

FAQ'S 2024 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVOCACY WEEK



WHERE WILL 2024 ADVOCACY WEEK TAKE PLACE?

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week is planned as an in-person event to take place March 4-7, 2024 in Washington, D.C. The main days of the event are planned for March 4th, 5th, & 6th, with the 7th envisioned to be utilized by attendees to plan extra congressional meetings, connect with colleagues, and experience DC on your own, as desired. We recommend you book return travel late in the evening of the 7th for the aforementioned reasons, and/or in the event additional programming is added to the schedule.

WILL THERE BE A VIRTUAL OPTION TO ATTEND?

The program will not be offered as a virtual experience.

HOW DOES REGISTRATION WORK?

- General Registration (early bird) rate of \$200 is offered through January 24th, thereafter it is \$215. Add-on events and receptions are offered at additional costs.
- A NCSHPO all-inclusive rate of \$425 is valid for staff of any State Historic Preservation Office.
- Registration closes Feb. 23rd. Register by this date to secure your spot for additional events and ensure you are connected with your state coordinator for congressional visits. On-site AW registration *may* be accepted during the event & would incur an additional \$25 fee per registration. However, add on events/receptions are dependent on capacity and availability and are not guaranteed. *For this reason, on site registration is highly discouraged.*

ARE ANY DISCOUNTED RATES OFFERED?

~~We make every effort to keep registration costs low and accessible to historic preservation advocates. Preservation Action is pleased to announce the Bruce MacDougal Advocacy Scholars Program inviting selected scholars to participate in National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week. The scholarship includes complimentary Advocacy Week registration and a stipend toward travel expenses. Eligible applicants are invited to apply. [Learn more/apply](#).~~

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH 2024 ADVOCACY WEEK ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

[Facebook 2024 Event](#) | [@PreservationAction](#) | [@NCSHPO](#)

Instagram: [Preservation Action](#)

Engage with us: [#preservationonthehill](#) | [#PresAdvocacy2024](#)

IS THERE A HOTEL ROOM BLOCK AVAILABLE?

EVENT ROOM BLOCKS ARE FULL (as of 2.12.2024)

To find appropriate lodging, we suggest you review the event locations provided on the preliminary schedule to assist you in choosing the most suitable location for lodging. Do not delay in booking accommodations, as March is an expensive time of year in DC, and we expect this week to be busier than average.



IS THERE AN OVERVIEW OF LOCATIONS FOR 2024 ADVOCACY WEEK?

Monday, March 4th | Board meetings by invitation

- (Day) Hall of States | 444 N. Capitol Street NW | Washington, DC 20001
- (Evening) NCSHPO Reception Clyde's, Gallery Place | Advocacy Scholars Reception TBD

Tuesday, March 5th | Main day of programming

- (Day) Miracle Theatre | 535 8th St SE, Washington, DC 20003
- (Evening) Crimson Whiskey Bar | 627 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Wednesday, March 6th | Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

- (Day) Various Congressional buildings within the Capitol Building Complex
- (Evening) Congressional Reception | House Office Building/Room TBD

Thursday, March 7th | Experience DC

- Use this day to plan extra congressional meetings as needed, connect with colleagues, and experience DC on your own, as desired. No formal programming currently scheduled. However, we suggest scheduling your return travel in the evening to reserve additional time for aforementioned activities or other programs that may be added to the schedule.

WHERE DO I EAT LUNCH ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH?

Lunch will be on your own. Since this year's schedule does not allow for formal state breakout sessions, we encourage you to dine with colleagues from your state to discuss your action plan for Congressional meetings the following day. You may wish to make restaurant reservations in advance to ensure your group can be accommodated between the 11:45-1:15 p.m. lunch time frame.

There are many dining options near the Miracle Theatre - explore the Barracks Row neighborhood and grab a bite to eat with colleagues at any place of your choosing. A list of local eateries can be found on the registration page under the 3/5 Lunch Options tab.

WHAT DO THE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS ENTAIL?

Registrants will be able to take part in congressional meetings on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, March 6th, 2023 (& Thursday March 7th). If your state has appointed a state coordinator, you can expect the coordinator to contact you about taking part in advocacy meetings. In some cases however, there may be a state without a coordinator. In that case, registrants are encouraged to schedule their own congressional meetings, with the assistance of Preservation Action and/or NCSHPO, as needed. Be sure to plan extra time for entering through security and limit what you take in to simplify the process. Remember to wear comfortable dress shoes and professional attire on Hill day.

State coordinators should specifically inquire about in-person meetings at the time of contact. Should you encounter your priority offices only offering virtual meetings, consider accepting those as your schedule permits, and join via phone or laptop from your hotel or other suitable location.

WHAT ARE MY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS?

Airport: The closest airport to downtown DC is Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). For additional flight options, you may want to check Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) or Baltimore Washington Airport (BWI) – though your travel time to downtown DC will increase with the latter two options.

Local transport: While in DC, travel options include the [DC Metrorail](#), Uber/Lyft, [Metrobus/DC Circulator bus](#), and [rentable bikes & scooters](#).

On Tuesday, March 5th



- Two rounds of shuttle bus transport from the Royal Sonesta to the Miracle Theater at 7:45am and again at 8:15am.
- Following Tuesday's sessions and optional tours, two rounds of shuttle bus transportation from the Miracle Theater to the evening reception (Crimson Whiskey Bar) at 4:45pm and 5:15pm.

**Shuttles may reach capacity & you may need to arrange alternate transportation to Miracle Theatre.*

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT THE WEATHER TO BE LIKE IN DC IN MARCH?

We wish we knew! This event takes place prior to the official start of Spring and it's a bit hit or miss weather-wise. We recommend being prepared with a winter coat and accessories, as well as layers that can be added or shed as needed.

Tours are expected to be held rain or shine, so plan accordingly. However, in the event of extreme weather, cancellation of tours may be necessary. An indoor presentation is offered in lieu of a walking tour this year.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT?

More information can be found on the [Preservation Action](#) website.

I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT ADVOCACY WEEK. WHO CAN HELP ME?

- SHPO office staff members should contact:
 - Registration: Sharon Smith, NCSHPO | smith@ncshpo.org
 - Event/Advocacy: Christina Hingle, NCSHPO | hingle@ncshpo.org
- All others should contact:
 - Rob Naylor, Preservation Action | rnaylor@preservationaction.org

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT SPONSORING ADVOCACY WEEK?

Emilie Evans, Preservation Action | eevans@preservationaction.org

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ADVOCACY WEEK?

All registrations are final and registration fees will not be refunded if you're unable to attend the conference in-person. Registrations cannot be deferred to future events.

Should circumstances require the cancellation of the in-person event by the event organizers for any reason, the event will shift to a virtual event. Should that happen, registrants will be refunded their registration (less \$100), which will cover your access to the virtual event. Full refunds will not be offered.

ARE THERE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE FOR THIS EVENT?

Event organizers retain the right to create and enforce any Covid-19 (or pandemic) protocols that may be deemed necessary at the time of the event. Including, but not limited to, enforcing mask, vaccination, or other requirements dictated by the host city, event venues, and/or deemed necessary to protect the health and safety of attendees.