



2026 Schedule of Events

Hartford Marriott Downtown | 200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford CT

Time	Event	Presenter	Location
Friday, April 17			
7:30–8 am	Breakfast and Networking		Marriott Capital Room
8–8:30 am	Opening Remarks		Marriott Capital Room
8:30–9 am	Introductions	Ron Piester	Marriott Capital Room
9–10 am	<i>From Observer to Leader: Strengthening Chapters Through Board Shadowing & Intentional Onboarding</i>	Lindsay Evans	Marriott Capital Room
10–10:30 am	Networking Break		Marriott Capital Room
10:30 am–Noon	<i>The Good, The Bad and The Ugly</i>	Ben Abbey	Marriott Capital Room
Noon–1 pm	Lunch		Marriott Capital Room
1–2 pm	<i>Robert's Rules: A Crash Course on How to Effectively Run a Meeting</i>	Sydonia Garrott	Marriott Capital Room
2–3 pm	<i>Evolve with Purpose: Adapting Chapter Business Practices to Meet Member and Community Needs</i>	Mike Clifford & Andrew Kelly	Marriott Capital Room
3–3:30 pm	Networking Break		Marriott Capital Room
3:30–4 pm	<i>My 25-Year Leadership Journey</i>	Adele Schaffeld, W. Scott Copp Chapter Leadership Award recipient	Marriott Capital Room
4–5 pm	CLA Team Building Event		Marriott AB
6–8 pm	CLA Reception		Marriott Foyer
Saturday, April 18			
7:30–8 am	Breakfast and Networking		Marriott Capital Room
8–9 am	<i>Legal Aspects for Chapters</i>	Judith Rothschild	Marriott Capital Room
9–10 am	<i>Creating Consistency through Education</i>	Serena Locke	Marriott Capital Room
10–10:30 am	Networking Break		Marriott Capital Room
10:30–11:30 am	<i>All Limitations are Self-Imposed</i>	Sanyokta Kapur	Marriott Capital Room
11:30 am–Noon	<i>WDS - A Potential Chapter Business Opportunity</i>	Bill Bracken	Marriott Capital Room
Noon–12:30 pm	Lunch		Marriott Capital Room
12:30–1 pm	Chapter Benefits & Wrap-up	Tamika Dunning & Grayce McGregor	Marriott Capital Room
1–1:30 pm	Open Mic Discussion		Marriott Capital Room
2–3 pm	Membership Council Steering Committee Meeting		Convention Center Rooms 11 & 12
3–5 pm	Membership Council Meetings		Convention Center Rooms 22–27
6–7 pm	Members Reception		Vivo Marriott
Sunday, April 19			
9–11 am	Opening Session and Presentation of Awards		Convention Center Ballroom B
1–7:30 pm	Public Comment Hearings (optional)		Convention Center Ballroom B

Event times are Eastern Time and subject to change.