



2019 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

“It’s All About Service”

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
HYATT REGENCY MINNEAPOLIS ■ MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

**BUY TWO FULL DELEGATE REGISTRATIONS
AND GET THE THIRD FREE!**

The Spring Management Conference targets the needs of management and operations decision-makers, and also serves as an idea platform for tactical networking, process-oriented business education and actionable, take-home solutions.



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Conference at a Glance

HOST HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Phone: 612 370 1234

Accommodations can be booked two ways:

ONLINE:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/GWDA2019>

PHONE:

888-421-1442 (Mention GAWDA to get the group rate)
Book your room reservations early! The Hyatt Regency will honor the GAWDA group rate until Friday, March 15, 2019.
Room Rate: \$189

REGISTRATION

You can register for the Spring Management Conference three ways:

- 1. ONLINE** with a credit card: www.gawda.org confirmation will be sent immediately
- 2. BY FAX** 954-367-7790 with credit card: Attention Bruce Ellenbogen, confirmation will be sent within 5 business days
- 3. BY MAIL** with credit card or check: GAWDA, Attention Bruce Ellenbogen, 1 Oakwood Blvd. Suite #195, Hollywood, FL 33020, confirmation will be sent within 5 business days

BOOTH REGISTRATION

(Only available to GAWDA Supplier Members current with dues)

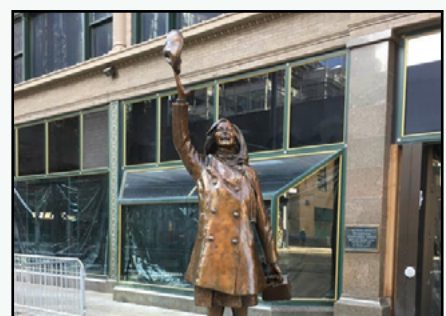
Step 1: Include payment for your booth on the Attendee Registration Form

Step 2: Complete the Contact Booth Application/Contract

Step 3: See the Exhibitor Kit for important booth details, posted on www.gawda.org

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Advance Registration List (included in program book): March 15, 2019
Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 15, 2019
Cancellation with Refund Deadline: April 12, 2019



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

Time

12:00 – 6:00pm

Meeting

Early Badge Pick Up

Location

Hyatt Regency

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

Time

7:00am – 6:00pm

8:00 – 9:00am

9:00am – 12:00pm

1:00 – 2:00pm

1:00 – 5:00pm

2:00 – 3:00pm

3:00 – 4:00pm

4:30 – 5:30pm

5:30 – 9:30pm

Meeting

Conference Registration

Executive Committee Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

Regional Chairs Meeting

Exhibitor Move-In

Committee Meetings

Young Professional Steering Committee

First Timers Reception

President's Welcome Reception
and Dinner

Location

Hyatt Regency

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Offsite

Nicollet Island Pavilion

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Up North – Wear your Flannels and Jeans

GAWDA President Brad Peterson welcomes attendees of the Spring Management Conference in Minneapolis to the Welcome Reception & Dinner. ***No need to plan a separate dinner.*** Plenty of time to catch up with old colleagues and friends. The Welcome Reception & Dinner will include dinner, drinks, live music and a lumberjack show. Join us! Pack your flannels and jeans.



Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

Time

6:00am – 12:30pm

7:00am – 5:00pm

7:00 – 8:00am

8:00 – 11:30am

Meeting

Exhibitor Move-in

Conference Registration

Networking Breakfast

General Business Session

Location

Hyatt Regency

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Thomas Elliott: Tom is the owner and president of A-OX Welding Supply, and the third generation to run the family business. In the beginning, Tom's grandfather sold supplies out of his truck, and now 69 years later A-OX Welding Supply has grown to include seven stores with a large cylinder stock, a bulk tanker fleet, delivery trucks, and on-site bulk tanks. Since 2004, when Tom took the reins of the family business in Sioux Falls, SD he's made countless moves to ensure its success for the years and generations to come. Today, A-OX Welding Supply has the fourth generation working in the business and in addition to its traditional work, handles a wide array of medical and scientific gases, specialty gases for lasers and other modern manufacturing processes, gases for emissions testing, and robotic equipment. Tom will share his story of a recent fire at their main facility. He will expand on a presentation he made at an IWDC meeting in October. DO NOT miss this session even if you heard Tom at IWDC. He will cover safeguards and policies put in place since then.



Traci and Lori Tapani: Lori and Traci Tapani are both graduates of the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and hold Bachelor of Science degrees in Business. Upon graduation, Lori went on to work as a Certified Public Accountant and Traci worked in banking operations and International Trade Finance. In 1994, Lori and Traci became the owners of Wyoming Machine, Inc. located in Stacy, MN. Wyoming Machine is a precision sheet metal fabrication company specializing in CNC punching, laser cutting, forming, and welding. Wyoming Machine was founded in 1974 and serves a wide variety of companies and industries throughout the area making products such as heavy equipment, retail store fixtures, and electronic enclosures.

11:30am – 12:30pm

12:30 – 4:30pm

4:30pm

Group Lunch

Contact Booth Program

Industry Hospitalitys

Hyatt Regency

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Contact Booth Program

Sunday, May 5th, 12:30 – 4:30pm

Onsite at the hosting hotel, in a newly renovated carpeted ballroom with internet.

Show hours extended to 4 hours! More time for Vendors and Distributors to connect. Beer and wine will be served.



Schedule of Events

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

Time

7:00am – 12:00pm

7:00 – 8:00am

8:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting

Conference Registration

Networking Breakfast

General Business Session

Location

Hyatt Regency

Hyatt Regency

Hyatt Regency



Craig MacFarlane: Despite being totally blind since the age of two, Craig MacFarlane has become a master in many fields including becoming widely recognized as the World's Most Celebrated Totally Blind Athlete. His list of athletic accomplishments is lengthy, if not impressive. He has succeeded in wrestling, track and field, snow skiing, water skiing, water ski jumping and golf. He has won more than 100 gold medals, the majority against sighted competition. He has won multiple national championships in two countries. He has represented two countries internationally, and won on the world stage too. He has set records, and then exceeded them. He has even performed as a professional athlete, being the only totally blind person to ever achieve such success



Industry Panel Discussion: How GAWDA benefits you. GAWDA President Brad Peterson has a conversation with GAWDA Consultants, GAWDA University & CGA. Learn about some of the successes our members have had utilizing GAWDA resources.



Women of Gases and Welding Sponsored Speakers

General Business Session
Sunday, May 5, 2019
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis



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Both Lori and Traci are actively involved in volunteer activities that promote math and science education, technical training, and careers in manufacturing. In 2016 they received a Life-Time Achievement Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) and in 2017 they were recognized by the National Association of Workforce Boards with the W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award for their efforts in workforce development.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Judy Miller at jmiller@wescoweld.com

Contact Booth Program

**Sunday, May 5, 2019
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Exhibition Hall**

GAWDA Consultants are available in the GAWDA Booth to answer questions. Mike Dodd (DOT, Security), Tom Badstubner (FDA, Medical Gases), Rick Schweitzer (Government Affairs, HR).

Increasing opportunities for Distributor and Supplier connections! Show hours extended from 3.5 to 4 hours, more time to see vendors, more time to showcase products & services.



Distributor Prize Program



BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER.

Continuing to increase engagement for Distributors and Suppliers.

For a full list of prizes, please visit us at www.gawda.org

Contact Booth Program

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019, 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

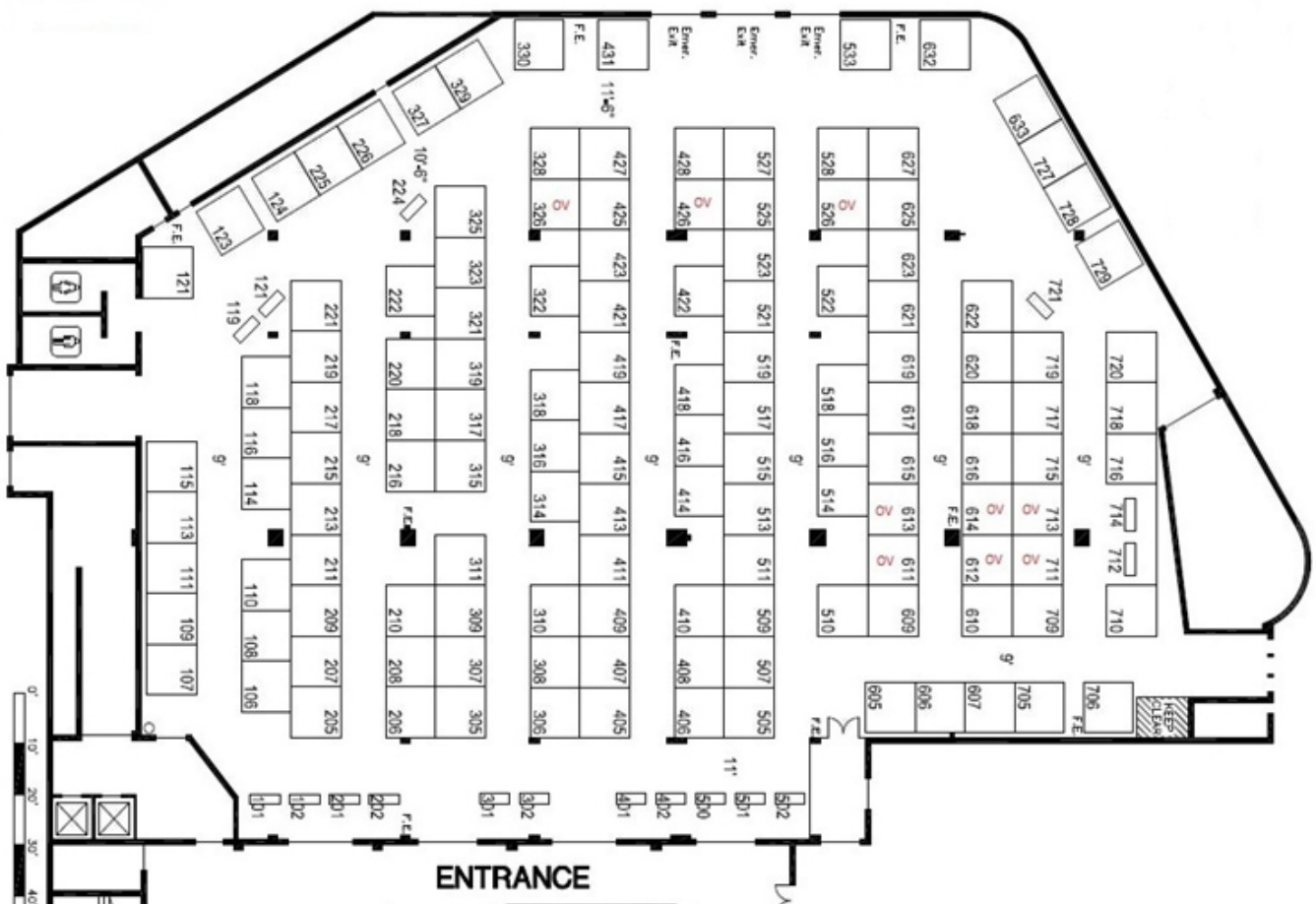
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis - Exhibition Hall

Several 10 x 10 booths and tablespots available.

Sign up today, call or email Stephen Hill at 954-367-7728 ext 220, shill@gawda.org.

PRICE for a (10'X10' Booth)	PRICE for a (10'X10' Obstructed View)	PRICE for 6'X2' Tabletops
\$795 - by March 15, 2019	\$545 - by March 15, 2019	\$595 - by March 15, 2019
\$895 - after March 15, 2019	\$645 - after March 15, 2019	\$695 - after March 15, 2019

* (OV) Obstructed View



For a full list of Exhibitors, please visit us at www.gawda.org

Travel Information

WELCOME TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

HOST HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis is located on Nicollet Mall, an open-air pedestrian area just steps from restaurants, bars, Target Field, US Bank Stadium, Walker Art Center, Light Rail Train, Theaters and Parks.

GETTING TO THE HOTEL

The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis is about 13 miles from the Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport (MSP). Downtown is accessible using the Metro Transit, Uber, Lyft or taxis. The Metro Transit stops 8 blocks from the hotel. Free bus rides from the Metro Transit stop are provided to and from the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Self-parking and valet parking is also available for members who will drive to the venue.



DRESS AND WEATHER

The average high temperature in May for Minneapolis is in the 60s, and the night-time lows in the 50s. Attire for all meetings and events is business casual. ***Attire for the President's Welcome Reception and Dinner – Flannels and Jeans***

THINGS TO SEE IN MINNEAPOLIS

Whether you want to check out the nearby Minneapolis entertainment districts, or explore fun things to do in the Twin Cities, the Hyatt Regency's location on Nicollet puts you in the heart of it all. Minneapolis is known for its multiple James Beard award winning restaurants, shopping at the Mall of America, theaters and the best park system in the country.



It is my pleasure to announce that for the seventh consecutive year, the GAWDA Foundation will continue its Scholarship Program!

Fourteen scholarships of \$2,000 each are available

Scholarships are available to employees and immediate family of current GAWDA Member Companies. Scholarships are for tuition only and past recipients may reapply. Scholarships are based on industry relevance of the students area of study and financial need. Industry relevance is broadly interpreted. Applications and detailed information can be found at:

<http://www.gawda.org/scholarship/>

Or by contacting Bruce Ellenbogen at 954-367-7728 or bellenberg@gawda.org.

The Application deadline is Friday, March 15th, 2019

GAWDA funds this program through member contributions. GAWDA matches member contributions up to \$25,000/year. Please complete the form below to support this worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support of the future leaders of our Industry!

Sincerely,

Brad Peterson
GAWDA President

____ **YES!** I want to make a contribution to the GAWDA foundation in the **AMOUNT OF \$** _____

On Behalf of: (Please fill in the name on the official donation) _____

Donor Contact Name _____ Company Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Payment Information

To Pay By Credit Card: complete below and fax to Bruce Ellenbogen at 954-367-7790 (Circle One) Visa MC Amex Discover

CARD NUMBER _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV: _____

Cardholder Name _____ Signature _____

To Pay By Check: make your contributions payable to GAWDA Foundation and mail to the attention of Bruce Ellenbogen, One Oakwood Blvd., Suite 195, Hollywood, FL 33020

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EARLY BIRD ATTENDEE REGISTRATION (Valid until March 15th, 2019)

Attendee Information: As will be listed on Badges, Attendee List and Program Book. Please confirm the correct address is listed.

Company Name _____ Supplier / Distributor _____

Address _____ Contact Phone _____

Group Confirmation Email: _____ or ☐ Send Confirmation to each individual

INSTRUCTIONS:

Each line below represents a separate badge.

Add each attendee that will purchase any item and follow along the line checking off each purchase for that attendee.

INSTRUCTIONS:				CHECK PURCHASES PER LINE								TOTAL
Each line below represents a separate badge. Add each attendee that will purchase any item and follow along the line checking off each purchase for that attendee.				Full Delegate - \$495	3rd Free Delegate	Spouse / Guest - \$195	Booth Only Supplier - \$250	Contact Booth Distributor (Attendance Only) - \$50	10' x 10' Booth - \$795	10' x 10' Booth (Obstructed View) - \$545	6' x 2' Tabletop - \$595	
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Payment Information:

GRAND TOTAL: _____

CHK _____ (If paying by check, please fax a copy of this form to Headquarters) CC _____ Visa MC Amex Discover

CARD NUMBER _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

Cardholder Name _____ Signature _____

Fax to: (954) 367 - 7790
Mail to: GAWDA Headquarters
One Oakwood Blvd.
Suite 195.
Hollywood, FL 33020



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REGISTER BY MARCH 15, 2019 AND SAVE MONEY!

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