

The 5th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
Organizational Meeting
September 13-15, 2016, Natchez, MS

Natchez



Draft Agenda, Check www.mrcti.org frequently for Annual Meeting Agenda updates

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.
Official functions and meeting services are located in the Grand Hotel otherwise stated.

September 13

Registration

10:00am – 6:00pm, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Welcome Reception

6:00pm – 8:30pm, Dunleith Historic Estate, 84 Homochitto Street

Buses will begin loading at west entrance of Grand Hotel at 5:30pm

Welcome to Natchez, 300 years in the making. Mayors and guests are invited to stroll through the Dunleith Historic mansion and grounds of 1856.

*Presiding: Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair*

*Welcome: DARRYL GRENNELL, MAYOR OF NATCHEZ, MS
Host of MRCTI 5th Annual Meeting*

September 14

Registration

7:30am – 5:00pm, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Opening Breakfast

8:30am – 9:45am, A-B-C Meeting Rooms, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Presentation: National Geographic GEO-TOURISM Project Launch

SESSION: IMPROVING THE FOOD PRODUCTION SUPPLY CHAIN TO ACHIEVE CLEAN WATER

10:00am – 11:00am, Grand Hotel, Rose & Caroline Meeting Rooms

Mayors' Press Conference

11:30am – 12:00pm, TBA

Mayor Coleman and Mayor Constant will convene a press conference to make a major announcement regarding the Mississippi River and its importance to the nation and the world.

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Opening Lunch Plenary

12:15pm – 2:00pm, Carriage House, Stanton Hall Historic Estate, 401 High Street

SESSION: LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN PREDICTING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

2:15pm – 3:30pm, Grand Hotel, Rose & Caroline Meeting Rooms

Host City Showcase & Dinner, Celebrating Natchez's 300 Years on the Mississippi River

5:30pm – 8:30pm, D'Evereux Historic Estate

Join Mayors as they celebrate the 300th anniversary of the first city on the Mississippi River – Natchez.

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of the Grand Hotel at 5:00pm to transport mayors and meeting guests to the dinner location at the historic and storied estate of D'Evereux. Buses will return guests to the Grand Hotel from 8:30pm to 9:30pm

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Darryl Grennell, Mayor of Natchez, MS*

Cannon 5 CANNON SALUTE

Salute: Marking the Anniversary of MRCTI's first Meeting and Natchez's Tricentennial

Lifetime: THE HONORABLE LARRY 'BUTCH' BROWN

Achievement Mayor of Natchez, MS, 1992 – 2000, 2012 – 2016

Awards:

THE HONORABLE HYRAM COPELAND
Mayor of Vidalia, LA, 1992 – 2016

September 15

Registration

7:30am – 11:30am, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Plenary Breakfast: Building City Services, Sponsored by: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

8:30am – 10:00am, Longwood Historic Estate, 140 Lower Woodville Road

Buses will begin loading at the west entrance of the Grand Hotel at 8:00am

Presiding: Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Seating: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

SCF MARINE

NATIONAL COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

SESSION: VALUATING THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

10:30am – 11:30am, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373

Break (15 min) – Refreshments provided

MRCTI Business Meeting

11:45am – 12:30pm, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373

Mayors will meet in an open-door session. Mayors interested in hosting an annual meeting may also officially list their city as a candidate for the 2019 meeting.

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*Secretary: THE HONORABLE DAVID LATTUS
Report Mayor of Hickman, KY and MRCTI Secretary*

*Treasurer: THE HONORABLE ROY BUOL
Report Mayor of Dubuque, IA and MRCTI Treasurer*

*2019 Annual
Meeting: Call for Candidate Cities*

Closing Luncheon,

12:30pm – 1:30pm, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373

1:30pm – Adjourn