



**SMACNA**  
**Council of Chapter Representatives**  
December 8-10, 2024 Meeting  
New Orleans, Louisiana



## AGENDA

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

**5:00 p.m. Reception**  
*Rex Room*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

**7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast**  
*Vieux Carre Foyer II III*

**8:00 a.m. Meeting**  
*Vieux Carre II III*

**Call to Order** – Chair Cheryl Sprague

**Opening Remarks**

**Appointments**

Parliamentarian – Dan Kelly

Sergeants-At-Arms & Tellers – Kristin De Guzman & Linda Jennings

**Introductions**

New Councilors and Chapter Executives  
SMACNA Officers

**8:10 a.m. Announcements**

**I. Council Purposes**

Article XIV, Section 2 of the SMACNA Bylaws states that “The Council of Chapter Representatives shall serve to implement this Association’s policies and programs at the chapter level, to interchange information on chapter activities and programs, and to inform the Board of Directors concerning chapter needs and problems.”

**II. Meeting Format**

Small Table Rounds – It was the consensus of the Council Advisory Task Force that the small group discussion format facilitated by small table groups provides the best ambiance for full participation of all representatives to the Council. This format will be utilized for future meetings of the Council unless changed by the Council.

**III. Future Council Meeting Sites**

- June 1-3, 2025  
Omni Louisville Hotel  
Louisville, Kentucky

- December 7-9, 2025  
Renaissance Nashville Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee
- May 31-June 2, 2026  
Fairmont Le Château Frontenac  
Québec City, Canada
- December 6-8, 2026  
Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center  
Chula Vista, California
- December 5-7, 2027  
The Boca Raton  
Boca Raton, Florida

- 8:15 a.m. Reports**  
SMACNA President’s Report – Tom Martin  
SMACNA Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Aaron Hilger  
SMACNA Council Chair’s Report – Cheryl Sprague
- 8:45 a.m. The SMACNA AI Leadership Project** – Hugh Seaton, The Link.ai
- 9:45 a.m. How SMACNA Contractors are Meeting the Megaproject Challenge** – Todd Hill, Ventcon, Inc.; Tom Martin, T.H. Martin, Inc.; Tony Kocurek, Energy Balance & Integration LLC; Moderated by Aaron Hilger, SMACNA National
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:40 a.m. National Pension Fund Update** – Lori Wood, National Pension Fund
- 11:10 a.m. Addressing Jurisdictional Disputes in the Industry** – Lucas Aubrey, Sherman Dunn, P.C.
- 12:00 p.m. Group Lunch**  
*Chartres*
- 1:00 p.m. Business Item**  
**Action Item**  
- **Measuring the Success of BE4ALL Efforts** – Peter Jenkins, SMCA of Philadelphia
- 1:15 p.m. SMACNA Technical Department Update** – Eli Howard, SMACNA National
- 1:45 p.m. Latest Developments from the iTi** – Mike Harris, International Training Institute
- 2:30 p.m. Break**

- 2:40 p.m.**     **SMACNA Western Washington's Executive Education Institute & Other Recruitment and Outreach Initiatives** – Julie Muller, Esq., SMACNA - Western Washington; Tom Montgomery, Emcor Services Northwest; BJ Giri, Holaday-Parks, Inc.
- 3:10 p.m.**     **Material Procurement and Equipment Rental Practices for SMACNA Contractors** – Victor Gane, Field Materials; Guy Gast, New Horizons Foundation
- 3:55 p.m.**     **Recess**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 7:30 a.m.**     **Buffet Breakfast**  
*Vieux Carre Foyer II III*
- 8:00 a.m.**     **Meeting – Reconvene**  
*Vieux Carre II III*
- 8:05 a.m.**     **Open Forum**
- **State Paid Sick Leave Laws**
  - **Other Topics for Discussion**
- 8:35 a.m.**     **SMACNA Government Relations: Post-Election Update & a Look Ahead to the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress** – Stan Kolbe, SMACNA Capitol Hill
- 9:35 a.m.**     **Break**
- 9:45 a.m.**     **Balancing Mission and Management: Leadership Dilemmas Within Our Chapters** – John Quarnstrom, SMARCA; Chris Schneider, SMACNA Oregon & SW Washington; Ginger Slaick, Georgia-SMACNA; Susan Miller, SMACNA - St. Louis; Moderated by Cheryl Sprague, SMACNA Sacramento
- 10:15 a.m.**     **Business Items**
- **Nomination of Council Vice Chair**
- 10:25 a.m.**     **Adjournment**