



55th Anniversary

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4 - 7

The Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, VA

DETAILED CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9:00am - 4:30pm Board of Directors Meeting | *Board Members & State Directors Only* | **ROOM: PLAZA C & D**

5:30pm **Safe Fleet/SEON Dinner** | Skydome Restaurant (300 Army Navy Dr, Arlington, VA) **Buses depart from outside hotel lobby at 5:20pm, 5:30pm, and 5:45pm.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 > ROOM: **SALON III**

Registration will open on Sunday, November 5 at 7:30 a.m.

Check-in is not required. At your convenience, stop by the registration table on the 2nd level of the hotel outside the meeting space - Salon III. Grab your name tag and conference lapel pin (1 per person). Handout materials will be emailed and posted on our conference webpage. To save on cost and to be environmentally conscious, no hard copies will be available onsite.

Coffee will be available at the start of each day; however, breakfast is on your own. Food and drinks will be provided during our morning and afternoon breaks and lunches. Dinner is also sponsored on all three nights. Each night, there is a different location for dinner. Transportation will be provided for locations that are not walkable. See the agenda for the times and locations. **A special thank you to all of our sponsors.**

- 8:00am - 10:00am General Sessions | **Coffee Sponsored by Tyler Technologies**
- 8:00am - 8:10am Welcome and Introductions
- 8:10am - 8:40am Discover Your Best You | Dawn Pons
- 8:40am - 9:30am State of the Industry | Tim Gordon, Blue Bird Corporation; Katie Stok, IC Bus, LLC; Vance Nofziger, Thomas Built Buses
- 9:30am - 10:00am Propane School Bus Overview, The Role of Propane in School Transportation | Stephen Whaley, Propane Education & Research Council
- 10:00am - 10:15am **Morning Break Sponsored by United Safety & Survivability Corp.**
- 10:15am - 11:00am State Specifications Discussion | Nick Mitchell, Blue Bird Corporation; Chad Duncan, IC Bus, LLC; Ricky Stanley, Thomas Built Buses
- 11:00am - 12:00pm State Director Panel, Electric School Buses | Keith Dreiling, Gabriel Rose, Kevin Harrison
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm **Lunch Sponsored by BESI & Rosco Vision | ROOM: PLAZA BALLROOM**
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Supplier Council Annual Meeting | **ROOM: SALON III**
- 2:15pm - 4:15pm **Supplier Showcase & Networking Session | ROOM: SALON I & II**
- 4:15pm - 5:30pm NASDPTS Annual Meeting | **ROOM: SALON III**
- 6:00pm **Thomas Built Buses Dinner** | Matchbox Restaurant (*accessible via Pentagon City Mall*)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 > ROOM: SALON III

- 8:00am - 10:00am General Sessions | **Coffee Sponsored by Tyler Technologies**
- 8:00am - 8:30am Associations Update: National Association for Pupil Transportation, National School Transportation Association, and Busing on the Lookout
- 8:30am - 9:15am Agency Update: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration | Michelle Atwell
- 9:15am - 10:00am Agency Update: Transportation Security Administration | Ben Carrier
- 10:00am - 10:15am **Morning Break Sponsored by SafeGuard/IMMI**
- 10:15am - 11:15am Agency Update: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration | Larry Minor
- 11:15am - 12:00pm Agency Update: Department of Education | David Cantrell
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm **Lunch Sponsored by Transfinder & NASDPTS | ROOM: PLAZA BALLROOM**
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Agency Update: National Transportation Safety Board | Meg Sweeney
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Agency Update: Environmental Protection Agency | Karl Simon
- 2:30pm - 2:45pm **Afternoon Break Sponsored by Trans/Air Manufacturing**
- 2:45pm - 3:30pm State Director Panel: Alternative Transportation | Susan Miller, Tyler Bryan, Robert Manspeaker
- 3:30pm - 4:45pm NASDPTS Business Meeting | *State Directors Only* | **ROOM: SALON III**
- 6:30pm **IC Bus Dinner** | Swingers Crazy Golf (1330 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC)
Buses depart from outside hotel lobby at 6:15pm and 6:30pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 > ROOM: SALON III

- 9:00am - 9:45am General Session | **Coffee Sponsored by HSM Transportation Solutions**
- State Director Panel: The Driver Shortage | Tyler Bryan, Ron Litchfield, Mike LaRocco, Mike Bullman
- 9:45am - 10:00am **Morning Break Sponsored by BraunAbility & Q'Straint/Sure-Lok**
- 10:00am - 10:15am 2023 Kansas Loading & Unloading Survey | Keith Dreiling
- 10:15am - 11:00am Active Threats on School Buses | Chris Ellison
- 11:00am - 11:30am State Director Panel: School Bus Accidents | Brian Reu, Kevin Harrison, Mike Simmons, Susan Miller
- 11:30am - 12:00pm National Congress on School Transportation Update | Pat McManamon
- 12:00pm Conference Concludes**
- 12:15pm - 1:00pm Board of Directors Meeting | *Board Members & State Directors Only* | **ROOM: Plaza A&B**
- 1:15pm - 5:00pm NCST Steering Committee Meeting | *NCST Steering Committee Members & Writing Committee Chairs Only* | **ROOM: PLAZA C & D**

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