

Guest Speakers: continued

Andy Kitsinger

First and foremost, Mr. Kitsinger is a community builder. In his twenty years as an architect, urban design and city planner, he has focused on creating authentic places that are strongly influenced by their context. Past projects have included Memphis's AutoZone Park and the FedEx Forum.

Dr. Jeff Duncan

Dr. Duncan holds a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology, with an emphasis on environmental policy. He studies long-term trends in biodiversity, chiefly the homogenization of modern communities due to simultaneous invasions and extinctions.

Benny Lendermon

Mr. Lendermon is the founding president of the Riverfront Development Corporation in Memphis, a not-for-profit organization created to plan, develop and manage the five miles of waterfront at the city's front door. An environmental engineer by training, he is the former Director of Public Works for Memphis.

Donald C. McCrory

As the Executive Director of the Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission, Mr. McCrory oversees the industrial, economic and environmental development of the port. He is also the Tennessee State Vice President of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association.

Mark Norris

Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris represents Tennessee's "west coast" along the Mississippi River. As a farmer and one who represents a largely rural portion of West Tennessee, he is very mindful of conservation and environmental issues.

Semi-Annual Meeting Pricing:

Delegate Registration Fee:

\$150 on or prior to April 1
\$175 after April 1

Spouse Fee:

\$110 on or prior to April 1
\$130 after April 1

** April 1 cutoff for Early Bird pricing*

** Please note, all fees must be received prior to the 2009 MRPC Semi-Annual Meeting.*

Overnight Accommodations:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott

(In downtown Memphis)

21 North Main St.

Memphis, TN 38103

1-800-593-6415 • 1-901-522-2100

Lodging:

\$120/night (includes breakfast buffet)

** Please note: when making reservations, be sure to refer to the "Mississippi River Parkway Commission" meeting to receive group rate.*

** Reservations must be made by March 17, 2009.*

Memphis International Airport:

The following airlines service the Memphis International Airport:

AirTran

American Airlines

Continental Airlines

Delta Airlines

Northwest Airlines

United Airlines

There are numerous car rental companies on site at the Memphis International Airport.

*Taxi service is available from the airport to hotel.
\$10/day self parking at the hotel.*



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Semi-Annual Meeting

**Don't miss the
MRPC Semi-Annual Meeting
April 17-18, 2009
Memphis, TN**

Who Should Attend?

State commissioners, technical members, tourism professionals, Interpretive Center personnel, stakeholders, honorary members and anyone impacted by the river will want to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Memphis, Tennessee

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Mississippi River Parkway Commission Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 16

7–10pm HOSPITALITY ROOM

Friday, April 17

7am–5pm REGISTRATION

7:30–8:45am BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8–8:30am NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

9am SPOUSE TOUR

9am–Noon MORNING SESSION

Guest Speakers

“Restoration of Aquatic Habitat in the Lower Mississippi River, Leveed-Floodplain Ecosystem”
Dr. Ron Nassar, Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee

“Leaders in Wetland Conservation”

Dale Humburg, Ducks Unlimited

“The Mississippi River Network: Headwaters to the Gulf” Jennifer Browning, Biodiversity Group

Noon–1:15pm LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

“The Mississippi River’s Role in Tennessee History and Culture” Dr. Carroll Van West, Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University

1:30–3:30pm TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS

(Marketing, Transportation, Culture and Heritage, Environment, Recreation and Agriculture)

4–10pm MUD ISLAND RIVER PARK TOUR & DINNER

Take monorail to Mud Island River Park to tour the Mississippi River Museum. We’ll tour the half-mile River Walk, a five-block replica of the lower Mississippi River, from Cairo, IL to the Gulf of Mexico. Reception, dinner and entertainment to follow.

Saturday, April 18

7:30–8:30am STATE COMMISSION MEETINGS

8:30am SPOUSE TOUR

8:30am–Noon GENERAL SESSION AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS

Guest Speakers

“Wolf River Revitalization” Andy Kitsinger, Center City Commission

“Blueways on the Mississippi River” Dr. Jeff Duncan, National Park Service

(Marketing, Transportation, Culture and Heritage, Environment, Recreation and Agriculture)

Noon–1:15pm LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

“Politics on the Parkway” Senator Mark Norris

1:30–3:30pm GENERAL SESSION

Guest Speakers

“Beale Street Landing – Unique Design, Unprecedented Access” Benny Lendermon, Riverfront Development Corp.

“The Port of Memphis on the Mississippi River Transportation System” Donald C. McCrory, Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission

3:45pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Guest Speakers:

Dr. Ron Nassar

Dr. Nassar has been the Project Leader of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lower Mississippi River Fisheries Coordination Office in Vicksburg, MS, since 1994. He also leads a coalition of 12 natural resource management and environmental quality agencies in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

Dale Humburg

Mr. Humburg serves as the Chief Biologist at the National Headquarters of Ducks Unlimited in Memphis. His experience includes semi-permanent marsh management, invertebrate dynamics, willow wetlands, Canada goose wintering ecology, evaluation of waterfowl hunting programs and a number of studies following the 1993 flood of the Missouri River.

Jennifer Browning

Ms. Browning is the Executive Director of the Biodiversity Project, a non-profit organization that researches, develops and implements communications strategies that generate necessary awareness and support to protect biodiversity. The organization is focusing its expertise and energies on the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Dr. Carroll Van West

Dr. Van West is the Director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. He directs the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage area and serves as the Senior Editor of the Tennessee Historical Quarterly and Editor-in-Chief of The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture. He has been with the center since 1985.



Registration Form (Please print)

To register for the 2009 MRPC Semi-Annual meeting, please complete the form below and mail it with your registration fee by April 1, 2009.

Delegate Registration: \$150 on or prior to April 1 \$175 after April 1

Spouse Registration: \$110 on or prior to April 1 \$130 after April 1

Check here if your state commission will be paying your registration fee

Full name (As it should appear on name tag): _____

Spouse/Guest name (As it should appear on name tag): _____

Which State Commission do you represent? (Circle one)

AR IL IA KY LA MN MS MO TN WI

Are you a first time attendee? Yes No

Will you attend the 8-8:30am New Member Orientation on April 17? Yes No

Non-MRPC Delegates, please indicate Organization Name: _____

What technical committee do you currently serve?

Marketing Culture & Heritage

Transportation Environmental, Recreation and Agriculture

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Our preferred method to send registration confirmations is e-mail—please include your e-mail address.

Emergency contact: _____

Phone: _____

Please list any pre-existing medical conditions that might require special attention:

_____ What meal functions will you be attending? (Mark "1" for yourself or "2" for both you and spouse)

_____ Friday Lunch _____ Friday Dinner _____ Saturday Lunch

Please check here if you prefer a vegetarian meal.

All spouses or guest participating in meals or social functions must register.

Please make checks payable to: **"Mississippi River Parkway Commission."**

Mail to: Mississippi River Parkway Commission, 222 State Street, Suite 400, Madison, WI 53703

Questions? Call the National Office at (866) 763-8310 or (608) 268-0902



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Delegate Fee includes:

- All meeting sessions
- Lunch on Friday and Saturday
- Dinner on Friday
- Reception and museum fees on Friday
- Hospitality room Thursday night

*** Please note, if you plan to attend meeting sessions, please register as a delegate, even if spouse is also a delegate.**

Spouse Fee:

\$110 on or prior to April 1

\$130 after April 1

Spouse Fee includes:

- Same as delegate except no speaker or technical committee sessions
- All spouses or guests participating in meals or social functions must register.
- All spouses or guests can participate in a tour of the downtown Memphis Riverfront loop that includes a trolley car and walking.

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made on or prior to April 1 will receive a full registration fee refund. Cancellations made after April 1 will not be eligible for a refund.