



NPHA 2025

Annual Meeting

Agenda

April 28-30, 2025

MONDAY, APRIL 28

4:00 PM	<p>NPHA Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p><i>Location: NPHA Headquarters (2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 6000)</i></p> <p>The NPHA Board of Directors will meet to discuss Board business.</p> <p>This meeting is open to NPHA Board Members only.</p>
6:00 PM	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p><i>Location: H Bar, Hyatt House/The Wharf (725 Wharf Street, SW)</i></p> <p>We will kick off our Annual Meeting with a welcome reception at the Hyatt House/Wharf!</p> <p>All NPHA Members, meeting attendees, and guests are welcome.</p>

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 AM	<p>Registration and Breakfast for All Attendees</p> <p><i>Location: Hyatt House/The Wharf (725 Wharf Street, SW)</i></p>
	<p align="center">NPHA 2025 Annual Meeting – Member Session</p> <p align="center"><i>The Annual Meeting is open to all NPHA Members</i></p>
9:00 AM Potomac Room	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amy Kennedy, Co-Executive Director, A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (confirmed) • NPHA Member Introductions • Message on Antitrust
9:20 AM	<p>NPHA Annual Meeting Member Session Business Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Chairman’s Report

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott Socha, Group President, Parks and Resorts, Australia, Delaware North ● Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carol Metzler, Secretary/Treasurer, TRF Concession Specialists of FL, Inc./Gettysburg Tours ● Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mindy Meade Meyers, Executive Director, NPHA ● Election of Directors ● Election of Officers ● Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Priorities ○ Insurance ○ BLM Concessions Authority Update ● New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Readout of Concessions Reform Working Group Sessions ○ EXPLORE Act Implementation ○ Federal Contractor Minimum Wage Executive Order Revocation ● Adjournment of Annual Meeting Member Session
10:45 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 AM Potomac Room	New Supporting Member Highlight: EEC Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lanni Duong, Sr. Environmental Compliance Manager (confirmed) ● Mark Zeko, President (confirmed)
11:15 AM Potomac Room	Working with our Coalition Partners Representatives from key organizations and associations dedicated to promoting tourism, outdoor recreation, public lands access, and more will join NPHA to share their association priorities and discuss how all groups can work together to achieve progress on our mutual goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Darrell Henry, Executive Director, Western Caucus Foundation (confirmed) ● Jessica Turner, President, Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (confirmed) ● David Wetmore, Executive Director, Western States Tourism Policy Council (tentative)
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	New Supporting Member Highlight: Ape Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew Grant Bagg, Co-CEO / Founder, Ape Beverages (tentative)

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1:45 PM	Discussion on Concessioner Priorities for Statutory and Administrative Reform to Improve NPS Concessions NPHA Members will have the opportunity to meet with congressional staff on concessioner priorities for potential statutory reform to improve the National Park Service concessions program. We will also share with congressional staff additional ideas and priorities that could be achieved through administrative reform. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Gardner, Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Majority Staff) (confirmed)
2:45 PM	Coffee Break
3:00 PM Potomac Room	Legislative Update from Congressional Staff on Legislative Developments Impacting National Parks and Public Lands Key congressional staff from Capitol Hill will join us to discuss efforts that will support and promote our national parks in the 119th Congress, including updates on Committee priorities, the America the Beautiful Act, housing on public lands, appropriations for national parks, and more. NPHA's own Hannah Turner will also offer NPHA members an overview of the congressional Budget Reconciliation process and what it might mean for public lands. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Gardner, Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (Majority Staff) (confirmed)• Michelle Lane, Staff Director, U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations (Majority Staff) (tentative)• Joshua Sizemore, Senior Policy Advisor, Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) (tentative)• Hannah Turner, Policy Staff, NPHA (confirmed)
4:00 PM Potomac Room	Update on J1 Visa Employment Issues and Potential Impact to National Park Concessioners NPHA Members will hear updates on the state of play for the J1 Visa and BridgeUSA Programs, why these programs matter for national park concessioners and related industries, and how concessioners can support efforts to promote and secure these programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Byrd, Director of Risk & Regulatory Affairs, National Ski Areas Association (confirmed)• Mark Overmann, Executive Director, Alliance for International Exchange (confirmed)• Justin Sibley, CEO, POWDR (confirmed)• Tracy Taylor, International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (invited)

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5:00 PM	<p>Special Reception for All NPHA Members and Guests</p> <p>NPHA Members, meeting participants, and guests will gather for a dockside reception on board the Capital Elite, moored at the Transit Pier, 970 Wharf Street, NW.</p> <p>Special thank you to NPHA Member City Cruises for hosting!</p>
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

	<p>Meeting with Interior Department and NPS Staff</p> <p><i>Location: U.S. Department of the Interior, Rachel Carson Room (1849 C Street, NW—Please enter at the C Street entrance and proceed to security)</i></p> <p><i>Please arrive at 8:15 AM to allow sufficient time for security.</i></p>
8:30 AM	<p>Breakfast</p>
9:00 AM Rachel Carson Room	<p>Introduction to New Interior Department Leadership; Concessions Program Update from WASO</p> <p>National Park Service leadership will offer updates on agency priorities and the latest from the Washington office. Importantly, concessioners and NPS will discuss how we can continue to work together effectively on shared goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kurt Rausch, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service (confirmed) <p>During this session, we will be joined by new Interior Department staff from the Secretary's office and will have the opportunity to introduce NPHA and our priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danny Gustafson, Office Intergovernmental and External Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior (confirmed)• Ryan Hofmann, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Land Management (confirmed)• Tyler Kellogg, Special Advisor, Office of Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks (confirmed)• Deidre Kohlrus, Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior (confirmed)
11:00 AM	<p>Adjourn</p>