



# Mississippi River Parkway Commission Semi-Annual Meeting Clarksdale, MS | April 2-4, 2019



Delta Blues Museum

## Join us in Clarksdale!

The 2019 MRPC Semi-Annual Meeting will be held April 2-4 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, “the home of the blues.” Clarksdale is steeped in Delta history and culture—in fact, more blues musicians come from Clarksdale and the surrounding region than any other place on earth. Home to the famous Devil’s Crossroads at the intersection of Highways 49 and 61, Clarksdale offers a unique mix of music history, Southern hospitality and one-of-a-kind lodging properties, restaurants and shops.

We’ve got a full meeting schedule that includes important agenda items as well as a chance to get out and explore Mississippi’s iconic Delta region. Make plans to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting—register today!



The Shack Up Inn

Photo by Austin Britt



Tunica RiverPark & Museum



GRAMMY Museum Mississippi

## Registration

### Delegates (all sessions & meals included):

- Early bird (before March 10): \$150
- After March 10: \$170

### Spouse/Guest of Delegate:

- Early bird (before March 10): \$125
- After March 10: \$145

### One-day Registration (one day of sessions and meals included):

- \$80

Register at [mrpcmembers.com](http://mrpcmembers.com)

## Hotel Reservations

### The Shack Up Inn 001 Commissary Circle Road Clarksdale, MS 38614

The Shack Up Inn is a unique lodging property on the grounds of the former Hopson Plantation. The property has 27 shacks, 5 Grain Bins, 10 Cotton Gin Hotel Rooms, 2 Cotton Gin Suites, and 2 large houses. Each shack is decorated with charm but no frills.

Call **662-624-8329** between 8am and 8pm to make your reservations. Be sure to ask for the **Great River Road** block.

Rates may vary, and the room block expires **March 10**.





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### Agenda (Subject to change)

#### Tuesday, April 2

- 3:00-5:00pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30-8:00pm **Welcome Reception and Registration**  
Join us for light hors d'oeuvres, music and drinks.

#### Wednesday, April 3

- 7:00-8:00am **Registration**
- 8:00-8:30am **New Member Orientation**
- 8:00-8:30am **Committee Chairs Meeting**
- 8:30-9:00am **General Session Welcome**
- 9:00am-2:00pm **Mobile Sessions**
- Tunica RiverPark & Museum
  - Delta Blues Museum
- Additionally, we'll hear from speakers as we travel by way of the levee and return on the Great River Road.
- 2:30-4:30pm **Technical Committee Sessions**
- 6:00-8:00pm **Dinner at Rest Haven Restaurant**

#### Thursday, April 4

- 8:30am-noon **General Session**
- Mississippi Tourism
  - State Reports
  - MRCC
  - Relay of Voices
  - National Office Updates
- Noon-1:00pm **Catered BBQ Lunch**
- 1:00-5:00pm **Closing Mobile Session (choose one)**
- Quapaw Canoe Company paddling trip on the Mississippi River\*
  - GRAMMY Museum Mississippi and pottery studio tour of Cleveland

*\*Minimum number of participants required.  
Additional fees may apply.*

#### Air Service

Clarksdale is a 75-mile drive from **Memphis International Airport (MEM)**.

#### Clarksdale Mobile Sessions

We will learn about how Clarksdale's history and culture have been shaped by the Mississippi River and the area's rich musical heritage.

**Tunica RiverPark & Museum:** Located on the banks of the Mississippi, this park and museum offers interactive attractions and seasonal exhibits about the river and Delta culture.

**Delta Blues Museum:** Now celebrating its 40th year, this museum shares the stories of Mississippi's iconic blues musicians.

**Quapaw Canoe Company paddling trip:** Get a new perspective on the Mississippi River as you explore its famous waters from a canoe.

**GRAMMY Museum Mississippi:** Discover the stories of world-famous musicians from the Delta and beyond at this cutting-edge museum that opened in 2016.

**Cleveland pottery tour:** Visit the studios in and around Cleveland and meet the artisans who craft these unique pieces.

#### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made on or prior to **Sunday, March 10**, will receive a full registration fee refund minus a \$20 processing fee.

Cancellations made after Sunday, March 10, will **not** be eligible for a refund.

