



**WPPA Annual Meeting (Special Commission Meeting)  
Agenda**

HILTON VANCOUVER

**301 W. 6TH STREET, VANCOUVER, WA 98660**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 – 11:30 am [Legal Heritage D](#)

8:45 – 10:15 am [Trade and Transportation Heritage C](#)

8:45 – 10:15 am [Broadband Cedar Room - 2nd Floor](#)

9:00 – 10:30 am [Marina Discovery A](#)

10:00 – 11:30 am [Environmental Heritage A](#)

10:30 – 11:45 am [Aviation Cedar Room - 2nd Floor](#)

10:30 – 11:30 am [Communications Discovery A](#)

10:30 – 11:45 am [Economic Development Heritage C](#)

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ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIALLY BEGINS **WITH LUNCHEON AT 12:00 PM**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **GREG JOHNSON, PROGRAM MANAGER, WSDOT**

**THE IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITY OF REPLACING THE I-5  
INTERSTATE BRIDGE**

## GENERAL SESSION FROM 2:00 – 4:00 PM

*Heritage Ballroom BEF*

- **How Loud is Your Project and How Much Does it Stink?** Keep your project on track with your community  
*Braden Wale, Engineering Manager, Columbia River Carbonates*  
*Francis Naglich, Sr. Wetlands Biologist/Principal/Founder, Ecological Land Services*
- **Natural Disaster Preparedness**  
*Corina Allen, Chief Hazards Geologist, Washington State Geological Survey*  
*Danté DiSabatino, Tsunami Program Coordinator, Washington State Emergency Management Division*  
*Russ Lane, Fire Management Division Manager, Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)*

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER RECEPTION FROM 4:00 – 6:00 PM

*Discovery Ballroom*

Please join us and enjoy some appetizers while networking with our Associate Members. You can use this opportunity to ask for some free advice or simply to get to know our Associate Members.

## EVENING: DINNER ON YOUR OWN

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

## RISE-N-SHINE WALK! OPTIONAL WALK AT 6:15 AM WITH YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC FFITCH!

Meet in Heritage pre-function/conference center lobby, we leave promptly at 6:15 am

## PORTS ONLY BREAKFAST FROM 8:00 TO 9:00 AM

*Discovery Ballroom*

This breakfast is for registered Port Commissioners, Executive Directors, Port staff, and life members

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM 9:00 – 10:00 AM

*Heritage Ballroom BEF*

## GENERAL SESSION FROM 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

*Heritage Ballroom BEF*

- **Training the Next Generation of Port Workers**

*Mark Wreath, Career & Technical Education Director, Vancouver Public Schools*

*Marie Bruin, Director of Workforce Education, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges*

*Ann Avary, Director, Northwest Center of Excellence for Marine & Manufacturing Technology, Skagit Valley College*

- **Agriculture and Hydrogen**

*Gina Zejdlik, Director of Policy & Government Affairs, Atlas Agro*

*Aaron Feaver, Director, Consortium for Hydrogen And Renewably Generated E-Fuels (CHARGE)*

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## LUNCHEON AT 12:00 PM

*Discovery Ballroom*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **CHAD HERRING, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER, ZOOMINFO**

## **HOW TO HIRE 3,000 PEOPLE: ZOOMINFO'S EXPANSION IN VANCOUVER**

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## PORT REPORTS

- **Port of Lopez** – *Rick Hoffman*
- **Port of Benton** – *Diahann Howard*

- **Port of Grays Harbor** – *Kayla Dunlap, Alissa Shay and Molly Bold*

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS 2.0 FROM 3:30 TO 4:30 PM

You asked, we heard you! We have made a few changes to our roundtables. You still choose two topics you are interested in and engage with each of those tables for 30 minutes. The difference is there is only 6 tables and each one will be in its own room! We hope you choose to participate!

- **Decarbonizing Your Port: Creating a Plan to Transition Your Buildings to Net Zero**– Ash Room, 2nd Floor  
*Sean Denniston, New Buildings Institute*
- **Legal Considerations for Port Permitting** – Cedar Room, 2nd Floor  
*Tim Schermetzler, CSD Attorneys at Law*
- **Clean Vessel Act Grant Program** – Hemlock Room, 2nd Floor  
*Catherine Buchalski Smith, Washington State Parks Boating Program*
- **Do I Need a Recruiter and How do I Manager Them** – Birch Room, 2nd Floor  
*Dan Stahl, Port of Longview*
- **Resilience Planning & Implementation For Ports** – Oak Room, 2nd Floor  
*Jim Maul Gemini Environmental Strategies LLC, Allison Pynch & Daniele Spirandelli, Haley & Aldrich, and Alexandra Howard, Port of Portland*
- **Stakeholder Engagement and the Impact of 3D Modeling** – Pine Room, 2nd Floor  
*Steve Robert, PE, & Drew McDonald, PE, DCG Watershed*

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## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AT 6:00 PM

Heritage Ballroom DCA

**Please join us as we celebrate our 2023 Association President, Ryan Calkins. This is a great time to network with your peers, and be sure to bring your appetite! Spouses/guests are invited and encouraged to attend this event.**

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

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**AWARDS BREAKFAST AT 8:00 AM**

*Discovery Ballroom*

Please join us for breakfast and our Annual Meeting awards ceremony

- Lifetime Member
- Outstanding Service to the Industry
- Port of the Year

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AWARDS  
BREAKFAST**

**MEETING ADJOURNS BY 12:00 PM**