

WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT & SPA

2026 National Convention Schedule Tuesday, February 10

Time	Event	Location
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	<u>Registration</u>	Lobby Foyer
8:00 - 10:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting <i>closed meeting</i>	Aster
12:00 - 6:00 pm	<u>Annual Golf Tournament</u> hosted by 	Skyline Country Club

Wednesday, February 11

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Lobby Foyer
7:30 - 9:00 am	Executive Directors Council Meeting <i>closed meeting</i>	Indigo
7:30 - 9:00 am	Chapter Presidents Council Meeting <i>closed meeting</i>	Aster
8:30 - 9:30 am	Breakfast	Arizona Foyer
9:30 - 10:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Canyon I
10:30 - 11:30 am	Northeast Region Board Meeting	Verbena

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Time	Event	Location
10:30 - 11:30 am	Central Region Board Meeting	Aster
10:30 - 11:30 am	Southeast Region Board Meeting	Canyon I
10:30 - 11:30 am	Midwest Region Board Meeting	Lantana
10:30 - 11:30 am	West Region Board Meeting	Indigo
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Regional Board Meeting Report Out	Canyon I
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Industry Networking Lunch	Arizona Foyer
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Salsa, Guacamole & Margarita Making Challenge Sponsored by 	Fiesta
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Member Free Time	
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Trenchless Technology Meeting	Canyon I
4:00 - 5:00 pm	David & Jonah Stillman Opening Keynote The father-son duo who literally wrote the book on Gen Z. Together, they'll deliver a high-energy, research-backed session on the seven key traits driving Gen Z employees and proven strategies to you to recruit, retain, and motivate your youngest employees. Sponsored by 	Grand Ballroom
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception Sponsored by 	Mesa Verde Waterfall

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Thursday, February 12

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Lobby Foyer
7:30 - 9:00 am	Annual Meeting & Safety Awards Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
9:00 - 9:30 am	National Partner Showcase	Arizona Foyer
9:30 - 10:30 am	<p>Economic Outlook</p> <p>Don't miss Continuum Capital's Mark Bridgers as he delivers his razor-sharp economic outlook for the American utility construction industry in 2026. With decades of financial and industry expertise and deep insight into infrastructure trends, Mark will unpack emerging opportunities, funding streams, interest-rate impacts, labor dynamics, and risks ahead in 2026 and beyond.</p> <p>Sponsored by  BLUEGROUND</p>	Grand Ballroom
10:30 - 11:00 am	National Partner Showcase	Arizona Foyer
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Operational Best Practices for Utility Contractors</p> <p>Drawing on FMI's industry-leading research and advisory expertise, Tyler Pare will deliver proven strategies to boost profitability, optimize talent, navigate risk, and capitalize on 2026 market shifts. Walk away with actionable tools to elevate bidding accuracy, strengthen leadership pipelines, and drive sustainable growth.</p> <p>Sponsored by  TENNA</p>	Canyon I

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Time	Event	Location
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Work Place Culture</p> <p>A former U.S. Marine Corps officer and veteran construction executive, Wally Adamchik will share battle-tested lessons on investing in people, building unbreakable trust, and creating a high-performance culture that drives safety, productivity, and profit. Learn how to inspire commitment, overcome excuses, and turn good crews into great ones.</p>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 -1:30 pm	National Partner Networking Lunch	Arizona Foyer
1:30 - 3:30 pm	<p>Profit Pipeline Roundtables</p> <p>Designed for open dialogue and real-world insight, this roundtable encourages participants to share experiences, ask questions, and leave with actionable ideas they can apply immediately to their operations. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software for Utility Contractors – Evaluating and leveraging software to improve visibility, productivity, and decision-making. • Navigating Contract Terms – Identifying high-risk clauses, negotiating fair terms, and managing contractual obligations to reduce exposure and protect profitability. • Accounts Receivable Pitfalls – Addressing common payment challenges, improving billing practices, and implementing strategies to accelerate cash flow and reduce bad debt. <p>Sponsored by </p>	Grand Ballroom
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Government Affairs Update	Canyon I
3:30 - 6:30 pm	Member Free Time	

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Time	Event	Location
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception sponsored by our National Partners	Arizona Foyer
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Awards Gala & Live Auction <i>Join us as we close out another amazing annual convention with great food & company. Business and cocktail attire requested.</i> Sponsored by  JOHN DEERE	Grand Ballroom

Friday, February 13

Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 10:30 am	National Equipment Operators Championship Competitor Check in	Catalina Basin
8:30 - 9:30 am	Breakfast	Arizona Foyer Catalina Basin
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	<u>National Equipment Operators Championship</u> sponsored by  US PIPE <small>A QUIRRETE COMPANY</small>	Catalina Basin includes lunch

Current schedule as of January 20, 2026. Any changes will be posted on this schedule.