

OAB Visit to Washington, D.C. Feb. 27 - March 1, 2023 (rev. 2/16/23)

We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. for the NAB's State Leadership Conference (SLC) and our meetings on Capitol Hill. Here is some information that may be helpful to you in preparing for the trip. I will have packets for each of you on-site with copies of all these documents.

Locations

As previously noted, the NAB has moved SLC to Washington Nationals Ballpark, located about two blocks from the NAB's new building. Here is a [map with the following locations](#):

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| 1 | NAB Building | 1 M St., SE Washington, DC 20003 | Location for OAB issue briefing and board meeting on Mon. 2/27. |
| 2 | Washington Nationals Ballpark (Enter at center field gate at N and Half St.) | 1500 S Capitol St., SE Washington, DC 20003 | Location for State Leadership Conference (Champions Club) and SLC Congressional reception (PNC Club) on Tues. 2/28. |
| 3 | Residence Inn Navy Yard | 1233 First St., SE Washington, DC 20003 | OAB overnight room block. |
| 4 | Officina at The Wharf | 1120 Maine Ave., SW Washington, DC 20024 | Location for OAB dinner on Mon. 2/27. |
| 5 | Walter's Sports Bar & Restaurant – Navy Yard | 10 N St., SE Washington, DC 20002 | Location for OAB dinner after NAB reception on Tues. night. |

Overnight Accommodations

Our room block is at the Residence Inn Navy Yard, located at 1233 First St., S.E. Here is a [list of hotel confirmation numbers](#) at the Residence Inn. **Please take a quick moment to review your information to make sure I have your arrival and departure dates correct and let me know as soon as possible if I need to adjust your reservation.**

All reservations are set up to direct-bill room and tax charges to the OAB. Let me know if you have any problems with this upon check-in. Please note that you will be asked to provide a credit card for incidental expenses.

Schedule

Monday, Feb. 27 — will be our OAB briefing session and board meeting beginning at 3pm, followed by dinner for OAB participants at Officina at 6:30 p.m. **Please let me know if you do NOT plan to attend dinner on Monday evening.**

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| 2-5 p.m. | NAB State Leadership Conference Registration open <i>Conference materials can be picked up in the lobby of the NAB building, located at 1 M St., SE.</i> | NAB Building |
| 3-4 p.m. | OAB Issue Briefing <i>We will be meeting in the Gordon Smith conference room on the 8th floor</i> | NAB Building |
| 4-5 p.m. | OAB Board Meeting <i>Non-Board members do not need to stay for the board meeting.</i> | NAB Building |
| 6:30 p.m. | OAB Dinner <i>Officina is located at 1120 Maine Ave., SW in the Wharf area, about 1.5 miles from our hotel. We have a private room reserved on the third floor. No ties required! Please let me know if you're NOT planning to attend.</i> | Officina at The Wharf |

Tuesday, Feb. 28 — will be the NAB State Leadership Conference (SLC) from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Washington Nationals Ballpark, followed by the reception for all Members of Congress and their staff from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday evening. And, for anyone interested in dinner after the reception, I have a reservation at Walter's Sports Bar, which is across the street from Nationals Park – we'll just order off the menu. **So that I have a rough idea of our count, please let me know if you're planning to join us for dinner on Tuesday evening.**

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| 9-11 a.m. | NAB State Leadership Conference Registration open <i>Nationals Park is located at 1500 S Capitol, but you can enter at the center field gate at N and Half St.</i> | Champions Club Nationals Ballpark |
| 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | NAB State Leadership Conference <i>Agenda and other info is available on the SLC website.</i> | Champions Club Nationals Ballpark |
| 5 – 6 p.m. | NABPAC Reception | PNC Club Nationals Ballpark |
| 6 – 8 p.m. | NAB State Leadership Reception <i>The NAB is inviting Members of Congress and their staff – several Members of the Ohio delegation and their staff are attending.</i> | PNC Club Nationals Ballpark |
| 8:15 p.m. | Dinner at Walter's Sports Bar & Restaurant <i>Walter's is located at 10 N St., SE., across from Nationals Park. Please let me know if you plan to join us.</i> | Walter's Sports Bar |

Wednesday, March 1 — will be our day on Capitol Hill. See below for more details.

NAB State Leadership Conference

As noted above, the NAB's SLC will be held from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28th at the Champions Club at Washington Nationals Park. Here is the [conference agenda](#). Unless you have told me otherwise, I have registered you to attend the conference. **If you do not plan to attend the conference, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can cancel your registration.**

You can pick up your registration materials on Monday afternoon in the lobby of the NAB Building (when you arrive for our OAB briefing), or you can get them at the ballpark on Tuesday morning between 9-11 a.m. You can enter the ballpark at the center field gate, which is at N Street and Half Street.

Hill Visits

Here is the [Congressional meeting schedule](#) as it stands right now – as you can see, I'm still waiting on confirmation on a few meetings. For the House members, I've tried to schedule you for those districts covered by your station(s). **Please review the list and let me know if there are other meetings that you'd like to attend.** Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are with the actual Member (though last-minute schedule changes may mean we meet with a staff member). Our meetings with Sen. Vance and Sen. Brown are late morning, and all OAB members are welcome to attend one or both meetings. I will update the schedule grid as changes occur and will also have printed versions in your packets.

There likely won't be many taxis outside the Residence Inn, so Uber or Lyft is your best bet to get to Capitol Hill on Wed. morning. You should be dropped off at the Independence Ave. entrances for the buildings. If you prefer to walk, it's about 20-30 minutes from the hotel to the House office buildings. You'll need to go through security to enter any of the buildings, so I suggest you plan to arrive at the building about 30 minutes before your first meeting. The tunnels between the House buildings are open again, so once you've gone through security to enter a building, you can use the tunnels to access the other House buildings. The tunnel under the Capitol from the House and Senate is not open to the public – you must be escorted by staff.

Our first Senate meeting is at 10:45 a.m. with Sen. Vance, who is in a temporary office (SDB 40) in the basement of the Dirksen Building. Enter the building through the Constitution Ave. entrance, take the elevators down to "B" level, and follow the signs for SDB 34 – SDB 47. For those of you who are attending the 10 a.m. meetings with Rep. Jim Jordan and Rep. Bill Johnson, I have asked each of these offices to provide us with escorts under the Capitol to the Senate side. Be sure that you're taking the subway to the Hart Building. Once you're in the building, go past the Hart elevators to the door for the Dirksen Building. Follow the hallway and signs for Dirksen, and once in Dirksen, SDB 40 office will be on the right. If all else fails, ask someone for help! 😊

Here is a map of the Congressional buildings ([LINK TO COME](#)), which may be helpful in finding specific offices in each building (Rayburn, in particular, can be a bit confusing!). I've also included some lunch options if you're eating on the Hill.

Issues for Hill Visits

The key issues for discussion during our meetings will be the radio performance tax, challenges with big tech, NEXTGEN TV, diversity tax certificate program, and the House broadcasters caucus.

We're working on the background papers for these issues – I will forward these to you next week (along with our board meeting materials). Shawn Donilon from the NAB and Tim Nelson from Brooks Pierce will be at our briefing session on Monday afternoon to review the issues and answer any questions you may have.

As in the past, we'll have packets with the issue papers for your Congressional meetings. Additionally, the NAB will have materials for us to distribute to our Members of Congress.

OAB Attendees

Here is the [list of attendees](#) for the trip. In addition to our OAB Board, we have three other OAB members participating in our Hill visits, briefing session and dinner on Monday:

- Dave Glass, Vice President & Director of Broadcast, Findlay Publishing Co., Findlay
- John Wharff, III, Owner & General Manager, JAWCO, Inc., Marietta

- J Chapman, President, Woof Boom Radio, Lima

We'll also be joined by Matt Bell's son, Maddox, who is a high school student interested in politics and government.

Miscellaneous Items

- **Business Cards** – please be sure to bring business cards with you! You will need to provide them to the receptionist when you arrive for each of your meetings on Capitol Hill.
- **Dress Code** – business casual or smart casual for Monday meetings and dinner and Tuesday conference (jacket for the reception on Tuesday evening). Business attire for Hill visits on Wednesday.
- **Flight Reimbursement** — here is the [travel reimbursement form](#) for your airfare (LINK) – if you haven't already done so, please email the completed form, along with your airline receipt, to cmerritt@oab.org. We will run checks at the end of the month.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Look forward to seeing you soon!