

# APWA-NC LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2026 Winston-Salem, NC

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

Time	Topic/Speaker
11 AM	<b>Golf Tournament - TBD</b>
12 – 5 PM	<b>Booth Set Up</b>
3 – 6 PM	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
5 – 7 PM	<b>Opening Reception &amp; Partner Carnival</b>

## THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

Time	Topic/Speaker
7:00 AM	<b>Breakfast Available &amp; Registration Desk Open</b>
8:00 AM	<b>Opening</b> <b>Welcome from the City</b> – Mayor J. Allen Joines, City of Winston-Salem
8:30 AM	<b>Dare to Lead</b> – Pete Smith, Professional Keynote Speaker
<b>Partner Pop-In (9:30 AM – 10:00 AM)</b>	
10:00 AM	<b>Handshakes &amp; Hashtags: A Generational Difference</b> – Magda Holloway, APWA-NC Social Media Chair and Jacqueline Thompson, APWA-NC Secretary / Bolton & Menk
11:00 AM	<b>Legislative Update</b> – Seth Palmer, North Carolina League of Municipalities
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch / Partner Introductions</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Engineering in the Age of AI: Strategy and Opportunity</b> – Chris Bosco, Freese and Nichols
2:00 PM	<b>Culture Dreams Versus Reality: Which Way is Up?</b> – Na'imah Humphrey, City of Charlotte
<b>Partner Pop-In (2:50 PM – 3:30 PM)</b>	
3:30 PM	<b>Breaking Ground: Women Leading in Public Works – Diverse Career Paths, Leadership Insights, and Lessons from Across the Profession</b> – Panelists: Tasha Johnson, City of Durham; Melinda King, City of High Point; Adam McLamb, Town of Indian Trail; Brie Saur, McAdams; Ashton Walker, Town of Mooresville; Facilitator: Megan Walsh, City of Durham
4:30 PM	<b>Rules of Professional Conduct</b> – David J. Evans, North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors
5:30 PM	<b>Partner Pop-In &amp; Social</b>
6:30 PM	<b>Dinner</b>
7:30 PM	<b>Entertainment</b>



## FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

Time	Topic/Speaker
7:00 AM	<b>Breakfast Available &amp; Registration Desk Open</b>
8:00 AM	<b>AI for Municipal Impact: Starting Small, Building Strong</b> – Eric J Wenz Sr., Bolton & Menk
9:00 AM	<b>Beyond Paychecks: Using Workplace Appreciation to Strengthen Culture and Retain Talent in Public Works</b> – Michael Hanna, City of Salisbury
<b>Partner Pop-In (9:50AM – 10:10AM)</b>	
10:10 AM	<b>Navigating Change by Embracing Group Dynamics</b> – Leah Harrison, Town of Garner
11:10 AM	<b>Beyond Compliance: How Documentation Reinforces Values and Clarifies Priorities</b> – Liam Hickey, Accreditation Docs
12:00 PM	<b>Closing</b>

**Proposed Total CEUs – 11 (incl. 1 CEU of Ethics!)**

