



## 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention AGENDA

Attire – Business Casual for all events – All events at the Westin New Orleans Canal Place

### Wednesday, August 10

8:00-12:00 **GICA Golf Tournament** – Lakewood Golf Club - Algiers  
2:00-5:00 **Convention Registration / Check-in**  
3:30-4:30 **GICA Board Meeting**  
6:00-7:00 **Welcome Reception** (Open Bar)  
7:00-9:00 **Annual GICA Awards Banquet**

### Thursday, August 11

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:45 **First General Session**, GICA President, Cherrie Felder, Presiding

**Welcome, Gary LaGrange**, Port of New Orleans Director  
**President's Remarks, Cherrie Felder**  
**Executive Director's Remarks, Jim Stark**

**Current Issues - U.S. Coast Guard, RADM Roy Nash**, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00 **Second General Session**, GICA Executive Director, Jim Stark, Presiding

10:00-11:15 **2011 High Water Event – Operational/Coordination Review Panel**

**LT Nick Parham**, CG MSU Baton Rouge; **OSCS James Armstrong**, CG MSU Morgan City  
**Vic Landry**, USACE GIWW Ops Manager; **Matt Lagarde**, AEP; **Joshua Dinger**, C&J Marine Services

11:15-11:45 **Washington Perspective – John Doyle**, Jones Walker

11:45 **Spouses' Program** – Gather at Westin to depart for lunch and river trip

12:00-1:30 **Luncheon** GICA Executive Director, Jim Stark, Presiding

Luncheon Speaker - **U.S. Congressman Steve Scalise, 1<sup>st</sup> District of Louisiana**

1:30 **Third General Session** GICA President-Elect, Spencer Murphy, Presiding

1:30-2:00 **GIWW Navigation Project Update Presentations**

**Tim Connell**, USACE Project Manager West Closure Complex  
**Vic Zillmer**, USACE Resident Manager IHNC Surge Barrier  
**Brian Watson**, Cianbro/Brasfield & Gorrie, Project Manager, Galveston RR Lift Span Replacement

2:00-3:15 **USACE Funding and Operations Perspectives Panel**

**Mark Mazzanti**, USACE Headquarters - Chief, Civil Works, Programs Integration Division  
**Colonel Edward Fleming**, New Orleans District  
**Colonel Christopher Sallèse**, Galveston District  
**Wynne Fuller**, Mobile District

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30 **Fourth General Session** GICA Secretary, Kelly Teichman, Presiding

3:30-4:30 **Canal Operations – Panel Discussion - Operating on the GIWW**

**Dallas Theriot**, Enterprise Marine; **Mike Ebey**, Marquette Transportation Company;  
**Jim Guidry**, Kirby Corporation; **Jeff Kindl**, AEP River Ops;  
**Bill Rankine**, CITGO Petroleum Corp;

5:30-6:30 **Evening Reception** (Open Bar)

### Friday, August 12

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Fifth General Session** GICA Director, Rob Sadler, Presiding

8:30- 9:30 **The GIWW – a Federal Waterway – Local Sponsors' Perspective / issues**

**Raul Cantu**, Transportation Planning & Programming Division, Texas DOT  
**Sharon Balfour**, Marine and Rail Administrator, Louisiana DOTD  
**Juan Flores**, Director, Office of Freight, Mississippi DOT  
**Clyde Mathis**, Port Director, Port of Pensacola, FL

9:30-10:15 **Building a Resilient Gulf Coast: Our Vulnerabilities Cannot Define our Future**

**Valsin A. Marmillion** - Managing Director, America's WETLAND Foundation

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 **GICA Business Meeting**, GICA President, Cherrie Felder, Presiding

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