



## Eastern Chapter Annual Meeting

October 28 & 29, 2015

Le Meridien Hotel

Philadelphia, PA

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### Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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6:30-8:00 pm	Networking Reception	Abele Library (at Le Meridien)
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### Thursday, October 29, 2015

*Salon I*

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7:00-8:00 am	Registration	Salon II ~ <i>Continental Breakfast</i>
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8:00 am	Welcome Remarks	Michael Gerhardt – President, WEDA Eastern Chapter Dr. Ram Mohan – President, WEDA LTC Michael A. Bliss – Commander, USACE Philadelphia District
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8:30 am	USACE Navigation Update	Jeff McKee – Chief of Navigation, USACE HQ
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9:00 am	Dredging Issues – U.S. Ports Perspective	Jim Walker – Director of Navigation Policy & Legislation, American Association of Port Authorities
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9:30 am	Benefits of Dredging for Delaware River Regional Ports: Commerce/Safety/Security	Dennis Rochford – President, The Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River & Bay
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10:00 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
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10:30 am	The New Relationship with Cuba...Challenges and Opportunities...Does It Include Infrastructure Development?	John S. Kavulich II - President, U.S. – Cuba Trade & Economic Council
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11:00 am	Economic Overview of Port Competitiveness & Infrastructure in the Caribbean	Ernesto Fernandez Monge – Senior International Trade Consultant, Inter-American Committee on Ports of the Organization of American States
11:30 am	Suez & Panama Canals Expansion: Impacts & Opportunities on the U.S. East Coast	John Vickerman – President, Vickerman & Associates
12:30 pm	<i>Lunch on Own</i>	
1:30 pm	ASBPA – Broadening Our Coast & Perspective	Derek Brockbank – Executive Director, American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA)
2:00 pm	Minimizing the Safety Risks Presented by Munitions of Explosive Concern on Dredging Projects	Clint Henker – Ordnance & Explosive Safety Specialist & Program Manager, USACE HQ Henry Schorr – VP of Hopper Dredging, Manson Construction Co.
2:30 pm	Marine Geophysical Methods – What Can & Cannot be Done to Identify Hazards to Dredging & Marine Construction Projects	Todd Mitchell – Remote Sensing Manager, Fugro
3:00 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
3:30 pm	Public/Private Collaboration on Infrastructure Development - Alternative Financing Models & Strategies (P3/P4)	Edward Hecker – Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for Water Resources, USACE
4:00 pm	Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge Restoration Project	Sterling Johnson – Strategic Planner, USACE Philadelphia District
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	

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