, Q & A** – guest speaker (TBD)
- 2:00 pm **Carbon Market Panel** – each gives opening comments followed by Q&A
- Guest Speaker (TBD)
 - Producer (invited)
 - Soil Health – Jerry Miller, MI
 - NRCS (invited)
 - NACD Climate Action Task Force and Farm Bill Task Force Member – Ryan Britt, MO
- 3:00 pm **Break**
- 3:15 pm **2023 Farm Bill update** – Chris Young, NACD Director of Government Affairs (invited)
- Farm Bill Panel** – each gives opening comments followed by Q&A/discussion
- NACD – Chris Young (invited)
 - NRCS (invited)
 - NASCA (invited)
 - NCDEA (invited)
 - State Association Executive Director (invited)
- North Central Region Farm Bill Priorities Discussion**
Round Robin with state leaders, sharing their top 2 priorities for the next Farm Bill.
- 5:00 pm Approximate time to end
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Friday, January 6

(All times are approximate. This day's session is scheduled to end no later than 12:00 pm.)

- 7:30 am **Breakfast and networking**
Attendees enjoy a full, hot breakfast in the meeting room
- 8:00 am **NACD North Central Resolutions Discussion and Bylaw Amendment Discussion**
- 9:00 am **NRCS Region Conservationist update** (invited)
- 9:30 am **EPA Ag Advisor update** (Region 5 and 7 invited)
- 10:00 am **NASCA update** (invited)
- 10:15 am **NCDEA update** (invited)

- 10:30 am **ACED update** (invited)
- 10:45 am **Approval of Minutes**
- 10:50 am **Region Account Update**
- 10:55 am **Region MOA Discussion**
- 11:10 am **Elections**
- Region Chair
 - Region Vice Chair
- 11:30 am Approximate time to end

(Because many items require discussion, times may vary, and we schedule this meeting to end no later than 12:00 pm)

Registration (Due December 5)

You may send in this information in the text of an email to beth-mason@nacdn.net if that works better for you.

Contact/Basic info

Name _____
Organization/ Agency _____
Title _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
E-mail _____ Cell # _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

By sending in your registration, you will:

- Reserve your seat at the meeting
- Receive all associated meeting materials
- Receive a full, hot breakfast on Friday, January 6.
- Be notified if there’s a weather emergency at the location (there’s always a chance in the winter!)

To register and for questions/more information, please contact Beth Mason, NACD at 317-946-4463 (cell/office) or beth-mason@nacdn.net.