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# Combined Regions Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2024 • NEW ORLEANS, LA

## Thursday, February 22, 2024

1:30 p.m. –  
5:00 p.m.

### General Session

Grand Ballroom

1:30 p.m. –  
1:45 p.m.

#### Call to Order and Attendee Introductions

*Mr. David Reynolds, PTL Marine*

1:45 p.m. –  
1:50 p.m.

#### Safety Briefing

*Mr. Michael Breslin, The American Waterways Operators*

1:50 p.m. –  
2:05 p.m.

#### AWO Chairman's Remarks

*Mr. Rick Iulucci, The Vane Brothers Company*

Welcome remarks from your AWO Chair.

2:05 p.m. –  
2:20 p.m.

#### AWO President's Remarks

*Ms. Jennifer Carpenter, The American Waterways Operators*

Welcome remarks from your AWO President & CEO.

2:20 p.m. –  
2:50 p.m.

#### U.S.C.G. Eighth District Remarks

*RDML David C. Barata, U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District*

2:50 p.m. –  
3:10 p.m.

#### 2024 Weather Outlook

*Mr. David Welch, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

*Ms. Jessica Smith, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

3:10 p.m. –  
3:55 p.m.

#### U.S. Coast Guard Sector Commanders Panel

*Mr. Justin Lampert, The American Waterways Operators*

*CAPT Ulysses Mullins, Sector Mobile*

*CAPT Andrew Bender, Sector Upper Mississippi River*

*CAPT Heather Mattern, Sector Ohio Valley*

*CAPT Kristi Bernstein, Sector Lower Mississippi*

*CAPT Kelly Denning, Sector New Orleans*

Interactive discussion with Sector Commanders in the Midwest, Ohio Valley and Southern Regions.

### **Low Water Discussion Panel**

3:55 p.m. – *Ms. Lynn Muench, The American Waterways Operators*  
4:40 p.m. – *Mr. Jay McDaniel, Kirby Inland Marine, LP*  
*Mr. Randy Chamness, American Commercial Barge Line LLC*  
*Mr. Pat Chambers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River Division*  
*CAPT Keith Doxey, U.S. Coast Guard, Eighth District*

Panel discussion about the 2023 low water challenges and how industry and government partners worked to ensure continued navigation.

4:40 p.m. – **AWO PAC Update**  
4:50 p.m. – *Mr. Joe Manion; The American Waterways Operators*

4:50 p.m. – **Discussion and Adjournment**  
5:00 p.m. – *Mr. David Reynolds, PTL Marine*

5:00 p.m. – **Reception** **Courtyard**  
6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – **Social Dinner** **The Pelican Club**  
10:00 p.m.

## **Friday, February 23, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – **Networking Breakfast** **Grand Ballroom**  
9:00 a.m. **Foyer**

9:00 a.m. – **General Session** **Grand Ballroom**  
11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – **Call to Order, Attendee Introductions & Safety Briefing**  
9:10 a.m. – *Mr. Todd Clower, Harbor Towing & Fleeting*

9:10 a.m. – **AWO Regional Report**  
9:45 a.m. – *Mr. Justin Lampert, The American Waterways Operators*  
*Mr. Kyle Burlison, The American Waterways Operators*

**AWO Draft Advocacy Priorities**  
9:45 a.m. – *Ms. Lynn Muench, The American Waterways Operators*  
10:15 a.m. – *Mr. Craig Montesano, The American Waterways Operators*  
*Ms. Caitlyn Stewart, The American Waterways Operators*  
*Mr. Patrick Parsons, The American Waterways Operators*

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10:15 a.m. – **A Conversation About the Jones Act: Working from a Position of Strength in 2024**

10:35 a.m. *Mr. Matt Woodruff, Kirby Corporation*  
*Ms. Jennifer Carpenter, The American Waterways Operators*

10:35 a.m. – **Election of Directors Representing the AWO Midwest, Ohio Valley, and Southern Regions**

10:50 a.m. *Midwest, Ohio Valley & Southern Region Representatives*

**Open Discussion, Meeting Review & Adjournment**

10:50 a.m. – *Mr. Todd Clower, Harbor Towing & Fleeting*

11:00 a.m.

Wrap up discussion and opportunity to review anything with AWO staff.

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