



NADO's 2026 Annual Training Conference Peppermill Resort Spa Casino | Reno, NV October 26 – 29, 2026

NOTE: A pre-conference networking event for attendees from the EDA Seattle region is scheduled tentatively for Sunday, October 25, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

Monday, October 26

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration & Information Desk Open
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Learning Labs
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	NADO Executive Committee and Research Foundation Board Meeting
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Mobile Workshops
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Learning Labs
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	NADO Board of Directors Meeting All NADO members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the governance of your Association.
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Conference Opening Plenary
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	NADO 101
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Opening Reception

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration & Information Desk Open
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Plenary
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break with the Exhibitors
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mobile Workshops

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10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	SERDI Council of Peers Meeting
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Mobile Workshops
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
1:45 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Nominating Committee All NADO members are invited to attend and hear from the candidates for NADO’s Board of Directors Officer positions.</p>
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Refresh and Connect Break
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	<p>NADO Membership Chapter Meetings Chapter Meetings offer an opportunity for you to connect with peers from your region, share solutions to challenges, talk about new funding opportunities, and provide NADO leadership with feedback and insights about particular topics. All NADO members are encouraged to attend their Chapter Meeting. (NADO Membership Chapters align with the EDA Regional Offices).</p>
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	<p>EDD CoP Peer Cohorts Meetup Open to all participants in the NADO EDD CoP Peer Cohorts, this meetup will give participants the opportunity to meet and network in person.</p>
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	<p>NADO Karaoke Night Back by popular demand! Show off your talents on the stage at Peppermill’s in-house music venue, the EDGE Nightclub. Start practicing your routine now!</p>

Wednesday, October 28

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration & Information Desk Open
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>DDAA Breakfast All attendees from a Local Development District located in the 13-state Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) footprint are invited to attend this breakfast and hear from ARC’s leadership.</p>
8:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Mobile Workshops
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	<p>President’s Award Lunch</p> <p>NADO President Matthew Dolge will announce the recipient of the 2026 President’s Award which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to regional development. All attendees are invited to attend the luncheon.</p>
1:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>NADO Annual Business Meeting</p> <p>All NADO members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the governance of your Association.</p>
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	<p>Impact Awards Reception</p> <p>All attendees are invited to attend this reception to learn about the 2026 Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award projects. Many will be on hand to share the details of the project. Light snacks and beverages will be provided along with our annual raffle.</p>

Thursday, October 29

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Conference Registration & Information Desk Open
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Breakfast
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions & Conversation Café
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Plenary Closing