



PORTLAND MAINE

CONFERENCE AGENDA

September 22nd-24th, 2021

The Changing Face of the North American Rail Network

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2021

**07:30 – Golf Outing -Hosted by Curry Rail Services & Shale Rail
Nonesuch River Golf Club
304 Gorham Road, Scarborough, ME 04074**

09:00 – Golf Outing – Shotgun start time

15:00 – Registration Opens at the Westin Portland Harborview

17:30 – The Joseph & Eileen Gearin Networking Reception

19:00 – Dinner On Your Own in Fabulous Portland Maine

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2021

07:00 – Breakfast Starts (Available until 08:15)

07:30 – Registration Re-Opens

**08:00 – Welcome to NEARS, Safety Briefing and Housekeeping
Dennis Wilmot, President & CEO, Iron Horse Logistics Group
John Meyers, Secretary, NARS**

**08:15 – Are we ready for the new North American Rail Network?
Martin J. Oberman, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board**

**09:30 – Great Expectations from the Class 1 Railroads
Kenny Rocker – EVP Marketing & Sales, UP Railroad**

**10:45 – What is the rail business outlook?
Dean Piacente – Chief Executive Officer, Omnitrax**



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NOON – NEARS Networking Lunch and Vendor Fair

13:30 – NEARS Awards/Presentation

**14:30 – How do we optimize our North American Rail Supply Chain?
Corrie Banks – General Manager, Cando Rail Services**

**15:30 - How do we make sense of our rail situation?
Todd Tranausky – Vice President, Rail & Intermodal, FTR**

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2021

07:00 – Special Networking Breakfast Starts (Available Until 08:15)

**08:00 – The Journalists of Rail – Big Steel Wheels & Big Topics
William Vantuono, Editor-in-Chief, Railway Age
Jim Blaze, Contributing Editor, Railway Age
Joshua Davidson, Editor/Publisher, Atlantic NE Rail & Ports**

**09:00 – Class 1 Perspectives from Both Sides of the Northern Border
Steve Nettleton, General Manager, CP Rail (Ret)**

**10:00 – A new rail era, or the same era in a different container?
AKA – The Tony and Jason Show
Tony Hatch, Principal, ABH Consulting
Jason Seidl, Managing Director, Cowen & Company**

11:30 – Closing Remarks and William J. Donovan Memorial Drawing