



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR USMA 2026

### Program for 2026, Port Charlotte, FL

Times and other details are subject to change without notice

All educational sessions will take place at the Sunseeker Resort, Port Charlotte, Florida

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The conference is sold out. The waiting list has closed. There will be NO onsite registration at the conference. Security will NOT allow entry to any session without a name badge. Spouse/Guest registration is for a special program and does NOT include access to educational sessions, or the supplier networking session. For safety reason, no exceptions can be made

#### Sunday, May 17, 2026

- Optional Activities with a separate fee (pre-registration required)
- 6:30 am Bus departs from main hotel portico (Sunseeker Resort) for the golf course. Annual Frank Bennett Golf Challenge, Aileron Golf Club, breakfast at course. A separate fee and pre-registration are required. This event is sold out.
- 6:45 am Annual USMA Charity 5K – meet in hotel main lobby (Sunseeker Resort). A light breakfast will be available after the run/walk.
- 1:00 -5:00 pm Name Badge Pickup – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sunseeker Resort  
Registration is closed (the conference is sold out).
- 4:30 pm First Timers Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sunseeker Resort)  
Business Casual attire suggested.  
Registration is closed (conference is sold out).
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Welcome Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sunseeker Resort)

#### Monday, May 18, 2026

- 7:00 am Barista, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sunseeker Resort
- 7:15 am Group Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom, Name badge required
- 8:00 am Opening by the President of USMA, Ron Burchfield (Great Egret Ballroom)  
Welcome: LaMargo Sweezer-Fischer, VP Transmission & Substation, Florida Power & Light  
Keynote Speaker: Mike Massimino, Former NASA Astronaut  
*The Team's Success is Your Success*
- 9:45 am Beverage Break
- 10:15 am Session resumes with USMA *Gives Back* (31 years of charity giving)  
Rick Morrison reviews golf & run charities  
Duncan Wardle, Former Disney Head of Innovation – *Working in Harmony with AI*
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 pm Lunch Great Egret Ballroom, Name badge Required. Seating



1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)

MB1	MB2	MB3	MB4	MB5	MB6
Building the Supply Chain of the Future	Sales & Persuasion Mastery	The Eight Laws of Career Success	Tales from Category Management: A Five-Year Lookback	Utility Vegetation Management Sourcing: Three Viewpoints – Sourcing, Operations, and Contractor	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Panel: Colleen Zupan, GEP; Kristin Zaitz, PG&E; Sonja MacQueen, Tampa Electric	Brook Jennings	Margaret Morford	Panel: Jeff Floyd, Georgia Power; Jason Jannett, Southern Company	Panel: Ryan Korpela, Clean Path Utility Solutions; Karen Danvanovitch, Consultant; Shawn Standish, Nexus SSP	S. Evans & C. Snover
Facilitator: Kelli Heinzerling, WESCO	Facilitator: Pjoy Chua, LADWP	Facilitator: Lewis Rhoden, Techline	Facilitator: Stacy Walker, Southern Co.	Facilitator: Steve Coleman, OneSource Supply	Speakers will facilitate
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Silver Perch	Palometa	Blueback	Reef Ideation Suite

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)

MB7	MB8	MB9	MB10	MB11	MB12
Modernizing Procurement at PG&E: Real-Time Lessons from a Full-Scale Transformation	Sales & Persuasion Mastery	Launching the HUB: Transforming Oncor’s material distribution operations through site consolidation	Small Modular Reactors	Investment Recovery	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Sangram Bhosale, PG&E	Brook Jennings	Tyler Lucier, Wesco; Shawn Morse, Oncor	Mal Singh, GE Vernova	Justin McCabe, Entergy	John Brown & Brian Serati
Facilitator: Conrad Snover, ProcureAbility	Facilitator: Julie Elliott, SRP	Facilitator: Gianmarco Russo, ONCOR	Facilitators: Pat Gorman, WESCO & Andy Goodman, GE Vernova	Facilitator: Suzanna Evans, ENTERGY	Speakers will facilitate
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4:00 pm – 5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (5 sessions)

MB13	MB14	MB15	MB16	MB18
Federal Tariff Policy and the U.S. Electric Utility Sector: Costs, Reliability, and Strategic Challenges	Strategic Risk Management: Leveraging Key Risk Indicators to Anticipate and Mitigate Supply Chain Disruptions	Leadership Lessons from My Dysfunctional Upbringing and Career	Small Modular Reactors	Utility Only Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Abby Campbell Singer	Fatine Zaaj, ConEd	Margaret Morford	Mal Singh, GE Vernova	D. Watkins, R. Schmelzer & S. Evans
Facilitator: Mike Austell, Hitachi	Facilitator: Steve Sebastopoli, ConEd	Facilitator: Jim Colligan, PSE&G	Facilitators: Pat Gormanm WESCO & Andy Goodman, GE Vernova	Speakers will facilitate
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5:45 pm Monday Night Event (Dinner & Entertainment), The Twisted Fork. Bus transportation will depart the Sunseeker Resort, main portico beginning at 5:45 pm. Please dress in casual attire. Shorts and jeans are welcome. Some of this event will take place outside and weather appropriate, relaxed attire is suggested.

9:00 pm End of evening, bus transportation back to hotel.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:00 am Barista, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sunseeker Resort

7:15 am Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom, name badge required

8:00 am Opening, USMA 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Dusty Nimmo

8:15-9:15 am The Outlook for the U.S. Economy, Economist Christopher Thornberg

9:15 – 9:45 am Break

9:45-10:45 am The Science of Productivity & Performance, Cognitive Neuroscientist, Dr. Sahar Yousef



11:00 am Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions)

TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5	TB6
The US Economy	Collaborating for Clarity: The Power of Analytics in utility Category Management	The Eight Laws of Career Success	Case Study: Early Contractor Involvement with Entergy & Kiewit	From RFP to Real Results: Contracting Utility Technology That Performs	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Christopher Thornberg	Kevin Andersen, Evergy; Matt Schotte, Evergy	Margaret Morford	Tim Flanagan, Kiewit; Brian Johnson, Entergy	Panel: Buck Baker, Wood Mackenzie; Aaron Michaels, PG&E; Ed Clarke, ConEd; Brandon Zimmerman, Southern Co.	N. Minnis, N. Ensinger
Facilitator: Julie Elliott, SRP	Facilitator: Karla Warner, Evergy	Facilitator: Layton Lively, TMD	Facilitators: Alan Morris, Kiewit & Suzanna Evans, Entergy	Facilitators: Jim Colligan, PSE&G & Jacque English, PPL	Speakers will facilitate
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12:15 pm Lunch (will be held in the Harbor Yards Food Hall on the ground floor of the hotel (name badge required for access to the buffet)

12:45 pm End of Lunch (Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for concurrent sessions)

1:00 – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

TB7	TB8	TB9	TB10	TB11	TB12
Growing Talent from Within: Building a Stronger, Smarter Procurement Team	Megawatts in Motion: Trucking & Freight Strategies for Utility Supply Chains	Leadership Lessons from My Dysfunctional Upbringing and Career	Emergency Preparedness & Storm Response	Women in Utilities – an interactive discussion	Peer to Peer Discussion Group
Rhianna Gallen, ProcureAbility; Kelly Torrano, PG&E	Panel: Nicole Ensinger, Duke; Marc Blubaugh, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff; David Cottenden, Ardmore	Margaret Morford	Matthew Moxley, FPL	Facilitated Discussion: Kelli Heinzerling	C. Bollinger & R. Schmelzer
Facilitator: Conrad Snover, ProcureAbility	Facilitator: Nicole Ensinger, Duke Energy	Facilitator: Rick Morrison, UAI	Facilitator: Jeremy Mangin, FP&L	Facilitator: Kelli Heinzerling, WESCO	Speakers will Facilitate
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2:30 – 4:00 pm Town Hall Session – Royal Tern A/B, Facilitated by USMA Program Committee Chair, Kelli Heinzerling, WESCO

Featured Speaker, John Sitalides, Geopolitical Strategist – The New Geopolitics of Trade, Energy, Diplomacy and War

4:00 pm Networking Session with Suppliers (Great Egret Ballroom)

6:00 pm End of programming for this day

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:00 am Barista, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

7:15 am Breakfast (Great Egret Ballroom), Name badge required

8:00 am Opening by USMA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Rusty Batch

Closing General Session – Recruitment and Retention for the Future of the Grid, Industry Expert Panel. Moderator: Pat Gorman, WESCO. Panelists: Jacqui Spicer, Oncor; Paul Conry, Kiewit; Nedra Hurley, Southwire

10:00 am Closing with video highlights

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