



2026 NCRA Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp | Agenda

AGENDA (all times Eastern)

Total CEUs: 1.275 | PDCs: 0.5

Sunday, March 1

7–9 a.m.	Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast provided with hotel registration
7:30–9 a.m.	Registration
9–9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>Cindy Isaacsen, RPR, NCRA President</i>
9:15–9:30 a.m.	Goals of the 2026 NCRA Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp: What to Know <i>Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director</i>
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Discovering Your Leadership Voice Jesse Walker of Intentional Leader Coaching will introduce attendees to the 5 Voices framework to accelerate relationship-building, help participants identify leadership and lobbying growth areas, and learn how to quickly build trust and influence with different personality styles.
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Politics 101 <i>Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director</i> <i>Colin Brehm, State Government Relations Manager</i> This session will give you a brief understanding of American politics and how Capitol Hill really operates. It will focus on how legislation is created, how bills become laws, and how you and your grassroots advocacy efforts influence this process.
11:45–12:45 p.m.	Nuts and Bolts of Association Work <i>Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director</i> Drawing on his many years of experience as an association executive, Dave will present <i>What You Wished You Knew Before Becoming Association President</i> . Based on your feedback, he will offer practical tips and advice on how to be more effective in governing your association, leading your board, and managing your committees. He will also facilitate a discussion answering your questions about association leadership.

12:45–2:15 p.m.

Lunch Provided

2:15–3:15 p.m.

Mobilizing Your Membership: Using Grassroots Advocacy for Maximum Success

Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director

Cindy Isaacsen, RPR, NCRA President

Incorporating grassroots advocacy into your state association's overall strategy is necessary to create change and have a maximum impact. Learn how to construct a full-scale grassroots campaign to galvanize court reporters in your state to act as advocates for the profession.

3:15–3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30–5 p.m.

Understanding NCRA's 2026 legislation and Mock U.S. Senate Committee Scenario

Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director

Colin Brehm, State Government Relations Manager

In this session, you will learn the details of the mock U.S. Senate Committee hearing scenarios and the background information on how to make your arguments and pitch more effective. Understanding these issues completely will give you the upper hand in your meetings on Capitol Hill. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the scenario and be introduced to the role-players. Directly after this seminar, all players will be in their roles from this point forward so you will have the opportunity to begin lobbying them when you see them throughout the night.

5 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own (group working dinner)

Monday, March 2

6:30–8 a.m.

Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast provided with hotel registration

8–8:45 a.m.

NCRA Government Relations

Colin Brehm, State Government Relations Manager

Explore recent legislative trends at both the state and federal levels, the key resources NCRA uses and offers, and how its committees, under Government Relations leadership, drive strategic advocacy. Learn how effective engagement by members plays a critical role in shaping policy and providing invaluable context to lawmakers at every level of government.

8:45 a.m.–9 a.m.

Break

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Meeting with Role-players in Breakout Sessions

*Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director
NCRA Board of Directors*

1–2:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own with Your Scenario Team

2:30–4:30 p.m.

Mock U.S. Senate Committee Hearings

Time to put what you have learned into action! Put your game face on and have your lobbying pitch ready because it is time to testify in front of a mock U.S. Senate Committee! Prizes will be given to the group with the best presentation.

4:30–4:45 p.m.

Break

4:45–6:00 p.m.

What to Expect on the Hill, Wrap-up, and Q&A

Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, NCRA Executive Director

Will Krieger, Farragut Partners

Review the Hill maps and final instructions for Hill Day. Time will be allotted for a Q&A regarding NCRA's ongoing federal advocacy efforts; participation will be encouraged.

6:00 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday, March 3

6:30–7 a.m.

Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast provided with hotel registration

7:15 a.m.

Meet in Hotel Lobby

7:30 a.m.

Depart for Garfield Circle via Chartered Bus

8:30 a.m.

Arrive at Garfield Circle

Location: Maryland Ave. and 1st Street, SW, adjacent to the U.S. Botanic Garden

Note: We will take a photo at the Capitol upon arrival.

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Meetings with Legislators and Key Staff

Some meetings will start at 9 a.m., please plan to arrive on time for your meetings.

5–7 p.m.

Boot Camp Debrief Reception

Hunan Dynasty, 215 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

7:30 p.m.

Depart from Garfield Circle for the Embassy Suites, Alexandria Old Town, Va.