

2024 NARR CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

5:00 – 6:00 PM Registration

5:00 – 6:30 PM Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 26, 2024

9:00 AM ***Opening Remarks***
Referee Meeta Bass, President NARR

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM ***PEB 250, Local Agreements***
Moderator: Referee Michael Philips, NARR VP
Panelists
Bill Lyons - VP BLET
Sam Macedonio - VP Labor Relations, BNSF
Matthew Hollis – VP, TCU

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 PM **The Role of the Train Dispatcher: An Overview**
Moderator: Referee Warren Dent, NARR Treasurer
Panelists
Paul D. Arden - Director of Research, ATDA
Toby Zelt - Labor Relations Officer, BNSF

12:00 – 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 PM **Case Law Updates**
Moderator: Referee DeAndra Roachè, NARR VP
Panelists
Clifford Godiner, Esq. – Thompson Coburn
Kevin Brodar, Esq. – ATDA

2:00 – 3:00 PM **Claims and Remedies**
Moderator: Referee Diego Pena, NARR VP
Panelists
Referee Mike Capone
Referee Lisa Kohn
Referee Michael Philips
Referee Elizabeth Wesman

3:00 – 3:15 PM **Break**

3:15 – 4:30 PM

AI in the Rail Industry

Moderator: Referee Earlene Baggett-Hayes

Panelists

Referee Elaine Frost

Referee Rick Bales

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Social Reception sponsored by Rail Management and Labor

Friday, September, 27, 2024

8:00 – 8:45 AM

NARR Annual Business Meeting – NARR Members Only

9:00 – 10:00 AM

NMB Updates

Introductions by Referee Erica Tener, NARR Secretary

Panelists

Linda Puchala, Board Member, NMB

Loren Sweatt, Board Member, NMB

Terri Brown, Director of Arbitration, NMB

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Special Guest Speaker – Allison Ishihara Fultz, Chief Counsel for the FRA

Introductions by Referee Meeta Bass, NARR President

11:00 – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 – 12:15 AM

FRA Administration

Moderator: Referee Thomas Pontolillo, NARR VP

Panelists

Douglas Davidson, Director of Arbitration, BLET

Shannon Mason – General Road Foreman, Norfolk Southern

Kyle Keesy – Labor Relations Officer, Norfolk Southern