

GAC Is As Easy As 1-2-3

The Credit Union National Association's (CUNA) Government Affairs Conference (GAC) in Washington, D.C. is right around the corner. This prominent event, attended by credit union professionals from around the country, will take place March 18 through March 22, 2012.

Step 1:

Register for CUNA's Government Affairs Conference at <http://www.cuna.org/events/gac12/>

Step 2:

Go to the CUNA Housing Site at <http://registration3.experient-inc.com/showCUN121/DefaultLeague.aspx> choose Hotel Search for League Blocks, select California or Nevada, enter password Echo2012. Please note the password is specific to CA/NV and is case sensitive. If you prefer to make your reservation via phone, please dial 847.996.5532, ask for agent Iris Kaplan and indicate that you are trying to book a reservation into a league sub block.

Step 3:

Book your flight with your preferred airline!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

For the fourth consecutive year, the Washington Convention Center (WCC) will accommodate a large number of attendees and meet the growing needs of the credit union movement. The conference officially begins with the opening General Session on Monday, March 19. Please plan to attend the California and Nevada League Legislative Briefing on Monday, March 19 at 1:30–3:30 p.m. Capitol Hill visits are scheduled Wednesday, March 21 from approximately 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and the Credit Union House Reception that evening from 6–8 p.m.

SLEEPING ROOMS

Rooms are being held at the JW Marriott Hotel at a rate of \$319 before tax.

All sleeping room reservations should be made before February 17, 2012. To make reservations after February 17, 2012, please email Angela Dailey with your arrival/departure dates at angelad@ccul.org or call 800.472.1702, ext. 6026. A deposit of \$275 is required for each reservation. Sleeping room cancellations received before February 17, 2012 will receive a full refund of the deposit. Deposits for cancellations received after February 17, 2012 will not be refunded.

TAX EXEMPTION

To qualify for a tax exemption from state and local taxes assessed to room charges, final payment must be made by check, share draft, or credit card issued by a federal credit union. Payments made by personal check, personal share draft, or personal credit card will not qualify for the exemption. Both forms (DC specific and NCUA form) must be presented upon hotel check-in by the attendee. Please visit <http://www.cuna.org/events/gac12/housing/> to gain access to the forms.



CCUL/NCUL HOTEL INFORMATION

JW Marriott Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20004



CONFERENCE LOCATION

Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

2012 GAC TENTATIVE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

The following schedule is subject to change; expect further details from the League after Jan. 20, 2012. **RED** signifies California and Nevada Leagues-specific events. All events are held at the Washington Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

Also, please note that **THE LEAGUE WILL SCHEDULE ALL HILL APPOINTMENTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE MEETINGS; IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST, please contact David Creager at dcreager@ccul.org or Patti Neumaier at pattin@ccul.org BEFORE FEB. 21, 2012.** The appointment schedule will be available online one week prior to Congressional Office visits (subject to change).

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Noon–8:30 p.m.	Conference Registration—Welcome Center Open
2–3 p.m.	First-Time Attendee Orientation
3–5 p.m.	Small CU Roundtable (For Credit Unions Under \$35 Million in Assets)
7–8:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Reception
8:30 p.m.	Entertainment

Monday, March 19, 2012

7 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Conference Registration—Welcome Center Open
7:30–9:15 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>continental breakfast</i>)
9–11:30 a.m.	Opening General Session with CUNA's Annual General Meeting
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>lunch provided</i>)
1:30 p.m.	CUNA Legislative and Political Update
1:30–3:30 p.m.	CA/NV League Briefing and Kelly J. Purcell Credit Union Memorial Fund Scholarship Award
2:30–4 p.m.	General Session
6 p.m.	Herb Wegner Memorial Awards Dinner—(<i>Grand Hyatt separate ticketed event</i>)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

7 a.m.–5 p.m.	Conference Registration—Welcome Center Open
7:30–8:45 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>continental breakfast</i>)
9 a.m.–Noon	General Session
Noon–1:45 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open (<i>lunch provided</i>)
12:15–1:30 p.m.	CA/NV Lunch and Learn (Tentative)
2–3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
3:30–4:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
4:45–6 p.m.	Reception with NCUA Board and Regional Directors
5–6 p.m.	Shapiro CU Partners in Advocacy Networking Event (Tentative)
5–6:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Closing Session
9–10:30 p.m.	Late Night at the GAC (<i>Renaissance</i>)

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

8 a.m.–Noon	Conference Registration—Welcome Center Open
8:30–11:45 a.m.	General Session
Noon–5 p.m.	Capitol Hill Visits—League will schedule/arrange
5 p.m.	Dora/Louise Awards Reception (<i>by invitation at Renaissance</i>)
6–8 p.m.	CA/NV Reception at Credit Union House
7 p.m.	Conference Gala (<i>Renaissance</i>)

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Travel Home Safely