

OAPPA 2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Resilient Campuses, Sustainable Futures: Leading Universities Through Change

May 26, 2026 – Check-in & ‘Tap Into Connection’ Social

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES / STATUS
By 2 PM	Participants begin arriving in Sault Ste. Marie		
3 – 5 PM	Conference Check-in	Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre 50 Pim St. 705-945-6242	Connect with your AU hosts, check-in to the conference, and enjoy a self-guided tour of the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre.
3 – 10 PM	Tap Into Connection Social Come & Go Event	The Tap Room Northern Superior Brewing Co. 50 Pim Street 705-450-SHOT	Enjoy live music, a brewery tour, and wood-fired pizza by Island Flames Pizza as you chill after a long day’s travel.
5 – 7 PM	OAPPA Annual General Meeting	Wolf Den Northern Superior Brewing Co.	A volunteer will guide delegates to the Wolf Den

May 27, 2026 – Learning from Place

Indigenous-led learning, land-based experiences, and shared reflection grounded in place and community.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES / STATUS
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Bus Shuttle To Algoma U	Pick up: Holiday Inn Express & Sleep Inn Hotels Drop off: AU Bus Loop	
8:15– 8:45 AM	Arrival & Light Refreshments, followed by seating in Lecture Hall	Arrival & Refreshments (NW201 & the Speak Easy) Lecture Hall (NW200)	
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Opening Ceremony Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks	NW200	Opening Ceremony: Ozawa Ginew Land Acknowledgement: David Steel, COO Opening Remarks: Shane Maurice, Director Facilities, & Lalit Agarwald, President of APPA

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9:25 – 10:25 AM	Keynote Speaker Jonathan Boyer-Nolan	NW200	Plenary Session
10:30 – 10:45 AM	BREAK		
10:45 – 12:15 PM	Guided Truth Walk - historic site tour of the former Shingwauk Indian Residential School	AU Campus	Plenary Session Speaker/Guide: Serena Hill & Team
12:15 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH	The Speakeasy & NW201	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Diamond Schmitt Architects Presents: Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Translating Lessons from Ontario Tech’s Sustainable Campus	NW200	Explore how integrated campus planning and design can align sustainability with institutional growth and evolving academic needs. Using Ontario Tech University as a case study, this session highlights lessons learned in creating a low-carbon, resilient campus through coordinated planning, infrastructure, and design, offering a transferable framework for future-ready institutions.
2:15 – 2:30 PM	BREAK		
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Colliers Project Leaders Presents: Risk Mitigation through Collaborative Contracting	NW200	Explore how collaborative contracting helps universities reduce risk, improve project outcomes, and advance sustainable, resilient campus development.
Depart: 2:30 PM Depart: 3:45 PM	Shuttle (Run 1) Shuttle (Run 2)	Pick up: Bus Loop Drop Off: Holiday Inn Express & Sleep Inn Hotels	
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Exhibit Set-Up	Roberta Bondar Park - Waterfront	Exhibitor floor plans will be shared in advance.

An Evening by the Water: Social Gathering & Vendor Exhibit

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES / STATUS
4:30 – 6:30 PM	BBQ, Brews, & Miss Marie Cruise & Vendor Exhibit	Roberta Bondar Park - Waterfront	Angry Joe's BBQ Northern Superior Brewing Co. (cash bar)
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Miss Marie Boat Cruise (Run 1)	Roberta Bondar Park - Waterfront	A surprise Pop-Up Event will be happening along the waterfront during the Miss Marie Boat Cruise runs, so don't worry, there will be plenty of fun to enjoy when you're not on the boat!
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Miss Marie Boat Cruise (Run 2)	*Ticket will be included in your name tag	
10:00 - 11:00 PM	Exhibit Tear-Down		

May 28, 2026 – Learning, Innovation & Keynote

Focus: Knowledge sharing, sector collaboration, future-focused insights.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES / STATUS
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Exhibit Set-Up	Machine Shop	Exhibitor floor plans will be shared in advance.
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Shuttle to The Canal District	Pickup: : Holiday Inn Express & Sleep Inn Hotels Drop off: The Canal District	
8:15 – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	Machine Shop	Coffee, fruit, muffins
9:00-10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Tye Farrow	Machine Shop	Plenary Session: Through research in neuroscience and architecture, Tye Farrow will explore how our mind interacts with our built environment to enhance our health and well-being.

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10:45 - 12:00 PM	Vendor Exhibit	Machine Shop	
	Breakout Session: University Members ONLY Maximizing the Value of the Province-Wide FCA and Asset Management Program	Bankers Room	Facilitated by: Bill Roth, President and CEO of Roth IAMS
	JCI Sustainable Infrastructure Presents: 5 “Rs” to Enhance Your Campus and Mitigate Risk in 2026	Steamfitters Lounge	As institutions face aging infrastructure, constrained budgets, and increasing operational and climate-related risks, new approaches to capital planning are essential. This session introduces the “5 Rs” framework - Repair vs. Replace, Reshuffling, Resilience, Resource Management, and Risk Transfer as a practical lens for prioritizing investments and strengthening campus resilience. Drawing on real-world examples, attendees will gain actionable strategies to support sustainable, future-ready campus operations.
12:00 - 12:45 PM	LUNCH	Machine Shop	Buffet
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Reliable Controls and the University of Victoria will Co-Present: Decarbonization Through Electrification and Continuous Commissioning	Machine Shop	Plenary Session Attendees will learn how the University of Victoria is reducing emissions by shifting to electrified building systems and using continuous commissioning to keep them performing efficiently. The session will share practical lessons on retrofits, system optimization, and using data to sustain long-term decarbonization.
2:00 - 2:15 PM	BREAK		
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Tom Zaban, President of Reliable Controls Presents: The Art of Building Sustainability (TABS)	Machine Shop	Plenary Session: The Art of Building Sustainability explores what sustainability truly means in the built environment which balances environmental impact, occupant well-being, and cost. This session highlights how evolving design, building automation, and operational practices are strengthening campus resilience, helping institutions adapt to change, and supporting the development of future-ready, sustainable campuses.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES / STATUS
3:15 - 3:30 PM	BREAK		
3:30 - 4:45 PM (Concurrent)	Vendor Exhibit	Machine Shop	
	<p>OAPPA Members ONLY Topic B: Building What's Next: Design & Construction in a Changing Landscape</p> <p>OAPPA Members ONLY Topic C: Keeping Campuses Running: Custodial Realities & Solutions</p>	Bankers Room	<p>Topic B: Facilitator TBD</p> <p>Topic C: Facilitated by Joseph Sanguedolce, Custodial Services Manager at York University</p>
	<p>OAPPA Members ONLY Topic A: Shared Challenges in Campus Operations: Funding, Inflation & Workforce Constraints</p>	Steamfitter Lounge	Topic A: Facilitated by Claudia Runciman, Director Business Operations at the University of Guelph
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Hour & Vendor Exhibit	Machine Shop Mezzanine	
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Closing Dinner	Machine Shop	
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Shuttle Back to Hotel		There will be a shuttle that runs every 15 minutes from the Machine Shop to the Holiday Inn Express and the Sleep Inn
	Exhibit Tear-Down after dinner		Exhibit Tear-Down must be complete by 10:00pm

May 29, 2026 - Travel Home

OAPPA 2026 Conference Concludes