



U.S. HYDROGEN POLICY LEADERS CONVENTION

September 8-10, 2026 | Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City, New Jersey

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Plum Lounge (1st Floor)

6:00 – 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION

DAY 2

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Hollywood West Ballroom (2nd Floor)

8:00 – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:10 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

Roxana Bekemohammadi
Executive Director, USHA

9:10 – 9:25 AM

KEYNOTE

New Jersey Assemblyman Don Guardian

9:25 – 10:00 AM

KEYNOTE: Geologic Hydrogen —
Progress, Promise, and Challenges

Allegra Hosford Scheirer, PhD
Managing Director, Stanford Geologic Hydrogen
Industrial Affiliates Program

10:00 – 10:35 AM

KEYNOTE: AI Subsurface Intelligence
for Mission-Critical Energy Decisions

RJ McIntosh
Founder & CEO, Mantle IQ

10:35 – 10:50 AM

COFFEE BREAK

10:50 – 11:50 AM

PANEL: U.S. Military's Focus on
Geologic Hydrogen

Allegra Hosford Scheirer, PhD
Managing Director, Stanford Geologic Hydrogen
Industrial Affiliates Program

11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

LUNCH KEYNOTE: Hydrogen – The Common
Bond Between Community-Friendly Power
Generation and AI Prosperity

RJ McIntosh
Founder & CEO, Mantle IQ
Tim Sasseen
Hydrogen Business Manager,
American Honda Motor Company

1:20 – 2:20 PM

PANEL: Hydrogen Leadership in
Uncertain Times

Manny Citron, COO, MACH2
Andrew Cottone, PhD, Founder & CEO, Aternium
Elliot Gold, Vice President of Corporate Planning,
Philadelphia Gas Works
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

2:20 – 3:00 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: Financing Hydrogen
and the Call for State-Level Loan Program

Gabe Olsen, Director of Alternative Energy
& Infrastructure, Pape Group
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

3:00 – 3:15 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:15 – 3:55 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: Reflections on
Energy Policymaking Today

New York Senator Kevin Parker
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

3:55 – 4:55 PM

PANEL: Hydrogen Mobility in
Hard-to-Electrify Applications

Gabe Olsen, Director of Alternative Energy
& Infrastructure, Pape Group
Jamie Crowley, North America Business
Development Manager, Bontaz
Aaron Villarreal, Director of Sales and Global Hydrogen,
Taylor Wharton America
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

4:55 – 5:55 PM

PANEL: Long-term Hydrogen
Infrastructure Needs

Cody Patrick, Americas Business Line Manager,
Nikkiso Clean Energy & Industrial Gases
Carlos Martinez, Director of Business Development, TLM One
Aaron Villarreal, Director of Sales and Global Hydrogen,
Taylor Wharton America
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

5:55 – 6:00 PM

TRANSITIONARY REMARKS

6:00 – 8:00 PM

DINNER (Evening Reception)

Balcony Terrace (2nd Floor)

DAY 3

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Hollywood West Ballroom (2nd Floor)

8:00 – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:15 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS – USHA Policy Overview
FIRESIDE CHAT: Building State Institutional
Knowledge with State Universities

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA
Karen Meidlinger, Director of Partnerships
for the Center of Clean Hydrogen, University of Delaware
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA
Wes Brinsfield, Principal Engineer, Jensen Hughes
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

10:05 – 10:55 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT & PRESENTATION:
Hydrogen Safety Overview and Policies

10:55 – 11:10 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: Hydrogen: The 9X Advantage for Drones

Bill Lehner, Founder, Independence Hydrogen
Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

12:00 – 1:30 PM

LUNCH – Share Insights, Collaborate

1:30 – 1:45 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Roxana Bekemohammadi, Executive Director, USHA

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