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Time EDT	DAY ONE - OCTOBER 5	
08:00 - 17:00	IAM North American Conference - Workshop One Advancing the Digital Edge – Data Strategy and Governance for Better Decisions	IAM North American Conference - Workshop Two Value-Based Prioritization – Building Defensible Capital Investment Decisions
13:00 - 17:00	Conference Registration and Information	
14:30 - 15:30	IAM USA Meet and Greet	
16:00 - 18:00	Opening Drinks and Canapes Reception Meet and Greet Conference Delegates	

DAY TWO - OCTOBER 6

Time EDT	
08:00 - 09:00	Day Two Conference - Networking
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome & Headline Sponsor Comments James Jorgensen & Amy Lindblom - Conference Chairs
09:10 - 09:25	What's Been Happening in 2026? IAM Board Members - Toby Kizner and Ursula Bryan
09:25 - 09:55	Keynote Asset Management Integration and Beyond - From Integration to Transformation: Unlocking the Full Value of Asset Management Angelo Pavia - Toronto Hydro

Time EDT	OPERATIONS TRACK MASTERING THE LIFECYCLE *In Partnership with the Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals* SMRP	ORGANIZATIONAL TRACK CULTURE AS A CATALYST	INNOVATION TRACK THE DIGITAL EDGE
10:00 - 10:30	Reliability Meets Asset Management: Leveraging the IAM–SMRP Alliance for Professional Excellence Brandon Weil - SMRP Vice Chair	Unicorn Hunting: Strategic Intern Workforce Development Steven Dutschke - Great Lakes Water Authority	Asset Tradeoff Budget Distribution Framework being developed for Delaware Department of Transportation Charles Pilson - Mott MacDonald, Sarah McDougall - Delaware Department of Transportation
10:35 - 11:05	Connecting People, Data, and Assets: The Role of ISO14224 Farshad Bakhshi - Neximatech	The ISO 55000 Series in 2026: Policy, Decision-Making, Sustainability, and the Road to 2027 Boudewijn Neijens, Daryush Esmaili Iain Cranston, Ludmilla Piragova & Alireza Mohammadi	Building a Practical Condition Assessment Program with Modern Tools Erik Green - Renewable Water Resources
11:05 - 11:30	Break		
11:30 - 12:00	Agencywide Asset Management System (AMS) Development for Multi-Modal Agency Justin Barclay - Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson; Mariyana Tozeva - Maryland Transit Administration	Operationalizing ISO 55001: How Using Information Drives Cultural Change Gurminder McNeel-Caird - Pacific Gas & Electricity Company	NxtGen Poster Session Grantsen Holback - Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Musa Aziz Bhatti - Town of Fort Erie Pruthvish Patel - GFT
12:05 - 12:35	Technology Showcase Exploring a Value-based Decision Support Stack for Connected Asset Decisions Garth Bird, Ali Mirza - The Woodhouse Partnership	Educating Elected Officials and Senior Decision Makers at Scale. Iain Cranston, Lachlan MacLean - icInfrastructure	Asset Information Management System (AIMS) – Bringing Everything Together Andrew Williams - City of Colombus, Ohio Department of Public Service ; Allen Ibaugh - Cultivate Geospatial Solutions
12:35 - 13:30	Lunch Buffet		
13:30 - 14:00	Strategic Reliability Governance: Strengthening Lifecycle Decision Making Eric Goforth - SLBC Inc, Yuraima Redondo - Peel Region	IAM Knowledge Resources - Cross Boundary Integration, Pathway to Excellence, Realized Value and Benefits, Value Frameworks Ursula Bryan and members of the IAM Knowledge Projects	Practical Pathway to Digitalization and Advanced Technology in Asset Management Alireza Mohammadi - Metrolinx
14:05 - 14:35	From Projects to Performance: Operational Readiness at the Transition Point William Phillips - Mott MacDonald, Sean Cole - Infrastructure Ontario, Susan Peric - Greater Toronto Airport Authority, Dan Olsen - Toronto Transit Commission		Designing Decision Architecture for AI-Influenced Asset Decisions Ludmilla Pirogova - NXTFrontier
14:40 - 15:10	IAM North American Awards Ceremony James Jogensen, Amy Lindblom - Conference Chairs and Ursula Bryan - IAM CEO		
15:10 - 15:30	Break		
15:30 - 16:00	Keynote From Planning to Performance: Creating Value for Ontario Heather Grey-Wolf (Infrastructure Ontario)		
16:15 - 17:15	Drinks & Canapes / Awards Celebration		
17:30 – 18:30	IAM Canada NxtGen Networking Hour Connect. Learn. Grow		

KEY: PANEL DISCUSSION · KEYNOTE · INTERACTIVE SESSION · WORKSHOP · PRESENTATION

DAY THREE - OCTOBER 7

Time EDT	
08:00 - 08:30	Day Three Conference - Networking
08:30 - 08:45	Welcome & Headline Sponsor Comments James Jorgensen & Amy Lindblom - Conference Chairs
08:45 - 09:15	Keynote The AI Trap: Kill, Fix or Scale Nick Haase - MaintainX

Time EDT	OPERATIONS TRACK MASTERING THE LIFECYCLE *In Partnership with the Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals*	ORGANIZATIONAL TRACK CULTURE AS A CATALYST	INNOVATION TRACK THE DIGITAL EDGE
09:20 - 09:50	IAM Professional Development Resources - Career Pathways, Continuing Professional Development, Competences Framework, Exam Syllabi Ursula Bryan, David Sumpton - Western University / Fanshawe College, Daryush Esmali - Aspire Consulting and members of the IAM Professional Development Projects	Making a Big Bang CMMS Go-Live Work: Lessons and Strategies Samantha Downing, Nav Singh, Alysha Robins - City of St. Catherines, Eric Goforth - SLBC Inc	AI-Driven Pavement Management: Integrating Technologies for Cost Effective Road Assessments Kelly Dell - GEI Consultants Canada, Aylin Hearnes - City of Peterborough, Rob Huber - Rival Solutions
09:55 - 10:25		Designing Internal AM Maturity Assessments in a Municipal Context Howard Tong, Leanne Brannigan - Peel Region	From Digital Twin to Decision Intelligence Michele Samuels - Xylem
10:25 - 11:00	Break		
11:00 - 11:30	Risk Assessment and Management in Practice - Updated SSG for Practitioners Laith Alfaqih - Stantec, Dennis Zadery - Stantec	Amphibious Infrastructure: From Coastlines to Coastal-Zones Joe Innis, Ashley Barratt- The Centre for Asset Studies	Technology Showcase Capital Planning and Investment Decisions that Shape the Future Brent Solomon - Arcadis, Maarten Clements - Arcadis Ron Fraser - Infrastructure Ontario.
11:35 - 12:05	Keynote One Portfolio, One City: Toronto's Journey to Enterprise Real Estate Asset Management Patrick Matozzo - Corporate Real Estate Management at City of Toronto		
12:05 - 13:00	Lunch Buffet		
13:00 - 13:30	Maintenance and Reliability Master Strategic Planning Aman Singh, Maria Raykowski - SLBC, Greg Epp - Niagara Region	Maturing an Asset Management Program: Richmond Hill's IAM-Guided Journey David Baldessara, Andrew Nichols - City of Richmond Hill	Enhancing Water Utility O&M with LIDAR & 360 Scanning Daniel Everitt - Peel Region
13:35 - 14:05	Service Levels That Stick: Designing Targets You Can Actually Afford Erik Wright, Andrea Tang, Houston Renwick-Mayer - Town of Newmarket	Advancing Asset Management Through Organizational Culture and Inclusive Leadership Vanessa Chau - WiAM - Women in Asset Management, Fay Pittman - Metrolinx	Asset Management AI Exchange: Showcase, Discuss and Lean Mary Sam - City of Toronto
14:10 - 14:40	Integrating Corrective Maintenance History into Asset Health Indexing (AHI) Angelica Banzon - Toronto Hydro	From 'Doing Things' to Executing Asset Management Steve Alston - Pinellas County Office of Fleet & Asset Management, Scott Stillwell - Pinellas County Public Works	Building a Centre of Excellence in Asset Data Ron Fraser - Infrastructure Ontario, David Hewitt - BGIS
14:40 - 15:00	Break		
15:00 - 15:30	Management of Track Asset Life Cycle Using Condition Models Roger Alves, Gaith Sabouni, Hussain Kagalwala - Metrolinx	Risk-Based Decision Making for Marine Asset Management Quadri Kazeem, Mirren Robison - Port of Houston	Turning Asset Data into Budget Decisions That Last Jenn Gross - GEI Consultants Ltd., David Baldesarra - City of Richmond Hill
15:35 - 16:05	Technology Showcase From Data to Decisions: An Adaptive Risk-Based Framework for Pipeline Asset Management Sepideh Yazdekhasti, Greta Vladenanu -Xylem	Internal Stakeholder Buy-in and Engagement through Effective Change Management Justin Barclay - Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson; Mariyana Tozeve - Maryland Transit Adminstration	This Is the Year to Add Meaning to Your Data Tony Huang - Toronto Water
16:10 - 16:40	From KPIs to Failure Insights Leonard Caputo - New York Power Authority	Beyond Regulation: How Organizational Culture Shapes Natural Asset Integration Samantha Paquette, Natalie Dunn - GEI Consultants Canada Ltd.	Breaking Silos Through Process-Driven, Data-Centric Lifecycle Management Samantha Keulmann, Dave Findlay - GHD, Maisam Shahzad - WSSC Water
16:40 - 17:00	Conference Closing Remarks & Headline Sponsor Comments James Jorgensen & Amy Lindblom - Conference Chairs		