



2014 Western Dredging Association Eastern Chapter Annual Meeting

October 16, 2014

The Westin Peachtree Plaza

Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

6:30-8:00 pm	Networking Reception	The Sun Dial Restaurant (top floor of The Westin)
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Thursday, October 16, 2014

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7:00-8:00 am	Registration & Breakfast
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8:00 am	Welcome	Michael Gerhardt – President, WEDA Eastern Chapter Alvin Lee – SES, Programs Director, South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ram Mohan, PhD – President, WEDA
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8:30 am	Water Resources & Reform Development Act of 2014 & What's Next? USACE Perspective Ports Perspective	Jeff McKee – Navigation Program Manager, USACE HQ Jim Walker – Director of Navigation Policy & Legislation, American Association of Port Authorities
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9:30 am	Georgia Ports – A Southeast Perspective	Hope Moorer – General Manager, Navigation Programs, Georgia Ports Authority
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10:00 am	Break
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10:30 am	America's New Energy Future: Opportunities, Challenges & Impacts on Ports	Christopher Guith – Senior VP for Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21 st Century Energy
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11:00 am	Panama Canal Expansion & Future Port Development Plans	Rogelio Gordon – General Manager, Dredging Division, Panama Canal Authority
11:30 am	Port Development Projects & Dredging Opportunities in Mexico	Ing. Celso Morales Munoz– Deputy General Director of Operations, Maritime Works & Dredging Directorate, Ministry of Communications and Transportation (SCT), Mexico
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch on Own</i>	
1:30 pm	Update on Offshore Renewable Energy Activities in the Atlantic	Casey Reeves – Project Coordinator, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Department of the Interior
2:00 pm	Innovations in Safety Management Programs	Paul DiFrenna, CSP – Corporate Safety Director, Jay Cashman, Inc.
2:30 pm	Thimble Shoal Parallel Tunnel Project	Robert Johnson – Project Director, Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel
3:00 pm	How Will Updates to the Southeast Regional Implementation Manual Affect Dredging & Ocean Placement?	Christopher McArthur, P.E. – Environmental Engineer & Ocean Disposal Program Coordinator, Coastal & Ocean Protection Section, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV