

Monday 11.1.21

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm—**Exhibit Set-up**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm—**Early Registration**

Tuesday 11.2.21

8:00 am – 5:00 pm—**Registration**

8:30 am – 2:30 pm—**Golf Tournament**

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm—**St. Louis through a Storyteller's Eyes**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm—**Hospitality Suites Open**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm—**President's Reception**

Wednesday 11.3.21

8:00 am **General Business Session**



8:30 am Keynote Speaker Connor Lokar of ITR Economics with a railroad industry specific presentation you won't want to miss!

10:00 am **Networking and Exhibition Break**

10:30 am **Industry Analysis and DC Legislative Update**

Tony Hatch, ABH Consulting

Chuck Baker, ASLRRRA



12:00 pm **Luncheon with Committee Reports, Scholarships, and...**



Keynote Speaker, Robert Sumwalt, former NTSB Chairman and safety advocate promises an engaging discussion *The Critical Role of Safety Leadership* with extended Q&A.

1:45 pm **Hardwood Session-Today's Sawmill Challenges**

Dana Cole Moderator, Hardwood Federation

Darwin Murray, McClain Forest Products

Paul Gaines, Madison County Wood Products

Frank Wilson, Wilson Brothers Lumber

Brian Brookshire, Missouri Forest Products Association

Wednesday 11.3.21

3:00 pm **AREMA Presentation and Engineering Session**

AREMA President Mike Freeman, Union Pacific

Adam Bankston, BNSF

Ed Sparks, CSX

Canadian National (invited)

Norfolk Southern (invited)

Jorge Velez, Kansas City Southern

Vendor-Mercials will be presented during this session

103RD CONFERENCE GRAND RECEPTION AND AWARDS

Emcee Mark Cordes "One of the most requested Corporate Comedians" whose inventive humor is sure to make the evening a smash hit!



Thursday 11.4.21

7:30 am **Hardwood Market Report Update** Judd Johnson

7:45 am **Research Session** (tentative)

Dr. Jeff Lloyd, NISUS *Improving Tie Life*

Kenza Soufiane, UD *Adjacent Tie Impact on Crosstie Failure*

Dr. Mark Denavit, UTK *Tie Testing*

Tim Carey, Lonza *Eight Year-Old ACZA Ties*

DR. Beth Stokes, MSU, *RTA-AWPRP Update*

Tie Disposal

Dr. Jeff Lloyd, NISUS *Carbon Sequestration*

Chuck Ludwig, CHZ Technologies

9:45 am **Networking and Exhibition Break**

10:00 am **Creosote EPA Regulatory Update** Creosote Council

10:15 am **Wood Preservation Updates** Dallin Brooks, WWPI

10:30 am **Railroad Purchasing Forum**

Kristine Storm, Genesee & Wyoming (Moderator)

BNSF (invited)

Union Pacific (invited)

CSX (invited)

Kansas City Southern (invited)

Canadian National (invited)

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Golf



Sunset Country Club is regarded as having one of the best private club courses in the St. Louis metro area. The 6,686-yard layout features tight tree-lined fairways, rolling hills, strategically placed bunkers, natural flowing creeks, challenging but fair greens, and scenic course views. The course is known for testing a player's accuracy and short game. The course has hosted several PGA Tour events and national amateur competitions. As part of the golfing experience, players will be treated to many RTA provided amenities including, breakfast, luncheon, a high-end RTA wearable, personal coolers stocked with a selection of water and beverages with refills available at the turn

St. Louis Through a Storyteller's Eyes - An "Unexpected Tour"



While golfers are at the course, guests/spouses will enjoy an optional one-of-a-kind experience hosted by Amanda Clark, founder of Renegade STL. After being discovered and recognized nationally by the New York Times, Clark was offered a position with the St. Louis History Museum. Her customized RTA tour: *St. Louis Through a Storytellers Eyes, An "Unexpected" Tour*, will transport participants through time and place into a world of St. Louis others have never seen. A Box lunch is provided as part of this tour.

A St. Louis Culinary Adventure

Tour arrangements are still being finalized at this printing. We invite you to whet your appetite with some of the Gateway City's most intriguing food options. Feast your eyes on ribs, roasted ravioli, artisan pizza, sliders, pigtails, and small bites. It promises to be a memorable experience!

Details and cost TBD

