



# Construction Summit Schedule

February 18-19, 2026 | Saint Paul RiverCentre

## WEDNESDAY, February 18

6:30 AM  
7:30 AM

Registration/Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM

**A Better Future is Our Responsibility**  
Aaron Witt

9:15 AM  
10:15 AM

**Family Business Transitions: Beating the Odds**  
Ballroom C/D | Dyanne Ross-Hanson

**AGC HR Forum**  
Room 3

**The Four Domains of Safety Leadership: A Conduit for Overall Operational Excellence**  
Room 4 | Shae Birkey

**Navigating Change Orders with Confidence: A Panel Discussion**  
Room 5 | Babette Buckner, Troy Parkinson, Jessi Wagner, Kyle Willems

**Negotiations & Behavioral Economics\***  
Room 6 | Mike Schechter

10:15 AM  
11:00 AM

**Break with Exhibitors**

11:00 AM  
12:00 PM

**The New Blueprint for Cybersecurity: What Every Construction Executive Needs to Know**  
Ballroom C/D | Jake Bloedow, Sam Bloedow, Clinton Steingraber, Greg Tupper

**Accountability for Safety: Is it Really Everyone's Job?**  
Room 4 | Shae Birkey

**Federal Advocacy Update**  
Room 5 | Alex Etchen

**Contracts: Bidding from Spearin to Responsible Contractor\***  
Room 6 | Josh Peterson

12:00 PM  
1:30 PM

**Lunch with Exhibitors**

1:30 PM  
2:30 PM

**Business Continuity: What's the Back Up Plan?**  
Ballroom C/D | Dyanne Ross-Hanson

**From Chaos to Clarity:**

**Why Construction Firms Need Executive-Level IT Leadership**  
Room 4 | Jake Bloedow, Sam Bloedow, Clinton Steingraber, Greg Tupper

**Panel Discussion: A Movement for Mental Health and Culture Change in Construction**  
Room 5 | Tom Dicklich, Yolanda McIntosh, Cheri Quinn, Tim Worke

**Contract Forms: Management, At Risk, Design, and More\***  
Room 6 | Mark Becker, Jesse Orman

2:30 PM  
2:45 PM

**Break with Exhibitors**

2:45 PM  
3:45 PM

**Before It Blows Up: A Leader's Guide to Preventing Crisis Through Communication**  
Ballroom C/D | Melissa DeLay

**Robots on the Jobsite: Navigating the New Landscape of Construction Safety**  
Room 4 | Henning Roedel

**Building Our Future: District 196 School Bond Referendum Projects**  
Room 5 | Josh Cooper, Carol Hauschild, Ike McWaters, Tim Worke

**Contracts: Negotiating with Owners, General Contractors, and Specialty Contractors\***  
Room 6 | Jevon Bindman, Nena Lenz, Kyle Willems

3:45 PM  
6:00 PM

**DeWALT & Ziegler CAT Platinum Sponsor Networking Reception**



## THURSDAY, February 19

7:30 AM  
8:00 AM

**Registration/Breakfast**

**How Construction Companies are Using AI Right Now: A Report From the Field**  
Zach Giglio

**Live AI Use Cases: Real Workflows You Can Apply Right Now**  
Ballroom C/D | Zach Giglio

**Construction Safety Best Practices – The Case for Safety Excellence**  
Room 5 | Stacy Arnold

**Union Fringe Benefit Funds\***  
Room 6 | Amanda Cefalu, Amy Court

9:45 AM  
10:45 AM

**Break**

10:45 AM  
11:00 AM

**Minnesota Project Owners as Partners**

Ballroom C/D | Michael Beer, Brian Ellsworth, Jody Jacoby, Eric Radel, Steve Sampson Brown, Laura Ziegler

**Building a Safer Future: Innovative Approaches to Risk Reduction in Construction Projects**

Room 4 | Alyx Johnson, Scott Johnson, Brittney May, Larry Wall

**Unlocking the Backlog of Emerging Leaders: How to Identify, Develop, and Activate High-Performance Leadership in Construction**

Room 5 | Erik Williams

**Working with Unions: Avoid Pitfalls & Reap Benefits\***  
Room 6 | Robert Doblar, Phyllis Karasov, Bill Marshall, Geoff Movold, Ryan Pecinovsky

**Lunch with Danger Boat Productions: Improv Cafe**

**\* 1.0 CLE (Continuing Legal Education) Credit Approved**



### AGENDA KEY:

General Session

Breakout Sessions

Break / Meal / Networking Event