

National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA)

Mid-Winter 2019

Business & Training Meeting, Arlington, Virginia



Guide to Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

Dirksen Senate Office Building



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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Preparation for “The Hill”

Helpful tips:

- Tips for Contacting Your Officials
Dr. Joe Wescott, National Legislative Director, Past NASAA President
 - Identify your Senators and Congressional Leaders in advance
 - Announce your visit to Capitol Hill
 - Know the issues that your state and NASAA are working on and be prepared to discuss them in short detail
 - If you are not able to arrange a meeting, stop by and leave a copy of the NASAA Annual Report
 - Advise the office that you are available for additional information – leave your business card
 - Follow up after your visit
- Share the agenda and NASAA initiatives with your agency’s leadership team.
- Our main objective is to inform legislative leaders of NASAA’s current initiatives and concerns related to our mission of protecting the GI Bill®. The NASAA Annual Report is a great resource to share with appropriate legislators.
- Find Your Elected Officials:
<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>
- U. S. Capitol Center Website - <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>
- Senate Office Buildings - <https://www.aoc.gov/senate>
- **Remember to share your experiences with your legislative committee members.**
Thanks Skip for your professional guidance!



Please be mindful that everyone is required to pass through a security check and will be subject to full inspection.

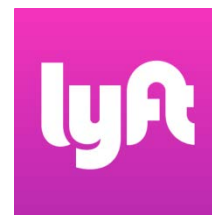
[For a complete list of prohibited items:](https://www.uscp.gov/visiting-capitol-hill/regulations-prohibitions/prohibited-items)

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Transportation Options



<https://www.uber.com/cities/washington-DC/>



<https://www.lyft.com/rider>

Must sign up for service (less than \$10) – discounts are on their websites

Taxi – Arlington Red Top Cab (703) 522-3333

- 1 – 4 passengers (maximum \$12-15 one way fee - \$2 for each add'l person)
- Requires 30 minutes minimum advance notice

DC Metro Guide: <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>

Closest Metro stop within walking distance of Capitol Hill

- **Union Station** – Located at First Street, NW, and Massachusetts Avenue

For more information about riding the Metro, please visit <https://www.wmata.com>.

FINAL SUGGESTIONS:

Due to the full agenda and travel time, you may not have time for a full lunch. We will have snacks to take with you, but you cannot take them into the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

METRO TRAVELERS: Allow for additional time to purchase your metro pass.

UBER/LYFT/TAXI: Make a friend or two, travel together and split the fare!



Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106

CAPITOL HILL AGENDA

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - (Business Attire - *wear comfortable shoes*)

NASAA Annual Reports & Travel Snacks will be provided at the conference

Travel to Dirksen Senate Office Building (Room SD-106)

Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to presentation!!!

2:00 to 3:30 Congressional Staff Presentation - Question and Answer Session

HVAC & SVAC staff (Majority and Minority)

NASAA Membership

VA Leadership

3:30 to 4:30 Congressional Liaison Visits

For best results, identify your Legislators & locations prior to the visit

4:30 to 6:00 Legislative Reception (Room SD-106)



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE APPROVING AGENCIES, INC.
FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Please save the date for the National Association of State Approving Agencies (NASAA's) Annual Reception on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106. This reception is part of our annual Mid-Winter Training and Business Meeting, at which we expect to have attendance from most all of the 50 states and territories.

We are pleased to recognize those who have worked so hard on behalf of a better future for our veterans through education and training. We are particularly proud to announce that at this event we will be awarding the NASAA Lifetime Leadership Award to a member of Congress.