

2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Where Talent Meets Technology

September 16–17, 2026 · Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix, QC

Pre-Conference MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14–15

MON	Delegates Arrive	Arrivals
TUES		
8:30 AM	NTC Meeting	Malbaie B Room
10:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Malbaie B Room
10:30 AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Malbaie B Room
11:40 AM	Golf Tournament	Fairmont Golf Course
12:00 PM	Trade Show Set-Up	Malbaie A Room
6:00 PM	Welcome BBQ Dinner	Tea Room

Conference Day 1 — Wednesday SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

7:00 AM	Registration & Trade Show Set-Up	
7:30 AM	Registration / Breakfast on your own	
8:00 AM	Trade Show Open	Malbaie A Room
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremonies - Land Acknowledgement - O Canada - Welcome Remarks — NETCO President & Executive Director - Message from Special Guests Opening Keynote — Where Electricians Help Electricians <i>Dr. David Hedley</i>	Malbaie B Room
10:00 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Innovation in Skilled Trades Training: Drone Tech to Digital Apprentice Resources <i>Ann Reinhart — Saskatchewan Polytechnic</i> Earned, Not Given <i>Brad Gard — IBEW Local 120</i>	Malbaie B Room
11:45 AM	Lunch / Trade Show	
1:00 PM	Enhancing Apprenticeship Training with Build Your Skills 2.0 <i>Graham Taylor & Rylan Degenhardt — Skillplan</i> Strategic Renewal 2026–2029: Vision for Growth in the Unionized Construction Sector <i>Normand Trepanier — Helmets to Hardhats</i>	Malbaie B Room
2:30 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Contractors Corner — The AI Education Gap in Electrical Contracting: What’s Missing, Why It Matters, and How We Fix It <i>Terry Milot · Graeme Aitken, LL.B, LL.M · Témod Vega, PhD</i>	
6:30 PM	Reception & Networking 6:30 PM — Cocktails & Mixology Experience 7:00 PM — Chef-Attended Food Stations & Hors d’oeuvres	

Conference Day 2 — Thursday

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

8:00 AM	Trade Show Open / Breakfast on your own	Malbaie A
9:00 AM	Green Health <i>Cassidy Crowe — Western Jets</i> Panel — Hardhats Meet Headsets <i>Theo Davis (IBEW Local 105) · Brad Gard (IBEW Local 120) · Mark Steane (Certi-Fire)</i>	Malbaie B
10:00 AM	Break / Trade Show	Malbaie B
10:30 AM	National Update & Workforce Development Initiatives <i>Lindsay Amundsen — Canada's Building Trades Unions</i> Panel — Apprenticeship Authorities Session <i>Guy Fournier (IBEW Local 568) · Pierre-Luc Désilets (CCQ) · Nathalie Vallières (MESS)</i>	
12:00 PM	Lunch / Trade Show	
1:00 PM	Government Relations Overview <i>Aaron Gairdner & Samira Levesque — Rubicon Strategies Inc.</i> NETCO Executive Director's Report <i>Chris Swick</i> • Leadership Excellence Award • Closing Remarks	

SEE YOU IN CHARLEVOIX

Thank you for being part of NETCO 2026.

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