



Networking Lunch Discussion Guide

The Networking Lunch is a dedicated time for you to meet and start to connect with fellow advocates from your state and region while enjoying a nourishing lunch. Refer to the slides or other posted material to identify which room your state is gathering.

If you are a delegation of one, join a table with another nearby or neighboring state.

If you are participating in Congressional meetings in more than one state, you may choose one of those states to spend lunch with or you may float from one group to another as you wish during lunch.

As advocates have gathered their lunch and returned to tables, here are some ideas for discussion.

Start by introducing yourself. You can share what organization or community you are from, and why you are participating in Museums Advocacy Day. Share if you are a first-time or repeat attendee and what your general advocacy experience level.

Icebreaker Ideas (or use your own favorite icebreaker!):

- What is a favorite childhood museum memory?
- If you weren't in your current profession, what would you be doing?
- What was the last thing you advocated for personally or professionally?
- What's the best piece of personal or professional advice you've ever been given?

Compare notes. Think about the information you've heard so far this morning. Is there anything that was new to you or especially noteworthy? Share your biggest take-away so far and hear what made an impression with each other, especially as you prepare to participate in Tuesday's meetings.

Your museum / museum work story. Everyone has their own story that brought them to the museum field. Before lunch breaks, share with your colleagues and peers what brought you to the museum field or your current position.

Continue the conversation and preparation. The Networking Lunch is an important opportunity to start connecting with fellow advocates from your state. During the 3:15-4:30 p.m. "Preparation and Practice" session you will gather again with these fellow advocates to fully prepare for your Tuesday Congressional meetings, with additional materials for that purpose provided by AAM that will be available at that time.