



## MRPC 2014 Semi-Annual Meeting

April 23-25 | Alton, IL

All meeting sessions will take place on the Lewis and Clark Community College Godfrey campus, which is also home to some of the attractions we'll visit during the conference.

Register online:

<http://mrpcmembers.com/>

Registration for both Delegates and Spouses includes:

- Wednesday evening welcome reception
- Lunch, dinner, attractions and transportation on Thursday
- Lunch on Friday
- The daily breakfast is included in the hotel room rate

Hotel reservations must be made by March 31. You can contact the Holiday Inn at 618-462-1220. Please mention "MRP" when making reservation to receive the event rate of \$94/night plus tax per room.



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### Wednesday, April 23

#### Board Meeting

4pm

#### Welcome reception

6:30-8:30pm

At the Jerry F. Costello Confluence Field Station. The station overlooks the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and offers a green-certified rooftop deck — an excellent place to spot bald eagles.

### Thursday, April 24

#### Morning Session Topics

Begins at 9am

- Review of MRPC strategic plan
- Current technical committee work plans
- Presentations and discussions focused on the Mississippi River Connections Collaborative project - The Mississippi River Sustainable Destinations Initiative (introductions, updates and next steps).

#### Afternoon and Evening Session: Field education, tours and meals

Return at 8:30pm

- Melvin Price Locks and Dam  
*Tour the first replacement structure on the nine-foot navigation project.*
- The National Great Rivers Museum  
*See 20 interactive displays focusing on the life of the Mississippi River.*
- Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower  
*Gaze out at the rivers from this 180-foot tower.*
- Audubon Center and Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary  
*Important refuge for bald eagles and a wide variety of waterfowl.*
- Lewis and Clark State Historic Site  
*Visit the site where Lewis and Clark spent five months preparing for the expedition; the collection includes a 55-foot scale cutaway keelboat.*

### Friday, April 25

#### Morning Session: Technical Committee sessions

Begins at 9am

- Transportation
- Culture and Heritage
- Marketing and Environment
- Recreation & Agriculture

#### Afternoon Session

Concludes at 4pm

- Speaker  
*Ruth Nelson talks about her book Searching for Marquette in which she follows Marquette's journey through monuments and artwork across the Great Lakes Region, down the Mississippi and back.*
- Illinois Great River Road
- Partnership Discussions with state and federal agencies