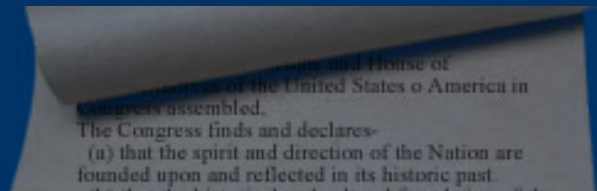


# News!

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## NCSHPO ANNUAL MEETING!

If you haven't registered yet for the NCSHPO Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day, it isn't too late. In fact, the deadline for registration has been extended through **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**.

This year, we hope you will recognize some changes to the program, designed to reflect the feedback we received after last year's conference. These include:

**Federal Agency Poster Session:** Take the time to meet with representatives from many federal agencies to learn about their programs and meet their staff. Some of the organizations present will include: Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Heritage Preservation, National Preservation Institute, Department of Defense, National Park Service and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

**Concurrent Advocacy Training Sessions:** Is this your first time on Capitol Hill, or are you a seasoned advocate? Choose between two levels of Advocacy Training based on your own experience. These will follow the plenary session where you will learn about the issues of the day, and the overall legislative landscape.

Under the category of Hail and Farewell, we will be encouraging everyone to celebrate Don Klima's long tenure as Director of the Office of Federal Agency Programs when the ACHP throws him a formal farewell party on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4pm -6pm. When you register for the NCSHPO meeting, your name will be automatically sent to the ACHP to be placed on the list of attendees to Don's party. Be sure to stop by to raise a glass after a long day on the hill.

And speaking of raising a glass, this meeting also will see a change in NCSHPO leadership as Jay D. Vogt steps down after four extraordinary years as President of NCSHPO. Don't miss the opportunity to toast and roast Jay as we thank him for the leadership, dedication, wisdom and good humour he has shown over the past four years. We will have the President's Reception Cocktail Party before the NCSHPO banquet on Tuesday night.

Also in the works, a National Register Workshop immediately following the NCSHPO Annual Meeting, and a walking tour by Audrey Tepper of the Penn Quarter Historic District.

There is a lot going on at this meeting, and there will be critical discussions about the economic downturn, the Stimulus Package and the effects of both on SHPOs, as well as other important advocacy issues we will be facing over the next year.

### Congressional Recess

The House and Senate stand in recess for their President's Day District Work Period and are scheduled to reconvene on Monday, February 23, 2009. During the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> the House may take up an FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Additionally, next week President Obama is expected to release his framework of the FY10 President's Budget.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 8-11 –  
NCSHPO Annual Meeting/  
Advocacy Day  
Washington D.C.