

2026 NLGA Annual Meeting

July 22-24, 2026 | Denver, Colorado

The Rally Hotel (1600 20th Street, Denver, CO 80202)

PRELIMINARY DRAFT (05/13/2026) TIMES/DESCRIPTIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY NLGA

- Please check the [Sponsorship Opportunities page](#) for sponsored Speaking Opportunities.
- All speaker invitations are issued by NLGA Staff, from NLGA.

ATTIRE:

- Business Casual Attire.
- NLGA Member Group Photo will be taken on July 22, time TBD.

ADA & MEALS

- NLGA complies with ADA. Let NLGA know at least 15 work days before the meeting of needs.
- Meals are listed so attendees will plan for their own dietary needs. No special meals ordered.

ACCESS & SECURITY BADGES:

- Security governs access rules.
- NO INDIVIDUAL is allowed access to any room, meal, reception, event, or shared mode of transportation without a security badge – no exceptions.
- Registration is the only way to generate a security badge. All attendees must have pre-registered online by July 13, 2026. There is no on-site registration or substitution.
- All attendees will show photo ID at the registration desk when picking up their security badge. Security badges may only be picked up by the person whose name is on the badge and only during registration hours.
- State Patrol officers should complete complimentary online registration. All officers are asked to wear the NGSA or state pin.
- IGA: ONE registrant from each Cabinet office of the President may attend, as approved by NLGA. This registration is good for day events only - not evening events.

PRESS:

- Press must pre-register. At registration, press must show photo ID and press credentials, and will wear NLGA badges to work from designated areas.
- Daytime sessions are open to registered press, unless otherwise noted.
- Meals and evening events are NOT open to any press.
- NLGA reserves the right to close any portion of the meeting at any time.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

AGENDA

9:00am - 3:00pm | The Rally, Outside Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Registration

Prepared and Staffed by NLGA

9:40am - 10:00am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Coffee & Hospitality Time

All registered attendees with security badges are invited to enjoy pastries, light breakfast items, and coffee in the meeting room before the meeting begins.

(Serving: TBD)

10:00am - 10:20am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Opening Plenary

- Gavel In
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of the States and Territories
- Welcome Remarks
 - South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair (3 min)
 - Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera, NLGA Meeting Host (up to 5 min)

10:20am - 10:55am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Opening Panel: Accessibility & Outdoor Recreation

TBD

- TBD (*invited*) (8 min)
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Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

10:55am - 11:05am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

Welcome to New NLGA Members!

NLGA Members new to NLGA meetings will have 3 minutes each to introduce themselves to their peer lieutenant governors and meeting attendees at the U.

- TBD (3 min)
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Moderator: South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, continued
AGENDA

11:05am – 11:35am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Host State Panel: The Colorado Aerospace Community

Colorado is a premier global aerospace hub, boasting the nation’s second-largest aerospace economy and ranking #1 in aerospace employment per capita. Colorado is home to an extensive network of more than 2,000 highly innovative and collaborative aerospace businesses, employing more than 55,000 employees directly and another 184,000 indirectly. Hear from two local aerospace innovators on their work advancing mission-ready aerospace and defense solutions – first, TBD from Colorado-based Ursa Major will discuss their work in hypersonics, solid rocket motors, and space-based defense, and what state/territorial leaders should know about the future of defense manufacturing. Then, TBD from Lockheed Martin, the prime contractor for NASA’s Orion spacecraft, a critical part of the Artemis program, will discuss their work driving innovation in deep-space exploration, satellite technology, missile defense, cybersecurity, and much more.

- **TBD, Ursa Major** (8 min)
- **TBD, Lockheed Martin** (8 min)

Moderator: **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera**

11:35am – 12:05pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Peer Panel TBD

Description TBD

- **TBD** (10 min)
- **TBD** (10 min)

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD**

12:05pm – 12:10pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Group Photo

All interested Members (lieutenant governors, seconds-in-command) will be photographed in a group photo taken by NLGA staff. The photo may take place earlier or later than this time based on how the agenda is running. There will be no roll call taken.

12:10pm – 12:50pm | The Rally, Legends Gallery

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.
(Serving: TBD)

12:50pm – 12:55pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NO MEDIA

NLGA Announcements

TBD

- **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, continued
AGENDA

12:55pm – 1:25pm The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Panel: Healthcare Innovations
<i>Sponsored by: TBD</i>
Two timed, 8 minute panel speaking opportunities at NLGA, with associated benefits. See Sponsorship Opportunities for more information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD (8 min)• TBD (8 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

1:25pm – 1:40pm The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Recycling Impact Award Presentation
NLGA annual presents an award to recognize an NLGA Member for commitment to resource conservation, sustainability, reuse, and/or recycling, which may impact the economy and jobs, manufacturing, commodities, global trade, the environment, reducing solid waste, sustainable living and development, transportation and infrastructure, and more. The Recycling Impact Award is presented in partnership with the Recycled Materials Association (ReMA).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD, Recycled Materials Association (ReMA) (3 min)• Winner – Announced On Site (5 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

1:40pm – 2:10pm The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Keynote: AI for Policymakers
<i>Sponsored by: Google</i>
Hear from Google on Artificial Intelligence, who will share case studies and tools that policymakers and staff can leverage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD, Google (15 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

2:10pm – 2:30pm The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Upcoming Meetings & Finance Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026 Winter & New Elect Meeting, Dec. 2-4, 2026, Washington, D.C, Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Executive Director (4 min)• 2027 Spring Business Meeting, April 7-9, 2027, New Orleans, Louisiana, Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (4 min)• 2027 Annual Meeting, July TBD, TBD, Maryland Lt. Governor Aruna Miller (4 min)• 2027 Winter Meeting, Dec. 1-3, 2027, Washington, D.C., Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Executive Director (4 min)• Finance Report, Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony, NLGA Treasurer (5 min)
Presiding: South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, continued
AGENDA

2:30pm - 3:00pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Keynote: FC Summit

TBD

- **TBD, FC Summit** (*invited*) (15 min)

Moderator: **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera**

3:00pm* - 3:30pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Partners Meeting - Partners ONLY

*This meeting will start immediately upon the conclusion of the previous session and may begin earlier or later than 2:05pm.

Partner Chair: **John Clark, ACT**

3:00pm - 5:45pm

FREE TIME to Attend to Office Needs

NLGA Members as outside groups NOT to schedule into this block.

Per the NLGA Executive Committee, this block of time is free time for meeting attendees to attend to individual and office needs.

5:45pm | Lobby, The Rally

Load Bus to Evening Event

All registered NLGA meeting attendees should load bus by 5:45pm in the lobby of the Capitol to depart for the evening event. Bus will depart at 5:50pm. No roll call is taken.

***All attendees MUST wear NLGA security badge to load bus and enter the evening event.**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, continued
AGENDA

6:00pm – 8:00pm | History Colorado Center (1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203)

NO MEDIA

NLGA Opening Event: Celebrate the “Moments That Made US,” America250, and Colorado150!

All attendees are invited to the Opening Event of the NLGA Annual Meeting at the iconic History Colorado Center! Enjoy private access and self-guided tours of the interactive and immersive exhibits exploring Colorado’s rich heritage, from ancient cultures to modern communities. Exhibits and artifacts spotlight tribal history, the living west, and the “Moments That Made US” – an opportunity to experience the struggles, triumphs, and resilience of the people who shaped the U.S. through an array of historical treasures from the moon landing, the Vietnam War, the Great Depression, sports history, and much more.

Enjoy a quintessential Colorado dinner in the MDC/Richmond American Homes Foundation Room on the top floor of the Museum, with wrap-around glass walls with sweeping city and mountain view plus a large outdoor covered terrace with available fire lounges and heaters.

*All attendees must wear NLGA security badge for entry to transportation and evening event.

*Evening Event Sponsorship available. See [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) for more information.

Schedule of Activities:

- 5:45pm: Load Bus
- 5:50pm: Bus Departs to evening event
- 6:00pm – 6:40pm: Self-guided tours of the exhibits throughout the History Colorado Center
- 6:45pm: Welcome Remarks from Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera
- TBD – Sponsor Welcome Remarks (5 min)
- 6:50pm: Open Buffet Dinner Line
(Serving: palisade peach salad, zucchini and yellow squash, roasted garlic whipped potatoes, green chile goat cheese chicken, petite beef medallion)
- 8:00pm – Load Bus, Return to The Rally

Thursday, July 23, 2026
AGENDA

8:00am - 3:00pm | The Rally, Outside Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Registration

Prepared and Staffed by NLGA

8:15am - 9:00am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NO MEDIA

NLGA Executive Committee Meeting

Private: NLGA Members Only (lieutenant governors, seconds-in-command)

The Executive Committee Members direct the administration of NLGA, per the Bylaws. Votes are taken first by the Executive Committee, with approved items considered by the full body of NLGA Members present later in the day. All attending Members are invited to attend this session.

Presiding: **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

9:00am - 9:40am | The Rally, Legends Gallery

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

All NLGA Members and registered meeting attendees. Must wear security badges.

(Serving: TBD)

9:40am - 9:45am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NO MEDIA

NLGA Daily Announcements

TBD

- **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

9:45am - 10:15am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Keynote: Housing

Sponsored by: National Association of Home Builders

TBD

- **Bill Owens, National Association of Home Builders (15 min)**

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD**

Thursday, July 23, 2026, continued
AGENDA

10:15am – 10:45am The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Partner Speaker: TBD
<i>Speaker submitted by NLGA Partner: TBD</i>
NLGA Partners have the opportunity to submit suggested speakers for the Annual Meeting, tapping into their expertise to tackle topics impacting state/territorial government. NLGA Partners must submit suggested speakers no later than June 12, 2026. Contact kritters@nlga.us for more information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD (8 min)• TBD (8 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

10:45am – 11:15am The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Panel: Government-to-Government Tribal Relations
Description TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (10 min)• TBD, Southern Ute Tribe (10 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

11:15am – 11:30am The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA STEM Spark Award Presentation
NLGA annually presents an award to recognize an NLGA Member who demonstrates a commitment to support, promote, and/or advance the opportunities for learning or engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in education, skills training, and/or the workforce. The STEM Spark Award is presented in partnership with Sapphire Gas Solutions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD, Sapphire Gas Solutions (3 min)• Winner – Announced On Site (5 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

11:30am – 12:00pm The Rally, Baseline Ballroom
NLGA Panel: Supporting Defense Communities & Military Families
TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD (8 min)• TBD (8 min)
Moderator: Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD

Thursday, July 23, 2026, continued
AGENDA

12:00pm – 12:15pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Executive Committee and General Business Session

- **Management & Operations Report** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)
- **Elections Update** – Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Director (4 min)
- Other Business and Discussion Items TBD

Presiding: **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

12:15pm – 12:55pm | The Rally, Legends Gallery

NO MEDIA

NLGA Lunch

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(Serving: TBD)

12:55pm – 1:00pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Announcements

TBD

- **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

1:00pm – 1:35pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Panel: AmeriCorps-National Guard Partnerships to Address Critical Infrastructure & Community Resilience

This session will feature Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and state partners highlighting Colorado’s innovative first-in-the-nation partnership between AmeriCorps and the National Guard. The discussion will showcase how Colorado has built a nationally recognized model that advances both community resilience, service opportunities, and workforce development through cross-sector collaboration. The session will provide both strategic insight and practical examples of how the partnership has addressed pressing state needs, particularly in wildfire mitigation and critical infrastructure resilience, explore future-facing opportunities for Guard-AmeriCorps collaboration, including resilience, workforce development, youth engagement, and service-to-career pathways.

- **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera** (5 min)
- **TBD, Colorado National Guard** (5 min)
- **John Kelly, Executive Director, Serve Colorado** (5 min)
- **Alumni TBD, National Guard / AmeriCorps** (5 min)

Moderator: **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera**

Thursday, July 23, 2026, continued
AGENDA

1:35pm - 1:50pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NO MEDIA

NLGA Consensus Resolutions Hearing & Votes

NLGA Members in attendance will vote on the docket of Consensus Resolutions below. NLGA Members and Partners are invited to submit [Consensus Resolutions](#) that meet the NLGA [criteria](#) to NLGA staff by **June 12, 2026**, for consideration at the NLGA Spring Business Meeting. NLGA Members can file an objection to a resolution being consensus by emailing kritters@nlga.us at any time before the meeting or during the hearing. Upon the filing of at least three Member objections, a resolution will be immediately tabled.

FINAL CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS DOCKET - in formation

Presiding: **Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, NLGA Chair-Elect**

1:50pm - 2:20pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Panel: Addressing the Aging Population - Challenges and Policy Pathways

Sponsored by: TBD

TBD

- **TBD (8 min)**
- **TBD (8 min)**

Moderator: **Lieutenant Governor/NLGA Member TBD**

2:20pm - 2:25pm | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA: STEM Best Practices

Attendees will hear from Wings Over the Rockies, a diverse community organization dedicated to unlocking the dreams of flight through exhibitions, events and educational programming in Colorado. Hear from TBD serving youth in providing STEM opportunities.

- **TBD, Wings Over the Rockies (5 min)**

Moderator: **Colorado Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera**

2:25pm - 3:00pm | The Rally, Legends Gallery

NLGA STEM Service Project

Sponsored by: Corteva Agriscience

Celebrate "Christmas in July!" All NLGA meeting attendees are invited to wrap 100 STEM-related toys/kits to be donated to the youth served by TBD.

3:00pm - 5:10pm

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6:00pm – 8:00pm | The Fort Restaurant (19192 CO-8, Morrison, CO 80465)

NO MEDIA

NLGA Closing Event: A “Truly Colorado” Old West Dinner at The Fort!

All meeting attendees are invited to attend a “truly Colorado” dinner at The Fort, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Inspired by a drawing of Bent’s Old Fort (1833-1849), the famous fur-trading post on the Santa Fe Trail, The Fort is an adobe “castle” with a menu built on meticulous research into pioneer diaries, Native American foodways, and the meals of mountain men. Attendees will enjoy an authentic, western dinner in a private dining room followed by a Native American performance and private use of the outdoor patio and firepits.

Schedule of Activities:

- 6:00 – 6:15pm: Arrive at event, beverages available
- 6:15pm: Plated dinner is served (*Serving: signature salad and bread service; buffalo flatiron; arctic salmon with mango salsa; mashed potatoes and Fort potatoes; vegetable*)
- 7:15pm: Dessert buffet opens
- 7:30pm – 7:45pm: Performance by Native American dancers and musician on outdoor patio
- 8:00pm: Depart The Fort to return to The Rally

*All attendees must wear NLGA security badge for entry to transportation and evening event.

*Evening Event Sponsorship available. See [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) for more information.

Friday, July 24, 2026
AGENDA

8:00am - 10:15am | The Rally, Outside Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Registration

Prepared and Staffed by NLGA

7:45am - 8:45am | The Rally, Legends Gallery

NO MEDIA

NLGA Breakfast

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(Serving: TBD)

8:45am - 9:05am | Harbor View II, The Westin at Frenchman's Reef

NLGA Aerospace Committee Update

Members of the NLGA Aerospace Committee will report on the 2026 "Federal-State Exchange on Aerospace" in Washington, D.C., in May 2026. NLGA Executive Director Kellie Rittershausen will report out the future plans for the Aerospace Committee.

- **TBD, NLGA Aerospace Committee Board Member (to be invited) (5 min)**
- **TBD, NLGA Aerospace Committee Board Member (to be invited) (5 min)**
- **Kellie Rittershausen, NLGA Executive Director (8 min)**

Moderator: **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

9:05am - 9:40am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA Member Round Robin: Best Practices & Innovations

Every NLGA Member in attendance is invited to speak, up to 2 minutes, on their office's most recent innovation or best practice in 2026. Member updates will be given from their seat at the U, with photos taken.

- **All NLGA Members in attendance at the U (2 min)**

Moderator: **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

9:40am - 10:00am | The Rally, Baseline Ballroom

NLGA General Business Session

- **Call for Remaining Business**
- **Nominating Committee Report and *VOTES on 2026-2027 NLGA Executive Committee Slate**
- **Call for New Business**
- **Final Remarks from NLGA Chair South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (5 min)**
- **Passing of the Gavel**
- **Remarks from new NLGA Chair Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman (5 min)**
- **Meeting Adjournment**

Presiding: **South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, NLGA Chair**

MEETING ADJOURNS.