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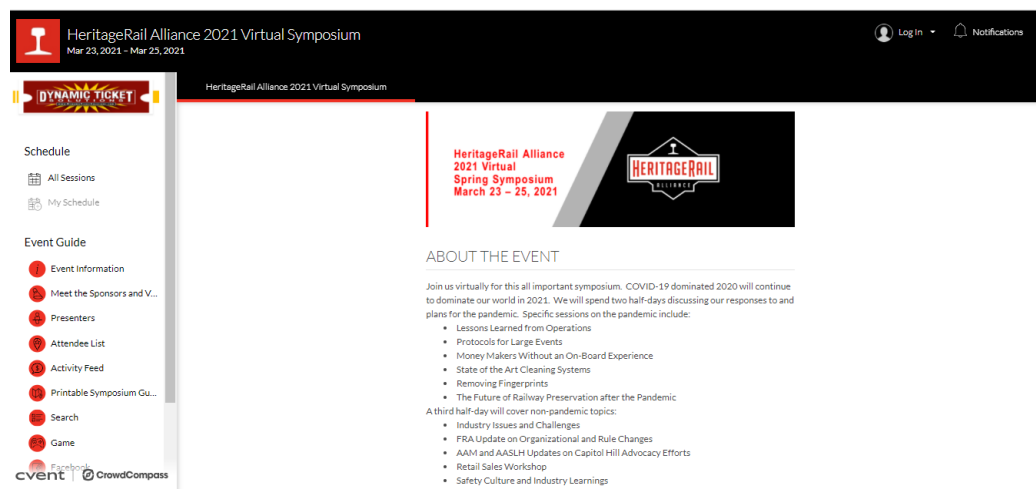
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About the Conference Platform: CrowdCompass



CrowdCompass is the platform HeritageRail Alliance will use to host the virtual conference. It is an event app for in-person and virtual events that gives its users real-time access to schedules, programming and interactive communications with vendors and other conference attendees. Using the app, attendees can

- Access the event schedule and customize their agendas with personal appointments
- See all the speakers, read their bios, and view their presentations (if provided in advance)
- Engage with vendors
- Get important updates through Push Notifications
- See who's attending and share contact information by networking with other attendees

In order to participate in the conference, in advance of the conference start date, registrants will need to either log in to the CrowdCompass site from a PC or download the CrowdCompass app to the mobile device they intend to use. URLs and links to download the app will be included in the registration confirmation e-mail.

About the Meeting Platform: Zoom

Zoom is a cloud-based video communications app used for virtual video and audio conferencing, webinars, live chats, screen-sharing, and other collaborative projects. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom or a first-time user, we recommend viewing the following YouTube videos in advance of the conference to learn how to access and attend the sessions: [Joining Zoom for the First Time](#) OR [Flipped Classroom Tutorial: Zoom](#). CrowdCompass will e-mail the Zoom login information to each registrant the day prior to each session. Please be sure to check spam or junk mail folders. Authentication will be required to join the Zoom platform each day.



Tuesday, October 26, 2021

12:00 PM

Day 1 Check In (Tuesday)

This is the time for everyone to check-in, be allowed into the lobby, and wait on the first session to begin.

12:30 PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00 PM

Plenary Session 1: Issues and Challenges (Moderated)

One of the most popular sessions of our conferences will be offered in two formats. Beginning with a moderated format, industry questions, issues and best practices will be shared with attendees, who are encouraged to provide feedback, guidance and advice. At the end of the hour, any open topics will be carried to the open-mic session.

1:45 PM

Meet with Vendors

Vendor Booths are open! Go to the Vendor Hall and visit the vendors of your choice.

2:15 PM

Plenary Session 2: Issues and Challenges (Open Mic)

Open mic is an open-flow format that will pick up with the discussion from the previous hour. Attendees are encouraged further direct the flow of the session with new ideas, questions and conversations that naturally stem from the primary discussion.

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Plenary Session 3: Justifying Your Existence in the Current Economic Climate

Understanding the economic impact your organization has on your local economy is the key piece of information your organization needs to know for a grant application, and developing your economic impact starts with data collection. Randy Gustafson of Stone Consulting will explain how data ties into grant writing and how to collect it your own - It's easier than you think!

4:15 PM

Wrap-Up

Final closing comments from G. Mark plus any housekeeping announcements and a peek at the next day's sessions.

4:30 PM

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

12:30 PM

Day 2 Check In

This is the time for everyone to check-in, be allowed into the lobby, and wait on the first session to begin.

12:50 PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00 PM

Break-Out Session A: FRA Update

Representatives from the Federal Railroad Administration will be on-hand to give you the latest updates and developments from the regulatory industry, along with a Q&A session.



1:00 PM

Break-Out Session B: Advocacy Efforts & Updates from the Museum Industry (AAM)

Did you know there is relief money still available for museums? HRA Advocacy Chair Bob LaPrelle and Barry Szczeny, Director, for Government Relations & Public Policy at the American Alliance of Museums, will answer questions and share the latest updates and developments from the museum industry.

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Break-Out Session C: Recommended Practices for Collections Management

How do you document the ownership and restrictions that come with your donations? Join Stephanie Gilmore of the Colorado Railroad Museum as she goes over her best practices for collections management.

2:15 PM

Break-Out Session D: The New Air Brake Maintenance Manual

The first Recommended Practice for operating Heritage Railroads is here! The Air Brake Maintenance Guide is complete and ready for your use. Join us as the Task Force responsible for this important document explains what it is, why it is needed, how to use it, and where to find it!

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Reducing Your Exposure to a Lawsuit in Today's Society

No matter where your organization fits in spectator or heritage railroads, if you earn income through visitation, then you're putting yourself at risk for a lawsuit. A slip, trip, or fall could take you to court. Or you may find yourself in front of the judge for an environmental issue or for a potential violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In this session, David Wilkins and Chris Borden will discuss what you can do to limit your exposure to a lawsuit.



4:00 PM

Break

Final closing comments from G. Mark

Thursday, October 28, 2021

12:00 PM

Day 3 Check In

This is the time for everyone to check-in, be allowed into the lobby, and wait on the first session to begin.

12:30 PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00 PM

Plenary Session 4(a): Contracting Repair/Restoration Services

A moderated panel from mixed backgrounds will discuss four key topics about contracting of equipment repairs. These areas include Understanding Roles; Regulations, Codes, and Standards; Hiring a Contractor; and Protecting Yourself. While some of the discussion may center around steam locomotives, most of the same principles apply to passenger cars, trolley cars, or diesel locomotives.

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Plenary Session 4(b): Contracting Repair/Restoration Services

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Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony