



2025 Annual NIWR Meeting
February 23-26, 2025

All events take place at 800 Maine Avenue, Southwest in Washington, D.C, penthouse floor, unless otherwise noted

SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

4:00 pm	Board Meeting	800 Maine Ave., Suite 800 Washington Conf. Room
6:00 pm	Board Meeting Adjourns	
6:30 pm	Dinner for Board Only	Kirwan's on the Wharf 749 Wharf Street NW

MONDAY, February 24, 2025

8:00 am	Registration Desk Open Coffee, beverages, and light snacks available	Penthouse lobby
	New Director's Coffee Host: NIWR President Gerald Kauffman (DE)	8 th Floor Washington Conf. Room
8:45 am	Welcome, Meeting Overview, and Introductions NIWR President-elect Yu-Feng Forrest Lin (IL)	
9:00 am	NIWR Update NIWR President Gerald Kauffman (DE)	
9:30 am	Legislative Updates and Guidance for Hill Visits Leslee Gilbert (Van Scoyoc Associates)	
10:00 am	Coffee Break	Penthouse Lobby
10:15 am	U.S. Geological Survey Update Water Resources Research Act Program: Christian Schmidt (Program Coordinator) National Water Availability Assessment: Robert (Bob) Joseph (Senior Advisor) Water Mission Area: William (Bill) Werkheiser (Associate Director)	
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own (Financial review meeting: Executive Committee and India Allen)	
1:30 pm	How to be a NIWR Center Director	
2:15 pm	How to be a NEW NIWR Center Director: The stories that you won't usually hear	
3:00 pm	Coffee Break	Penthouse Lobby
3:15 pm	Communications NIWR Staff Network	Jeff Peterson (MN) & Jennie Snyder (UCOWER) Amy Weckle (IL), Danielle Kalisek (TX)

	UCOWR Update Student Travel Scholarships	Jeff Peterson (MN) Karen Schlatter (CO), Michael Dietz (CT)
4:45 pm	Wrap-up and Adjourn	
6:00 pm	Evening Reception Hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided	800 Maine Ave. SW, 8 th Floor (202) 638-1950
7:30 pm	Reception Ends	

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025

8:00 am	Registration Desk Open Coffee, beverages, and light snacks available	Penthouse lobby
8:30 am	NIWR Development: Communication Jeff Peterson (MN) & Jennie Snyder (UCOWER)	
9:15 am	NIWR New Topics (<i>invitation in progress</i>)	
10:00 am	Coffee Break	Penthouse Lobby
10:15 am	<i>Representative or Senator to be invited (30min time slot needs to be flexible)</i>	
11:00 am	NIWR Discussion: Best Practices and Messaging for Capitol Hill Visit Linda Weavers (OH)	
11:45 am	NIWR Regional Meetings (Buffet lunch)	Penthouse Lobby
1:15 pm	Reports from Regional Meetings (NIWR Board)	
1:45 pm	Expanding Water Workforce and Dialogues: Examples from NIWR Institutes Karen Schlatter (CO) and Erik Porse (CA)	
2:30 pm	Federal and Foundation Funding Programs (<i>invitation in progress</i>) <i>Karl Rockne (NSF) and Rachel Dawson (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation)</i>	
3:30 pm	Coffee Break	Penthouse Lobby
3:45 pm	NIWR Business Meeting by Gerald Kauffman (DE)	
4:15 pm	NIWR Proposed Budget for 2025 by India Allen (VSC)	
4:45 pm	Annual Meeting Wrap-up and Adjourns	
5:30 pm	Board Meeting and Dinner	Washington Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025 **Capitol Hill Visits (Scheduled individually)**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Penthouse Floor Meeting room available for workspace or meetings
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