

FAQs 2025 National Historic PRESERVATION ADVOCACY WEEK



WHERE WILL 2025 ADVOCACY WEEK TAKE PLACE?

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week is planned as an in-person event to take place March 3-6, 2025 in Washington, D.C. The main days of the event are planned for March 3rd, 4th, & 5th, with the 6th 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 6th for the aforementioned reasons, and/or in the event additional programming is added to the schedule.

Meetings on Monday, March 3rd will be located at the **Hall of States | 444 N. Capitol St. NW, Washington, DC 2001**. Educational sessions on Tuesday, March 4th will be held at the **First Congregational United Church of Christ | 945 G St NW, Washington, DC 20001**. Tours and receptions will be in various locales. Full event locations and room details are listed in 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 \$225 is offered through January 30th, thereafter it is \$250. Add-on events and receptions are offered at additional costs.
- A NCSHPO all-inclusive rate of \$475 is valid for staff of any State Historic Preservation Office (**however the lunch lecture on 3/4 requires an add-on of \$50 to attend & is space-limited**).
- Registration closes Feb. 21st. 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 2025 ADVOCACY WEEK ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Facebook: [@PreservationAction](#) | [@NCSHPO](#)

Instagram: [Preservation Action](#)

Linked-in: [Preservation Action](#) | [NCSHPO](#)

Engage with us: [#preservationonthehill](#) | [#PresAdvocacy2025](#)

IS THERE A HOTEL ROOM BLOCK AVAILABLE?

A *small* room block is available at the Royal Sonesta, Capitol Hill at the nightly rate of \$309. The room block is expected to fill in advance of the February 5th, 2025 booking deadline.

BOOK NOW online at [NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS](#) or by phone at 1-800-Sonesta (766-3782) and refer to the 24-0108 - NCSHPO or group code: G030225NCSH

Do not delay in booking accommodations, as March is a busy and expensive time of year in DC



IS THERE A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE 2025 ADVOCACY WEEK?

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

- Roundtable | **open only to NCSHPO members & invited guests**
- NCSHPO Annual Meeting | **open only to NCSHPO members & invited guests**
- NAPC Board Meeting | **open only to NAPC board members**
- ACRA Board Meeting | **open only to ACRA board members**
- PA Member Tour | **open only to PA members**
- PA Member Meeting | **All Welcome**
- Advocacy Scholars Happy Hour | **All Welcome**
- NCSHPO Reception | **open only to NCSHPO members & invited guests**
- PA PAC Reception | **open only to PA members**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

- Advocacy Week Programming | **included in General & NCSHPO All-Inclusive Registrations**
- Tour options (limited supply) | **included in General & NCSHPO All-Inclusive Registrations**
- Advocacy Week Reception | **add on to General Registration, included in NCSHPO All-Inclusive Registration**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

- Congressional meetings, arranged by your state coordinator | **included in General & NCSHPO All-inclusive Registrations**
- Congressional Reception & Capitol Building tour | **add-on to General Registration, included in NCSHPO All-Inclusive Registration**

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

- Additional Congressional meetings, meet w/colleagues, explore D.C. on your own

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR LUNCH ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH?

Lunch is from 12-1pm. Be back in the building by 1pm for state breakouts. There are two options for lunch:

- 1) Lunch on your own: There are many dining options within a 5-7 minute walk from the First Congregational UCC. Grab a bite to eat with colleagues at any place of your choosing.
- 2) Ticketed lunch: Remain in the building for a catered lunch and an exciting lunch speaker (TBA). Tickets: \$50 includes lunch, drink, and dessert (limited space). Reserve your spot during registration.

WHAT DO THE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS ENTAIL?

Registrants will be able to take part in congressional meetings on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 (& Thursday March 6th). 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 (DC). 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](#).

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.

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.