2027 Washington Conference

March 7-10, 2027

The Crystal Gateway Marriott | 1700 Richmond Highway | Arlington, Virginia

PROGRAM

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Sunday, March 7, 2027

*NOTE: NADO and DDAA board members and advisory committee members are asked to participate in pre-conference meetings throughout the day on Sunday, March 7. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend the **opening reception** on Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET. DDAA members are invited to attend the DDAA Dinner Banquet that follows at 6:30 p.m. ET.*

10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – *All attendees*

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee members

12:00-2:00 p.m.

NADO Executive Committee Meeting

NADO Executive Committee members

1:00-3:00 p.m.

DDAA Board of Directors Meeting – *DDAA Board of Directors*

3:30-5:30 p.m.

NADO Board of Directors Meeting – *NADO Board of Directors*

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception – *All attendees* *Arlington Foyer*

6:30-8:00 p.m.

DDAA Dinner Banquet – *DDAA members*

Monday, March 8, 2027

NOTE: Concurrent breakout sessions on Monday are open to all participants, including both NADO and DDAA members. The "NADO track," "DDAA track," and "Joint track" labels denote which attendees may find the session content most relevant, but all attendees are welcome.

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – *All attendees* *Arlington Foyer*

7:45-9:00 a.m.

DDAA Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting – *DDAA members*

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session - *All attendees*

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)
Breakout (A): NADO track
Breakout (B): NADO track
Breakout (C): DDAA track
Breakout (D): Joint track

12:15-1:45 p.m.

Plenary Luncheon – *All attendees*

2:00-3:15 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)
Breakout (A): NADO track
Breakout (B): NADO track
Breakout (C): DDAA Track
Breakout (D): Joint Track

3:30-4:30 p.m.

NADO Regional Chapter Meetings - *NADO and DDAA members*
Central
East
Midwest
Southeast
Southwest
West

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception – *All attendees*

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Tuesday, March 9, 2027

NOTE: NADO member attendees are encouraged to participate in meetings on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 9. For those attendees who do not plan to attend Hill meetings, additional conference content is offered at the conference venue throughout the day.

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration - *All attendees* *Arlington Foyer*

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session – *All attendees*

10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Meetings (on your own) - *NADO track*

NOTE: Attendees are encouraged to spend this open block of time on Capitol Hill educating your members of Congress about your work. Hill meetings are self-directed. If you need help securing contact information for Hill staffers and schedulers, please contact Juliette Wilder at jwilder@nado.org and Michael Matthews at mmatthews@nado.org.

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A,B)

Breakout (A): NADO track

Breakout (B): DDAA track

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A,B)

Breakout (A): NADO track

Breakout (B): DDAA track

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception - *All attendees*

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Wednesday, March 10, 2027

NOTE: Conference content for the NADO & DDAA joint conference concludes at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10. Following the conference, there is a special post-conference training for the Economic Development District (EDD) Community of Practice (CoP). This post-conference training session is free, but separate registration is required.

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration – *All attendees* *Arington Foyer*

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Plenary Breakfast – *All attendees*

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Closing Plenary Session – *All attendees*

11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Afternoon with the Districts -- *Post-conference training. Separate registration required.*

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