



**2023  
FLY-IN &  
FALL BOARD MEETING**

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PHOENIX PARK HOTEL  
520 N. CAPITOL STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20001

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2023

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# Welcome Letter

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## WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, DC!

Welcome to the **Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC**, for the **Forest Resources Association's 2023 Fly-In and Fall Board Meeting**. Every two years, we come together in Washington, DC, to present the message of the wood supply chain in a unified voice. If you have been to a FRA Fly-In before, we appreciate your continued advocacy and welcome the new industry advocates attending.

We will start this year's program with a **Welcome Lunch** on Tuesday while the **Executive Committee** meets to review FRA's current financial position and discuss the association's operations (*by invitation only*). **Ed Gilroy, SVP of Legislative Affairs, American Trucking Associations**, will be our guest speaker to kick off the Legislative Fly-In preparation session. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Ed's views on the challenges faced by the trucking industry, with discussions on workforce, outlook, legislation, and proposed regulations that may impact the trucking industry.

Also on Tuesday, to ensure you are well prepared for our day of advocacy, there will be a **Legislative Fly-In Preparation** meeting from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. This is a can't-miss chance to review the issues we will be taking to the Hill and receive important informational packets with schedules and guides to your Fly-In meetings. Finally, we will close out the opening day at the Capitol Hill Club, where **Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5)** will address our group. Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer is a strong advocate for forest management and a sponsor of the Jobs in the Woods Act, legislation that FRA worked on in conjunction with her staff to draft and have introduced.

Wednesday morning starts with a **Fly-In Team Breakfast** before heading out for a day of Hill meetings. We have had some great successes advancing our issues in Congress, and with your added voice, we hope to add to that momentum. Each of you has the opportunity to meet with representatives and their staff to put a 'boots on the ground' face to the issues of importance in the forest products industry. After a busy day on the Hill, there will be a reception and dinner at the Phoenix Park Hotel with special guest speaker **Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI-7)**.

Following breakfast on Thursday, there will be a **Fly-In Debrief** where our fly-in teams will give an overview of their meetings, followed by the **Board of Directors Meeting** featuring reports from the FRA national committees. The **FRA Southeast Region Steering Committee** will convene upon the conclusion of the National meeting.

***A special thank you to our sponsors for supporting this important meeting!***

Look to FRA staff if there is anything they can do to make your participation in our Fly-In and Fall Board meeting more effective or your stay in Washington, DC, more enjoyable.

Thank you,



Pete Stewart  
FRA Chairman



Deborah Hawkinson  
FRA President

# Antitrust Statement

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The Forest Resources Association supports members' commitment to full compliance with all antitrust laws, whether of state or federal jurisdiction, and believes that an active education program to acquaint members with the requirements of these laws will foster productive association work while promoting free enterprise. At FRA meetings, there must be no discussions related to prices, or terms of purchase or sale, of products FRA members buy and sell or of other matters which might inhibit the competitive workings of the free market, including actions which may divide markets or create boycotts. The meeting secretary, or anyone attending the meeting, may interrupt the meeting if at any time he or she feels discussion is creating the possibility of an anticompetitive situation, or the appearance of one.

## Basic Principles

FRA meetings offer an important opportunity for education, exchange of ideas, networking with fellow industry members, and engagement with colleagues. Our hope is that each attendee will benefit from their participation. In this light and with the goal of ensuring that the annual meeting is welcoming and inclusive for all, FRA puts forward the following guidelines for professional conduct:

- **Maintain professional behavior.** Avoid conduct that can create an offensive environment. Our remarks and interactions with all attendees must be professional at all times. Treat other attendees with dignity and respect and work to develop conditions of respect, acceptance, and trust both within official events and at surrounding activities (receptions, off-site visits, etc.)
- **Respect the agenda.** Make sure to follow the agenda which details which items are listed for discussion, and which items involve decisions.
- **Be open to consensus.** Keep an open mind that there probably is an acceptable decision that everyone can support, even if some degree of compromise is required.
- **Listen actively to others.** Listen to understand what is being said instead of thinking of how to respond to statements others have made.
- **Manage your own input – no long speeches.** Be clear in thought when you have the opportunity to give your opinion.
- **Strive to meet the stated purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting.** If you can achieve this, then the meeting will be successful. If you get stuck with difficult discussion, refer to the purpose and expected outcomes to re-focus energies.
- **Leave the meeting with a clear sense of next steps.** Make notes of who is responsible to do what and by when -- include this information in meeting minutes.
- **Discussions will be treated as confidential as appropriate.**



# Meeting Agenda

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## FRA 2023 LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN AND FALL MEETING

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

*Sessions are open to all unless otherwise stated.*

*All times are listed in Eastern*

### Tuesday, September 26

		<b>Room</b>
10:00am – 5:00pm	Registration	Grand Ballroom
11:00am – 1:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting with Working Lunch <i>(By Invitation Only)</i>	Georgian
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Welcome Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Meeting Kick Off	Grand Ballroom
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Guest Speaker: <i>Ed Gilroy – SVP of Legislative Affairs, American Trucking Associations</i>	Grand Ballroom
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Legislative Fly-In Preparation	Grand Ballroom
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Reception and Dinner at the Capitol Hill Club 300 First Street SE <i>Guest Speaker: Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5)</i>	Lincoln/Grant/McKinley

### Wednesday, September 27

7:30am – 8:30am	Fly-in Team Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
9:00am – 5:00pm	Capitol Hill Legislative Fly-In	Offsite
5:15pm – 6:15pm	Reception	Powerscourt
6:15pm – 8:00pm	Dinner <i>Guest Speaker: Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI-7)</i>	Grand Ballroom

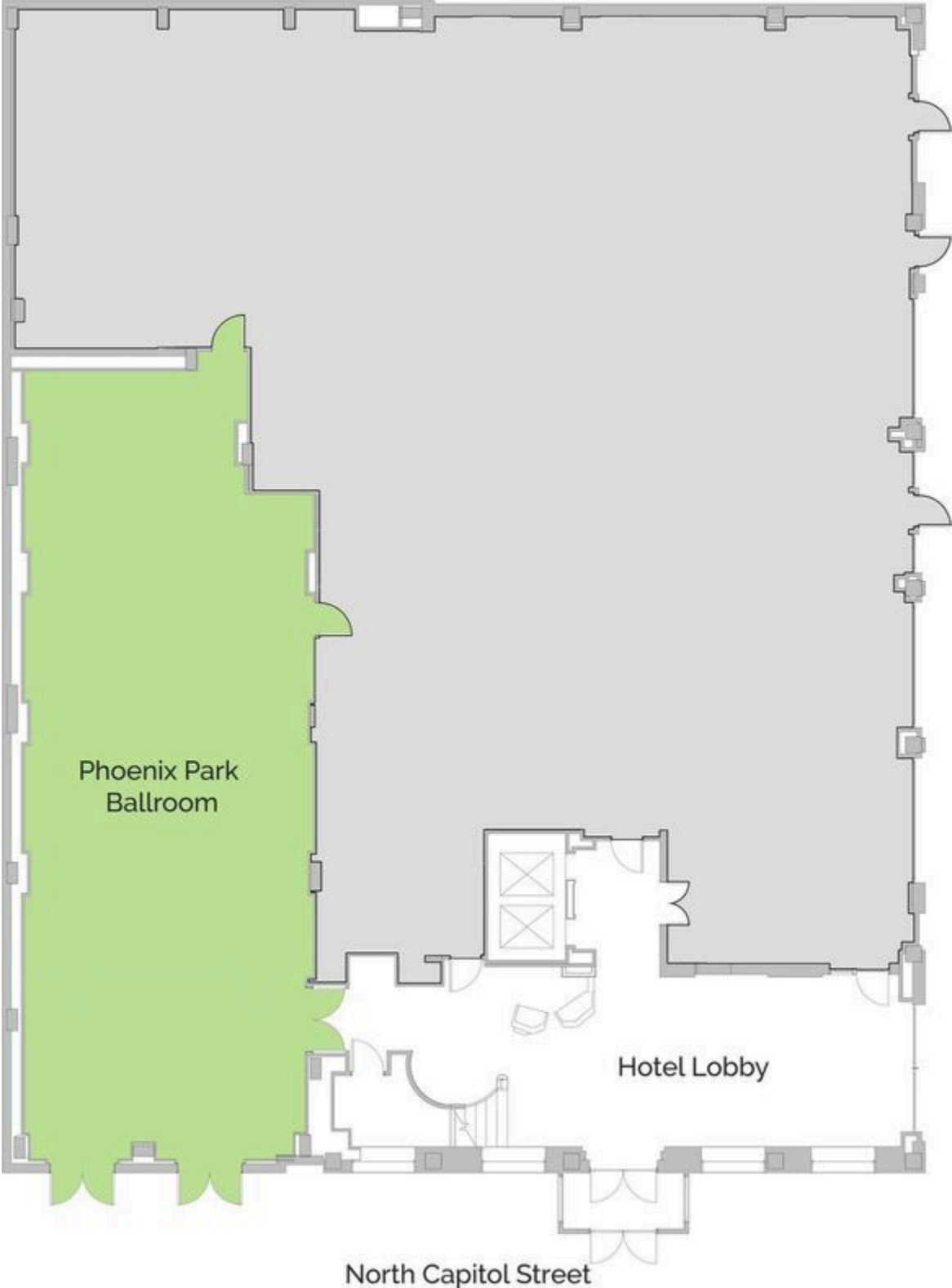
### Thursday, September 28

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
8:00am – 9:00am	Fly-In Debrief	Grand Ballroom
9:15am – 11:00am	Board of Directors Meeting	Grand Ballroom
11:00am	FRA Fall Meeting Adjourn	
11:00am – 12:30pm	FRA Southeast Region Steering Committee Meeting	Grand Ballroom
12:30pm – 1:30pm	FRA Southeast Region Steering Committee Lunch	Dubliner

# Hotel Map

## Phoenix Park Hotel Meeting Room Maps

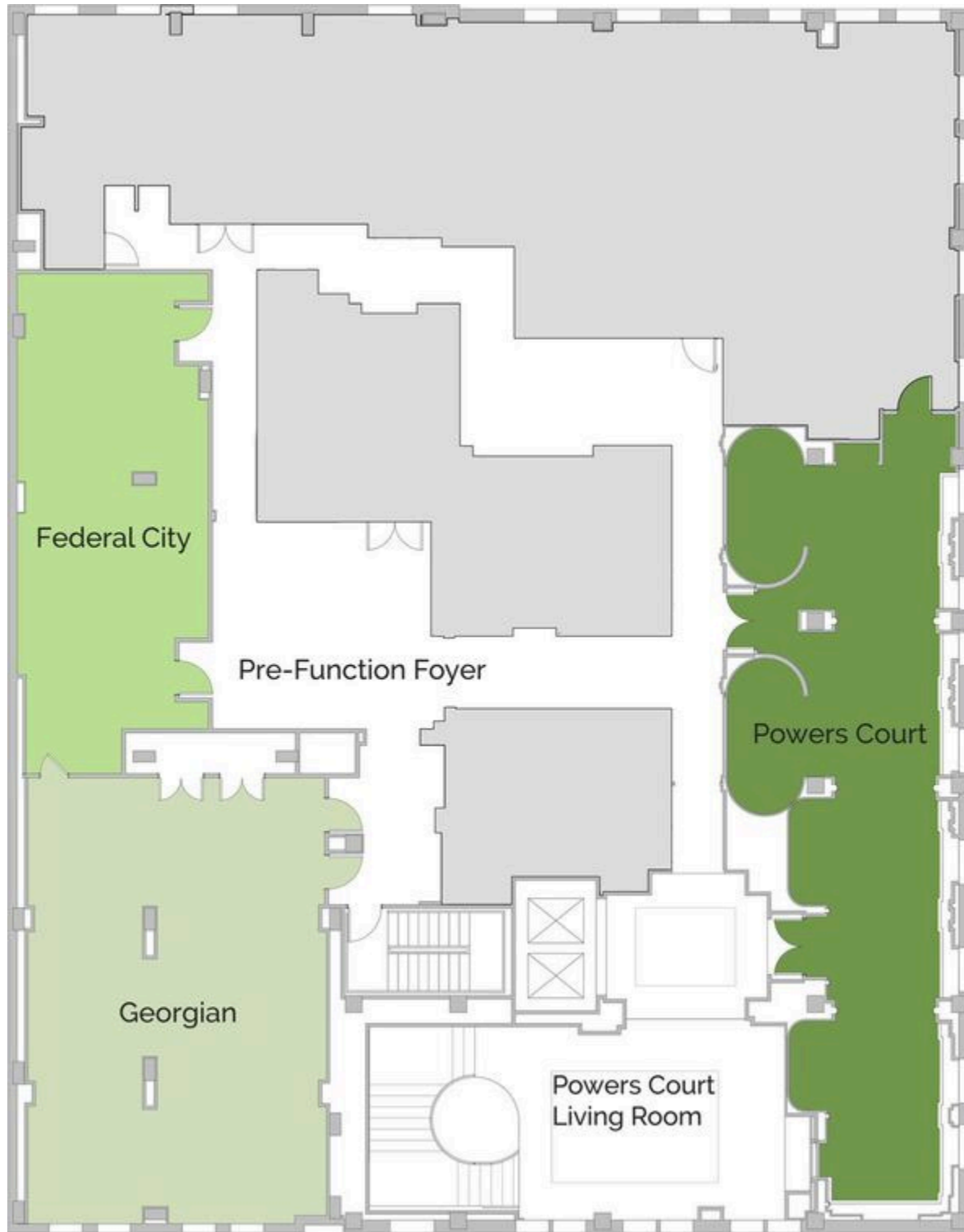
### Phoenix Park 1st Floor Meeting Spaces:



# Hotel Map

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## Phoenix Park 2nd Floor Meeting Spaces:



North Capitol Street

# Speaker Bios

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## **EDWIN J. GILROY**

**Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the  
American Trucking Associations (ATA)**

*FRA Transportation Outlook & Policy Review*

Ed Gilroy currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the American Trucking Associations (ATA). In this capacity, Mr. Gilroy oversees and manages all aspects of the ATA's congressional affairs activities, including the development, implementation, and communication of all legislative initiatives affecting the trucking industry.

Prior to joining the ATA, Mr. Gilroy served as the Director of Workforce Policy for the Republican Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor. In that role, Mr. Gilroy managed the Committee's workforce agenda, focusing on legislation affecting labor and employment, health care, pensions and welfare policy. Mr. Gilroy's Congressional service also included time as a Professional Staff Member for the Committee on Education and Labor; as well as Legislative Director for the U.S. Representative Rod Chandler of Washington State.

This is Mr. Gilroy's second stint of service with the ATA. He previously worked in the Associations' Capitol Hill office as Vice President of Legislative Affairs, and represented the industry before Congress and the federal government on matters relating to labor and employment, employee benefits and tax. He provided similar representation before Congress on behalf of American manufacturers, serving in the Industrial Relations Department of the National Association of Manufacturers.

In the private sector, Mr. Gilroy represented corporate clients on a wide range of employee benefit matters, involving both pension and health/welfare plans; first as an Account Executive with The Equitable Life Assurance Society, and later as a Consultant in the Employee Benefits Department of Johnson and Higgins.

Mr. Gilroy graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.S. in Public Affairs in 1981.



# Speaker Bios

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**Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5)**  
Representing Oregon's 5th Congressional District in the  
U.S. House of Representatives

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer is proud to represent Oregon's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, which covers Linn County, most of Clackamas County, Deschutes County, and parts of Multnomah and Marion Counties.

Prior to serving in Congress, Lori started her public service career in 2002 on the Happy Valley Parks Committee, where she helped build the Happy Valley 4th of July Festival that it is today. Later, she won a seat on the Happy Valley City Council and became city council president. She was elected mayor in 2010, becoming Happy Valley's first female and Latina mayor. She was re-elected in 2014. In 2022, she was elected the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Oregon's 5th Congressional District. She is one of the first Latinas and is the first Republican woman elected to Congress from the state of Oregon.

Lori is a mom and small businesswoman. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Dr. Shawn DeRemer, and supported the couple as he finished medical school. Later they founded an anesthesia management company and opened several other medical clinics in the Pacific Northwest.

Lori and Shawn are parents of twin daughters who are making their own footprints in the world. Annie works as a senior recruiter for Anesthesia Associates Northwest, while Emilie is an assistant public defender in Michigan.

# Speaker Bios

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**Congressman Tom Tiffany (R-WI-7)**  
Representing Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District in  
the U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Tom Tiffany represents the 7th Congressional District of Wisconsin. Rep. Tiffany was elected in May 2020 in a special election for the seat. Prior to his election to Congress, Rep. Tiffany served in the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate for the 12th District. He was a member of the Joint Finance Committee, which is responsible for the state's budget, and served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Sporting, Heritage, Mining and Forestry. During his time in the state legislature, Rep. Tiffany worked to cut taxes, increase job creation, and protect 2nd Amendment rights. Rep. Tiffany has deep roots in the 7th District. He grew up on a dairy farm near Elmwood, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, with a degree in agricultural economics. Rep. Tiffany is honored to represent the people of Northern and Western Wisconsin by restoring freedom to create a more prosperous America.

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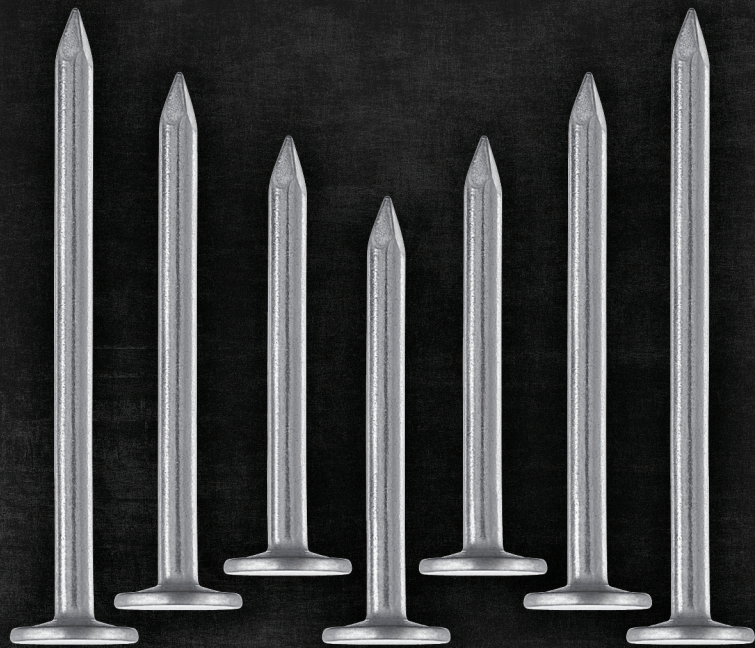






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CFE certificates will be provided at the meeting. Please remember to sign the attendance sheets.

## Post-Event Survey

Scan the QR code to share your feedback on the Western Region Fall Meeting.



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## Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend



### **FRA 2024 Annual Meeting**

**April 29 - May 1, 2024**

The Westin Nashville  
Nashville, TN



### **FRA 2024 Joint National and Western Region Fall Meeting**

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