

Frequently Asked Fly-In Questions

What are the Fly-In Trainings?

On Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 14 from 3:00 – 4:30PM ET NACD's Government Affairs Team will host Zoom trainings for all members to review NACD's priorities and share tips ahead of the 2024 Fly-In. Please see the agenda to RSVP for a training session. At the end of each training, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. A recording of the first Zoom training will be distributed to all members for those unable to attend either session.

How do I schedule meetings with my members of Congress?

Each congressional office posts a phone number and email address on their website that you can use to request a meeting with your representative on March 20. If you can't find this contact information, or if you have not received a response, please contact NACD's Government Affairs Team for assistance: chris-young@nacdn.net and connor-simons@nacdn.net. We encourage NACD members to coordinate with their state associations as they schedule meetings. Please use [this link](#) to RSVP for the Fly-In and share your scheduled meetings with NACD. This survey helps NACD track participation and support members.

Which members should I schedule meetings with?

Members of Congress are focused on meeting with their constituents. It is most important for you to schedule meetings with the representatives of your district or state, even if they aren't seated on committees that consider conservation policy. Members of the Agriculture and Appropriations committees are generally in a good position to influence NACD priorities, so we do encourage you to schedule meetings with your federal representatives seated on those committees. Visit your representative's website to see their committee assignments and learn more about their priorities.

What policies should I advocate for during the meeting? Which should I prioritize?

Prior to the Virtual Fly-In Trainings, NACD will post updated issue papers on our website. These issue papers outline NACD's policy priorities and will be reviewed during the

trainings. As Congress works to develop the farm bill, we encourage members to share their support for [NACD's Farm Bill Requests](#). A one-page summary of these requests will be provided for members ahead of the Fly-In. NACD members are also encouraged to raise any issues or policies that are important for their local districts, even if they aren't included in NACD materials.

What if the member isn't available and I'm offered a meeting with staff?

Although it is nice to meet and develop relationships with the members of Congress, it is equally important to meet with their staff who manage the relevant policy portfolio. Never turn down an opportunity to meet with congressional staff!

How do I get through security to enter the House and Senate office buildings? Do I need a staff escort?

[House and Senate office buildings](#) are open to the public and visitors do not require a staff escort to enter. You will be required to pass through security, which consists of walking through a metal detector. You will be required to remove belts, phones, and other metal objects and pass your bags through a scanner. [Please see this list of prohibited items.](#)

When should I fly into DC?

It is recommended that you arrive in DC the evening of Tuesday, March 19, because NACD's Breakfast Briefing begins at 7:00AM on Wednesday, March 20.

Where should I stay?

Members will book their own lodging, but we recommend selecting a hotel near to the Capitol Complex (near the Capitol building). [The Yotel](#), [Phoenix Park Hotel](#), and [Hyatt Regency Washington On Capitol Hill](#) are good options. There are several additional hotels nearby that have worked well for members in the past. If you need assistance securing a hotel room, please contact chris-young@nacdnet.org and connorsimons@nacdnet.org.

What should I wear?

Congress will be in session on March 20, so business attire is recommended.