

SCHEDULE

ADVOCACY WEEK 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND: ROYAL SONESTA - DUPONT CIRCLE



7:30 AM: REGISTRATION (KREEGER)

Attendees may check in for National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week 2026.

7:30-8:30 AM: BREAKFAST (NATIONAL BALLROOM)

9-11 AM: NCSHPO ROUNDTABLE (NATIONAL BALLROOM)

Open to National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers members and invited guests only. RSVP required. Join fellow SHPO colleagues for engaging discussion on timely topics. Light refreshments provided.

12-2 PM: NATIONAL TRUST ADVISORS LUNCH MEETING

National Trust Advisors Meeting and Lunch. By invitation only.

12:30-4:30 PM: NCSHPO ANNUAL MEETING (NATIONAL BALLROOM)

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers annual meeting. Open to NCSHPO members & invited guests only. RSVP required. Light refreshments provided.

1-3 PM: ACRA BOARD MEETING (CORCORAN B)

American Cultural Resources Association Board meeting. Open to ACRA Board members only. RSVP required.

1:30 -2:30 PM: PRESERVATION ACTION MEMBERS TOUR: WHITTEMORE HOUSE

Membership has its perks! A behind-the-scenes guided tour of this historic building that has been at the center of Washington, DC history and politics for more than a century. Open to Preservation Action members. RSVP required. Whittemore House | 1526 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

3:30-5 PM: PA MEMBERS MEETING (PHILLIPS BALLROOM)

Annual Preservation Action Member Meeting. National Preservation Partners Network (NPPN) members are also encouraged to gather and connect with colleagues. All are welcome.

5-6 PM: ADVOCACY SCHOLARS HAPPY HOUR (FREER)

A casual happy hour welcoming Preservation Action Foundation's 2026 Bruce MacDougal Advocacy Scholars. All are welcome. RSVP required. Cash bar.

6:30-8 PM: PRESERVATION ACTION PAC RECEPTION (HEURICH HOUSE | 1307 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW, DC)

Join fellow Preservation Action members to learn about the expansion and ongoing efforts of the Preservation Action Political Action Committee! Drinks and light fare. Only open to Preservation Action members. RSVP required.

7-9 PM: NCSHPO DINNER (PHILLIPS BALLROOM)

Join your SHPO colleagues for wine & plated dinner. Open to NCSHPO members and invited guests only. RSVP required.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD: ROYAL SONESTA - DUPONT CIRCLE

7:30 AM: REGISTRATION (KREEGER)

Check in for Advocacy Week 2026.

7:30-8:30 AM: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (PHILLIPS BALLROOM AND FREER)

8:30-8:45 AM: WELCOME REMARKS (NATIONAL BALLROOM)

8:45-9:40 AM: SETTING THE STAGE: CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

This moderated session will break down the forces at work in today's political landscape.

9:45-10:30 AM: LEGISLATIVE ASKS

Review the 2026 National Legislative Asks and materials with leading national historic preservation organizations.

10:30-10:45 AM: BREAK

10:45-11:30 AM: ADDRESSING REGULATORY CHANGES

Moderated conversation addressing current regulatory changes: what's happening, why it matters, and how it impacts preservation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD, CONTINUED

11:30-1 PM: SPEAKER LUNCHEON -OR- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**Ticketed event & RSVP Required: Speaker Luncheon with Anthea Hartig (Phillips Ballroom)**

If not attending the luncheon event, please enjoy one of the many walkable lunch options near the hotel.

**1:10-1:30 PM: 2025 BRUCE MACDOUGAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARS**

Preservation Action Foundation will recognize nine outstanding students and young professionals selected as Advocacy Scholars.

1:30-2 PM: REMARKS FROM LEGISLATORSHear remarks from key legislators in Congress, including **Rep. Sarah Elfreth (D-MD)**.**2-3 PM: PULSE OF PRESERVATION (NATIONAL BALLROOM)**

In this fast-paced session, five voices from across our industry will share rapid PechaKucha-style presentations that illuminate the challenges, opportunities, and human realities shaping our field today.

3-3:10 PM: ANNOUNCEMENTS**3:10-3:40 PM: STATE BREAKOUTS**

Join your state delegations to go over schedule of congressional office visits, legislative asks, materials and more.

3:40 PM: DEPART FOR TOURS

Head to the lobby of the Royal Sonesta Dupont Circle to find your tour group. Guides will hold up signs.

3:45-4:45 PM: TOURS - PRIOR RSVP REQUIRED - MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

- Dupont Circle & Embassy Row: Architecture of Ambition (Walking tour)
- Explore the Brewmaster's Castle (Heurich House | 1307 New Hampshire Ave NW)
- Insider's Tour of Dupont Circle from 1880s to Present (Walking tour)
- Journey Through the Historic Anderson House (2118 Massachusetts Ave NW)
- Association of American Colleges and Universities Renovation with Monarc Construction (1818 R St NW)

5-7 PM: ADVOCACY WEEK RECEPTION (NATIONAL BALLROOM)

Cap off a day of sessions, briefings, and tours with a cocktail reception including drinks and hors d'oeuvres while networking with your fellow attendees. RSVP required.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH: CAPITOL HILL

8:30-5 PM: CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE VISITS

In-person visits with your members of Congress, scheduled by your State Coordinators.

5:30-7:30 PM: CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION - CANNON 390 (CANNON CAUCUS ROOM) | CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING | 27 INDEPENDENCE AVE SE, DCJoin Preservation Action after your congressional visits for our annual Congressional Reception. You'll hear from some of historic preservation's biggest champions in Congress, including **Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL)** and **Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM)**, and **Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH)**. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres provided. RSVP Required.Immediately following the reception attendees are invited on a casual after-hours tour of the Capitol from **7:30-9:00 PM** by PA President Russ Carnahan. Tour included with Congressional Reception ticket.**THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH**

8:30 AM: PRESERVATION ACTION'S '74 LEGACY CIRCLE BREAKFAST (DEMOCRATIC CLUB | 30 IVY STREET SE, DC)

Join us for an exclusive breakfast (on us!) open to Preservation Action 74' Legacy Circle members and invited guests only.

9-1 PM: ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL VISITS, MEET W/COLLEAGUES, EXPLORE DC

Additional Congressional or Agency Meetings as desired, meet with colleagues, and explore DC on your own.