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State Convention

January 28 & 29, 2026

Canopy by Hilton

Sioux Falls, SD



SOUTH DAKOTA



Welcome

FROM THE PRESIDENTS...



Elroy Buren

AGC of South Dakota
President



Bill Short

SDLICA President

We're thrilled to have you join us at the Canopy in Sioux Falls' Steel District. This annual gathering is an exceptional opportunity to strengthen connections, grow our networks, and collaborate on solutions to the challenges shaping our industry.

The Convention Planning Committee (listed on the back page) has worked tirelessly since last June to make this event possible. Please take a moment to thank them for their dedication and hard work.

As Presidents of our Associations, we are honored to lead South Dakota's most committed construction professionals. Together, we form a powerful voice for addressing industry challenges and navigating regulatory changes. Your engagement and leadership are essential to our continued success, and we encourage you to stay active throughout the year.

Thank you for being here, let's make this State Convention one to remember!

Thank you for attending the 2026 State Convention!

Save the Date: 2027 State Convention
January 20 & 21 at The Lodge in Deadwood

Wednesday, January 28

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00AM - Registration Opens



10:00 – 11:00AM - MSHA Alliance Meeting



11:00AM – NOON - Safety Committee Meeting



11:00AM – NOON - LICA Board Meeting



NOON – 1:45PM



* Ticketed Item: See Registration *

WELCOME SESSION: SETTING THE STAGE

“Welcome” - Mayor Paul Tenhaken, City of Sioux Falls



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“The Confidence Cycle: The Secret for Everyday Engagement and Motivation”

- Juan Bendana



2:00 – 3:00PM

AGC ANNUAL MEETINGS (3):

Horizontal Group

Vertical Group

Associates Group

**MEETING
IN PROGRESS**

2:00 – 3:00PM

SDLICA BREAKOUT SESSION: Prins Insurance Update

- Bruce Mosier, Vice President, Prins Insurance



3:00 – 3:15 PM – Break

BREAK TIME

3:15 – 4:15PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1-3:

Session 1: “Key Immigration & ICE-HSI Compliance Updates”

- Amanda Bahena, Woods Fuller Shultz & Smith, P.C.



Session 2: “Strategic Recruiting in a Competitive Labor Market”

- Cal McKeown, SHRM-CP, PHR



Session 3: “AI in Construction Actionable for Today”

- Tina Heeren, Gil Haugan, Chief Marketing & Sales Officer



Wednesday, January 28 (cont.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4:30 – 5:30PM - Exhibitor Happy Hour



AN EVENING OF EXCELLENCE: DINNER & AWARDS BANQUET

5:30PM - Social

 * Ticketed Item: See Registration *

6:00PM - Welcome & Dinner

7:00PM - Awards Presentation



7:45 – 11:00PM - AGC YOUNG CONSTRUCTORS HOSTED

PUB CRAWL



(Separate Registration Required - See page 6 for details)

Thursday, January 29

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30AM - Registration Opens



7:30 – 8:15AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



8:30 – 9:30AM

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

AGC Membership Meeting & AGCA Update

LICA Membership Meeting & NLICA Update



9:45 – 10:30AM

SPOTLIGHT SESSION: Coffee Talk with Former Governor Dennis Daugaard



10:30 – 10:45AM - BREAK



10:45 – 11:45AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4-6:

Session 4: “Building a Proactive Data Strategy for Business Resilience”

- JR Rowenhorst, POET



Thursday, January 29 (cont.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Session 5: “SD Tech School Roundtable: Program & Partner Opportunities”

- Lake Area Tech, Mitchell Tech, Southeast Tech, and Western Dakota Tech



Session 6: “401k Today, 2026 Legislation & Market Update”

- Andrew Heitzler & Kevin Miller, BPAS



11:45AM – 1:15PM

CONNECTIONS & CONVERSATIONS LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

 * Ticketed Item: See Registration *

“Overcoming Adversity & Mental Mindset - No Bad Days”

- Hunter Pinke



1:30 – 2:30PM

SPOTLIGHT SESSION: Below the Water Line

- Joe Melton, Owner & Founder of Ducksworth Solutions



2:30 – 4:00PM – BREAK & Social Kick-Off

Last Chance to Visit the Exhibitors!



2:45 – 3:30PM

SPOTLIGHT SESSION: Motivating the Next Generation

- Coach Jerry Olszewski, Augustana Head Football Coach



3:45 – 4:45PM

BUSINESS SESSIONS:

- AGC Board
- HR Alliance



AN EVENING OF LEADERSHIP, DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT:

5:00PM - Social & Hors D'oeuvres

 * Ticketed Item: See Registration *

6:00PM - Dinner & Recognition of Past Presidents, Officers

& Board Members

7:45PM - **SINGO**



SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY – 7:45 – 11:00PM

AGC YOUNG CONSTRUCTORS HOSTED **PUB•CRAWL**

SIoux FALLS

After the Awards Banquet, the fun doesn't stop - join the AGC Young Constructors for an unforgettable Pub Crawl! We'll explore some of the best spots in and around the Steel District, enjoying drinks, great company, and plenty of laughs along the way.

The evening wraps up at a final stop with prize drawings and even more fun!

Cost: \$50 per person (separate registration required).

Proceeds benefit the YC's upcoming community and nonprofit service projects. Check out page 2 of the enclosed registration form and make plans to join us for a night to remember!

THURSDAY – 7:45PM (following the banquet)



Entertainment: "Singo: Music Bingo with a Twist"

Get ready for a musical spin on classic bingo! Instead of numbers, you'll mark off song titles as the host plays short clips of your favorite hits. From old-school anthems to today's chart-toppers, every round brings a new beat and a new chance to win! Whether you're singing along, dancing in your seat, or laughing with friends, Singo guarantees a fun-filled experience that keeps the energy high and the good vibes rolling. Music lovers - this one's for you!

EXHIBITOR DETAILS

Wednesday, Jan 28:

8:00AM – 11:00AM - Exhibitor Set Up

11:00AM – 5:30PM - Exhibits Open

4:30PM – 5:30PM - Exhibitor Happy Hour



Thursday, Jan 29:

8:00AM – 4:00PM - Exhibits Open

2:30PM - Social Kick-Off

4:00PM – 5:30PM - Exhibitor Tear Down

HOTEL INFORMATION

Canopy by Hilton

Convention attendees are invited to stay at Canopy by Hilton, located in the heart of downtown Sioux Falls in the Steel District. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special group rate for the 2026 AGC/SDLICA State Convention.

Canopy by Hilton
120 E 4th Pl. Sioux Falls, SD 57104

605-275-4120
Group Code: 90K
Room Rate: \$224



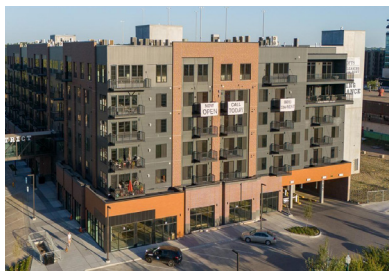
Rooms are limited, so early reservations are encouraged, group rate ends January 5th.

PARKING INFORMATION

Attendees staying or attending convention sessions and events at can park in the ramp located on the west side of Metli Place, directly adjacent to the hotel in the Steel District.

Entry & Payment Options:

- Upon entering the ramp, guests may either pull a ticket or enter their phone number.
- Both options require payment upon exit unless parking during free periods.



After-Hours Parking:

- Parking is free during after-hours.
- A ticket is still required at entry, but no charges will apply when exiting during these times.

Payment & Accessibility:

- For convenience, use the payment kiosk located in the Skywalk vestibule or pay at the exit gate.
- The ramp provides easy access to downtown shops, restaurants, and local attractions.

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