



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE



February 11 - 13, 2026

Firekeepers Casino & Hotel, Battle Creek, MI

Suggested Attire – Business Casual For All Events.

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 11

## GENERAL SESSION

9:00 A.M. — 9:30 A.M.

### MAA UPDATE

Kick off the 2026 MAA Annual Conference with a brief update

9:30 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

### NSSGA UPDATE FROM D.C.

Michele Stanley, President & CEO (NSSGA)

10:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.

### EGLE UPDATE

Aaron Keatley, Chief Deputy Director (EGLE)

## TRADE SHOW OPENS

12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

11:00 A.M. — 11:15 A.M.

### BREAK

11:15 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.

### SHOWCASE OF VENDORS

12:00 P.M. — 1:00 P.M. LUNCH



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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:00 P.M. — 1:45 P.M.

### CONNECTING WITH TODAY'S STUDENTS

Bronwyn Weaver — BOLDer Magazine

Learn how this new program can help your company better connect with schools and homeschoolers in your local communities.

### GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

John Hillis — Mourer Foster

Gain the basic understanding of the need for and importance of general liability insurance.

### WETLANDS AND WATER TABLES: ECOLOGICAL AND HYDROGEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR NEW OR EXPANDED AGGREGATE MINES

Bruce Gillett, CPG, Senior Hydrogeologist  
Elizabeth Theile, PWS, CWB, Senior Wetland Scientist — Fishbeck

Mining below the water table? Will your new or expanded site adversely impact wetlands or supply wells and fail to qualify for the associated permits? Fishbeck ecological, hydrogeological, and environmental program experts will discuss tools available for reviewing wetland and groundwater conditions at current/potential sites and factors to consider during site plan development.

### SITE SOLUTIONS FOR IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY, EFFICIENCY, AND SUSTAINABILITY ON JOB SITES

Jon Glennon — Volvo Site Solutions

Site Solutions are digital tools that use real-time data from construction equipment to improve productivity, efficiency, and sustainability on job sites. The suite includes the Site Operations platform, which integrates data from any machine brand, along with task-focused tools like Connected Load Out and Dig Assist that optimize loading and excavating. Together, these solutions help reduce costs, streamline operations, and lower emissions.

2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

**PROPER SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND WHAT NOT TO DO**

Dave Faber – Ferris State

Refresher into the importance of ensuring material is sampled properly and how an improper sample can impact the results.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NON-ACCOUNTANTS: DEMYSTIFYING THE METRICS THAT MATTER**

Tom Shemanski – Rehmann

How to understand the financial health of your operations without getting lost in accounting jargon while breaking down the basics of financial statements, including Work-in-Progress, gross margins, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and general ledger activity.

**BENEFITS OF AN OPERATIONS CENTER**

Shawn O'Mara - AIS

This seminar will show you how near real-time data and insights can help you make your most informed decisions, streamline maintenance with remote diagnostics and proactive support to cut downtime and save money, and track productivity like never before.

**WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR AN AIR PERMIT**

Nick Carlson and Rachel Fuller – EGLE

Learn firsthand from department experts as to what is required when submitting an air permit as well as other relevant associated items.

3:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

**THE COMPONENTS OF RESILIENT SAFETY CULTURE**

Rachel Proper – Caterpillar Safety Services

Safety culture exists regardless of management. Experience across many organizations shows resilience is essential. This session outlines four components of a resilient safety culture: strong systems, a shared mindset, consistent leadership behaviors, and an engaged workforce committed to continuous improvement.

**AGGREGATE FRICTION CHARACTERIZATION AND THE MICHIGAN AGGREGATE WEAR INDEX (AWI)**

Chris Byrum – MDOT

There are a variety of specific requirements when supplying aggregate to MDOT and this session will provide an insight into the importance of friction resistance and how it is measured.

**CONSTRUCTION LIENS 101**

Chris Meyer and Emily Rucker – Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Learn the why, how, and when is it useful to utilize a construction lien.

**AGGREGATE RESOURCE MAPPING UPDATE**

Thomas Valachovics – Michigan Geological Survey

Become informed about the recent progress of mapping aggregate and water resources across the state and how it can be utilized by the industry.

# TRADE SHOW RECEPTION

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 12

## GENERAL SESSION

7:30 A.M. — 9:00 A.M.

MAA BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M. — 9:30 A.M.

MSHA UPDATE

Amy Jackson, Supervisory Mine Safety and Health Inspector

9:30 A.M. — 10:15 A.M.

MDOT UPDATE

Bradley C. Wieferich, P.E., Director (MDOT)

10:15 A.M. — 10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. — 11:15 A.M.

2026 POLITICAL CLIMATE AND WHAT TO EXPECT

Dave Ladd (Kelley Cawthorne) and John Sellek (Harbor Strategic)

11:15 A.M. — 12:00 P.M.

BENEFITS OF PRE-INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Tim Lazich — Fit For Work



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## Strolling Lunch & Trade Show

12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.



## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:00 P.M. — 1:45 P.M.

### EFFICIENCY IN WIRE CLOTH

Matt Hurd — Hoyt Wire Cloth

Significance of screen media and insight into when specific material could be utilized to provide efficiency and longevity.

### OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 3 MDOT SUPPLIER PROGRAM OF THE PROCEDURES FOR AGGREGATE INSPECTION

Samara Graft — MDOT

Insight into the recently updated PAI and high-level summary of the changes.

### STORMWATER AND GROUNDWATER PERMITTING

Leslie Nelson — Haley & Aldrich

This session will provide an overview of the many requirements and potential pitfalls for permitting stormwater and groundwater discharge from mining operations.

### IMPORTANCE OF TIRE SAFETY

Scott Maxwell — Pomp's Tire Services

Ensure your tire life is maximized through proper use, maintenance and obstacle avoidance.



2:00 P.M. — 2:45 P.M.

#### MAA SAFETY ROUNDTABLE

Various Members of The MAA Safety Committee

Learn about the key safety initiatives and ongoing projects currently underway within the MAA Safety Committee.

#### MAA PUBLIC RELATIONS ROUNDTABLE

Various Members of The MAA Public Relations Committee

Explore the outreach efforts, communications priorities, and current projects being led by the MAA Public Relations Committee.

#### MAA ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE

Various Members of The MAA Environmental Committee

Understand the environmental considerations, regulatory updates, and active initiatives being reviewed by the MAA Environmental Committee.

#### MAA SPECIFICATIONS ROUNDTABLE

Various Members of The MAA Specifications Committee

Get an overview of current specification-related discussions, standards updates, and technical work being addressed by the MAA Specifications Committee.

3:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.

#### BETTER TOGETHER: CREATING CONNECTIVITY IN A DIVIDED WORLD

Rachel Proper — Caterpillar Safety Services

Humans evolved for connection, but differences in beliefs can create costly divisions that impact safety and efficiency on the jobsite. This session explores how perceptions and biases shape workplace relationships and how to overcome tribalism through curiosity and collaboration. You'll gain practical tools to build psychological safety, strengthen connections, and achieve better results by working and living Better Together.

4:00 P.M. — 4:10 P.M.  
MAA EMERGING LEADERS GRADUATION

4:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.  
RECEPTION

6:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

# MAA AWARDS & NETWORKING DINNER

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# Registration Form

To sign up for the event(s), please fill out this form and fax it back to the MAA office at (517) 381-1796 or email it to [kmiriani@miagg.org](mailto:kmiriani@miagg.org) You can also visit [www.miagg.org](http://www.miagg.org) to sign up online.

*Cancellations made within 14 days of the event will not be refunded.*

## EVENT FEE(S)

MAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – \$395.00 PER PERSON

*Conference price increases to \$445.00 for all registrations after January 25, 2026*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ATTENDEE NAME(S)

FILL IN EACH ATTENDEE'S NAME AND CHECK WHICH EVENT(S) THEY WILL BE ATTENDING.

\*\*\* REQUIRED FOR EACH ATTENDEE \*\*\*

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made online by following this link [2026 MAA Conference Room Block](#). If you prefer to make your reservation by phone, please call at 877-352-8777 and mention group code **02102MAGG**. Please note, reservations must be made by 10:00 P.M. on January 25, 2026 to receive the discounted group rate.

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**SESSIONS** | Please check all sessions that you will be attending. Please use a different sheet for each registrant.

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