

2026 RTA Conference Agenda*

Oct. 19-22, 2026 • Westin Beach Resort • Ft. Lauderdale, FL • 321 N. Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

Date/Time	Sessions	Location	Sponsor
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Monday, Oct. 19

1-5 p.m.	Exhibitor Setup	Las Olas Foyer	
Noon – 6 p.m.	Conference Registration	Ballroom Registration	
3:30 – 5 p.m.	RTA R&D Committee Fall Meeting	Himmarshee	
5 – 6 p.m.	President's Reception w/Light Fare, Drinks & Live Music	Sky Terrace	Stella-Jones Corp.
6 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own		

Tuesday, Oct. 20

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer	North American Tie & Timber
	General Sessions		Missouri Tie LLC
7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	RTA Business Session	Las Olas Ballroom	Railway Tie Association
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	RR Executive Keynote Address – Cassie Dull, Pinsky RR	Las Olas Ballroom	Koppers Inc.
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Networking Break/Awards Ceremony (Broad Axe Award)	Las Olas Foyer	Mellott Wood Preserving
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Railroad Engineering	Las Olas Ballroom	Stella-Jones Corp.
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Spouse/Guest Brunch: Salsa/Guacamole Workshop	Oceanside	Railway Tie Association
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer	Mellott Wood Preserving
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Government Affairs	Las Olas Ballroom	Stella-Jones Corp.
11:15 – Noon	Research & Innovation – Day 1	Las Olas Ballroom	Loram
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer	Railway Tie Association
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Oceanside, etc.	Railway Tie Association
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Optional Activity - Everglades Airboat Tour	Lobby Pickup	Koppers Inc. - Transportation
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	RTA Golf Tournament & Golf Awards	Lobby Pickup	Missouri Tie, NAMRC, Tietan, Stella-Jones, Koppers Inc., Nisus Corp.
6:00 p.m.	No Reception/Dinner on Your Own		

Wednesday, Oct. 21

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer	North American Tie & Timber
	General Sessions		Viance LLC
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Tie End of Life Solutions	Las Olas Ballroom	Railway Tie Association
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Networking Break/Awards Ceremony (Branding Hammer)	Las Olas Foyer	Mellott Wood Preserving
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	HMA – Hardwood Marketplace Perspectives Panel	Las Olas Ballroom	Hardwood Manufacturers Association
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer	Mellott Wood Preserving
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Research & Innovation – Day 2	Las Olas Ballroom	Loram
11:15 – Noon	Class I Railroad Procurement	Las Olas Ballroom	Stella-Jones Corp.
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Ballroom	Railway Tie Association
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Himmarshee, etc.	
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Meeting	Oceanside	
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Optional Activity - Millionaire's Row Tour	Lobby Pickup	
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Closing Reception/Awards Ceremony – Silver Saw Award Presentation; Drinks, Light Fare & Live Music; Theme: Wear bright, festive colors or your favorite pirate-inspired attire – hats, boots, slacks, etc.	Las Olas Ballroom	Koppers Inc.
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own		

Thursday, Oct. 22

8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Subcommittee Meetings	Oceanside, etc.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	

Networking/Private breakout rooms available on a first come, first served basis: Himmarshee, Bonnet, Rio Vista

*Agenda is Subject to Updates