

**NASPD Annual Convention**  
**Omni Royal Orleans Hotel**  
**March 6 - 9, 2019**

*All attendees are encouraged to attend the committee meetings except for the Executive and Leadership Development Program meetings. We limit the discussion and voting during the meetings to committee members only because non-committee members have not been privy to all the correspondence leading up to the committee meetings.*

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Leadership Development Program (for selected applicants only)

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. – Noon Leadership Development Program (for selected applicants only)  
9:30 a.m. – Noon Avondale Facility Tour – recently acquired by T. Parker Host  
(Bus will depart from the lobby at 9:30 a.m. and will return by noon.)  
  
11:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Membership Committee  
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Program Committee  
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Executive Committee  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Board of Directors  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception at Latrobe's Restaurant  
(It is a short walk from the hotel.)  
  
7:30 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration  
7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. – Noon General Session  
    8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Membership  
    8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Member Spotlight – Eric Hansen, Cooper Consolidated LLC  
    9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bill Kotcher, COO of Tioga Pipe and Adjunct Professor of Ethics  
    at University of Houston, "Ethics and Leadership in the Modern  
    Age"  
    9:30 – 10:10 a.m. William Locher, Partner, Gibbs Gidden Attorneys at Law,  
    "DBE/MBE Compliance"  
    10:10 – 10:25 a.m. Break  
    10:25 – 11:00 a.m. Brandy Christian, President & CEO, Port of New Orleans,  
    "Global Ideas About Transportation, Shipping, Etc."  
    11:00 a.m. – Noon John Manzella, World Recognized Author & Speaker,  
    "Economic Trends, International Trade and What's Ahead"  
  
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Networking Luncheon  
1:30 – 2:00 p.m. New 2019 Board Meeting (Welcome and Introductions)  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Membership Discussion  
    Facilitators: Bill Buckland, President, Mandal Pipe Company;  
    Gerald Merfish, CEO/President, Merfish Pipe & Supply  
  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Awards Reception/Dinner  
9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. French Quarter Walking Tour – Optional Event  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Haunted New Orleans Tour – Optional Event