

On March 28, 2012, several representatives from DCA, KDA and Kentucky distilleries met to discuss issues and share ideas relevant to the industry. Some of the topics discussed were possibly to provide webinars and trainings outside the in-person biannual events, rotate the location of future biannual meetings among the distilleries and include multiple topics in a roundtable discussion.

Another decision the group made was to use the social media site called Wizness, which will allow members to create accounts to post news articles and reports or use it as a discussion board for private conversations. This will give the members a way to pose questions and receive answers about issues they are experiencing.

Through a series of visits to distillery facilities this summer, DCA will work to develop an industry best-practices guide in the future to help showcase, in Kentucky and nationwide, what the spirits industry is doing to protect, conserve and preserve Kentucky's land, air and water resources.

On November 14, 2012, summit members, including DCA staff, KDA and distilleries, met at the Bourbon Heritage Center at Heaven Hill Distilleries' Bardstown facility. Some of the topics discussed were the best management practices project. A draft document was presented to the members, and they were asked to review the paper and submit any corrections or additions to DCA.

Presentations about NetDMR and draft industrial stormwater permits were made before an open forum was held. When the meeting was over, Heaven Hill provided a lunch to the members and then led a tour of the distillery.