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Letter from Committee

On behalf of the AMPP Central Conference Committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 AMPP Central Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota!

We're excited to have you here in the Twin Cities and in a region where infrastructure, industry, and innovation come together in a big way. Minnesota is known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes—but it's also home to an extensive network of bridges, roadways, pipelines, utilities, manufacturing facilities, and other critical assets that make corrosion prevention and materials protection especially important.

Over the next few days, we invite you to make the most of everything the Central Conference has to offer. Our technical program brings together industry professionals to share practical knowledge, explore solutions to real-world challenges, and discuss the issues affecting the corrosion and coatings community today. Whether you work in the field, manage assets, develop new technologies, or support the industry in another capacity, we hope you leave Saint Paul with ideas and connections you can take back to your organization.

Just as important are the conversations that happen outside the technical sessions. Take time to explore the exhibit hall, meet the companies and professionals helping move our industry forward, reconnect with colleagues, and introduce yourself to someone new. Some of the most valuable takeaways from an AMPP conference begin with a conversation.

While you're here, we also hope you get a chance to enjoy a little of Saint Paul. Take in the views along the Mississippi River, explore the city's historic neighborhoods, or discover a local favorite nearby. And if someone tells you something is "not too far" in Minnesota, you may want to ask for the mileage before you agree!

The Central Area is built on a strong community of professionals who are generous with their knowledge, passionate about their work, and committed to protecting the assets and infrastructure people depend on every day. This conference is a reflection of that community, and we're grateful you've chosen to be part of it.

Thank you for joining us in Saint Paul. We're glad you're here, and we hope you have a productive, memorable, and enjoyable conference.

See you around the conference!

AMPP Central Conference Committee

Five Years United. And We're Just Getting Started

2026 marks five years of AMPP as a unified global organization.

Under the theme **Forged by History. Focused on the Future.**, we're celebrating the people who make AMPP what it is: professionals protecting critical assets, advancing technical knowledge, strengthening our workforce, and shaping the future of materials protection and performance around the world.

Join the celebration while you're here! Pick up an AMPP Fifth Anniversary sticker and keep an eye out for our Fifth Anniversary signage throughout the conference.

See a sign? **Snap a photo, share it on social media using #AMPP5thAnniversary, and tag AMPP.** Help us show the people, places, and community behind five years united and what comes next.

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Move In:

Monday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hours:

Monday 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Your Strategy Is Likely to Fail—and It's Not the Reason You Think

8:00 – 8:25 AM | Grand Ballroom CD
Alan Thomas, AMPP CEO

Pipeline Integrity — Why Do We Do It, How Are We Doing, and What's Next

8:25 – 9:00 AM | Grand Ballroom CD
Gary Krichau, Northern Natural Gas

The Next Generation Decoupler

3:45 – 4:30 PM | Grand Ballroom CD
Tim Bechtel, Dairyland

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Panel – Corrosion Under Control: Tackling Corrosion in Data Centers

8:30 – 9:30 AM | Grand Ballroom CD
Panelists: Mitchell Buchanan (Henkel);
Ryan Hanson (The Sherwin-Williams Company);
Nathan Longwell (Rockwool)
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AC & DC Interference: Powerlines & Beyond

9:30 – 10:15 AM | Grand Ballroom CD
Corey Mitchell, Entrust

AC Interference Risks During Pipeline Construction

10:45 – 11:30 AM | Grand Ballroom CD
Erik Shirley, Lake Superior Consulting

Artificial Intelligence Expansion and Its Potential Effects on AC Interference

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM | Grand Ballroom CD
Charles Poore, BK Corrosion

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rectifier Course

12:00 – 4:00 PM | Meeting Room 7-8
Separate Registration Required

Central Area Task Force Meeting

3:00 – 4:30 PM | Meeting Room 4-5

Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall

5:00 – 7:00 PM

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Networking Break

9:00 – 9:30 AM | Exhibit Hall

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Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Networking Break

2:30 – 3:00 PM | Exhibit Hall

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Happy Hour

5:00 – 6:00 PM | Exhibit Hall

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY September 28

12:00 – 7:00 PM
REGISTRATION
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12:00 – 4:00 PM
RECTIFIER COURSE | MEETING ROOM 7-8
Separate registration required

3:00 – 4:30 PM
CENTRAL AREA TASK FORCE MEETING | MEETING ROOM 4-5

5:00 – 7:00 PM
WELCOME RECEPTION IN EXHIBIT HALL
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Gary Krichau, Northern Natural Gas

9:00 – 9:30 AM
BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
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Tools of the Trade
Meeting Room 4-5

Coatings
Meeting Room 7-8

9:30–10:15 AM

“Utilizing Corrosion Inhibitors in Hydrotesting to Speed Up the Pickling and Commissioning of a Pipeline”
Derek Dickens, Zerust Integrity Solutions

“New 2-Step Surface Preparation System for Heavy Rust and Thick Coatings”
John Glass, MontiPower Americas

10:15–11:00 AM

“Advanced Remote Monitoring Solutions: Merging High-Frequency Data Logging With Edge Computing for Enhanced Cathodic Protection Analysis”
Ivano Magnifico, Automa

“Practical Challenges and Inspection Strategies for Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI): Field Experience, Risk-Based Methodologies, and Advanced Mitigation Technologies”
Tamer Elhadidy, Saudi Aramco

11:00–11:45 AM

“Sensor Assemblies for the Evaluation of Cathodic Protection Effectiveness”
Thomas Theissen, BORIN

“No Shutdowns, No Blasting, No Problem...Hot Spread Epoxy to the Rescue!”
Bob Bernard, International Paint

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11:45 AM – 1:00 PM LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL		
1:00–1:45 PM	Cathodic Protection/AC Mitigation Meeting Room 4-5	Coatings Meeting Room 7-8
	“MMO Continuous Wire Deep Anode Systems — Providing Less Ground Bed Risk” Dean Lioliou, Henkel	“Tank Inspection and Corrosion Control” Joseph Hoban, Dixon Engineering
1:45–2:30 PM	“Identifying Corrosion Rate & Cathodic Protection Effectiveness With ER Probes and AC/DC Coupons” Cole Finney, Mobiltex	“Fundamental Overview of Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coating Systems in Pipeline Construction” Steve Hall, 3M
2:30 – 3:00 PM BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL Sponsored by General Corrosion		
3:00–3:45 PM	Cathodic Protection /AC Mitigation (cont.) Meeting Room 4-5	Coatings (cont.) Meeting Room 7-8
	“Static to Dynamic Grids: The Evolving Nature of AC Interference” Perry Ross, Lake Superior Consulting	“No Sweat! Aerogel-Infused Insulating Coating for Condensation Control in Waterworks” Randy Bartz, Coating Resources
3:45 – 4:30 PM GRAND BALLROOM CD “The Next Generation Decoupler” Tim Bechtel, Dairyland		
5:00 – 6:00 PM HAPPY HOUR IN EXHIBIT HALL Sponsored by General Corrosion		
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10:15 – 10:45 AM

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Trivia Raffle Prize drawing during the break

10:45 – 11:30 AM

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11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

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“Artificial Intelligence Expansion and Its Potential Effects on AC Interference”

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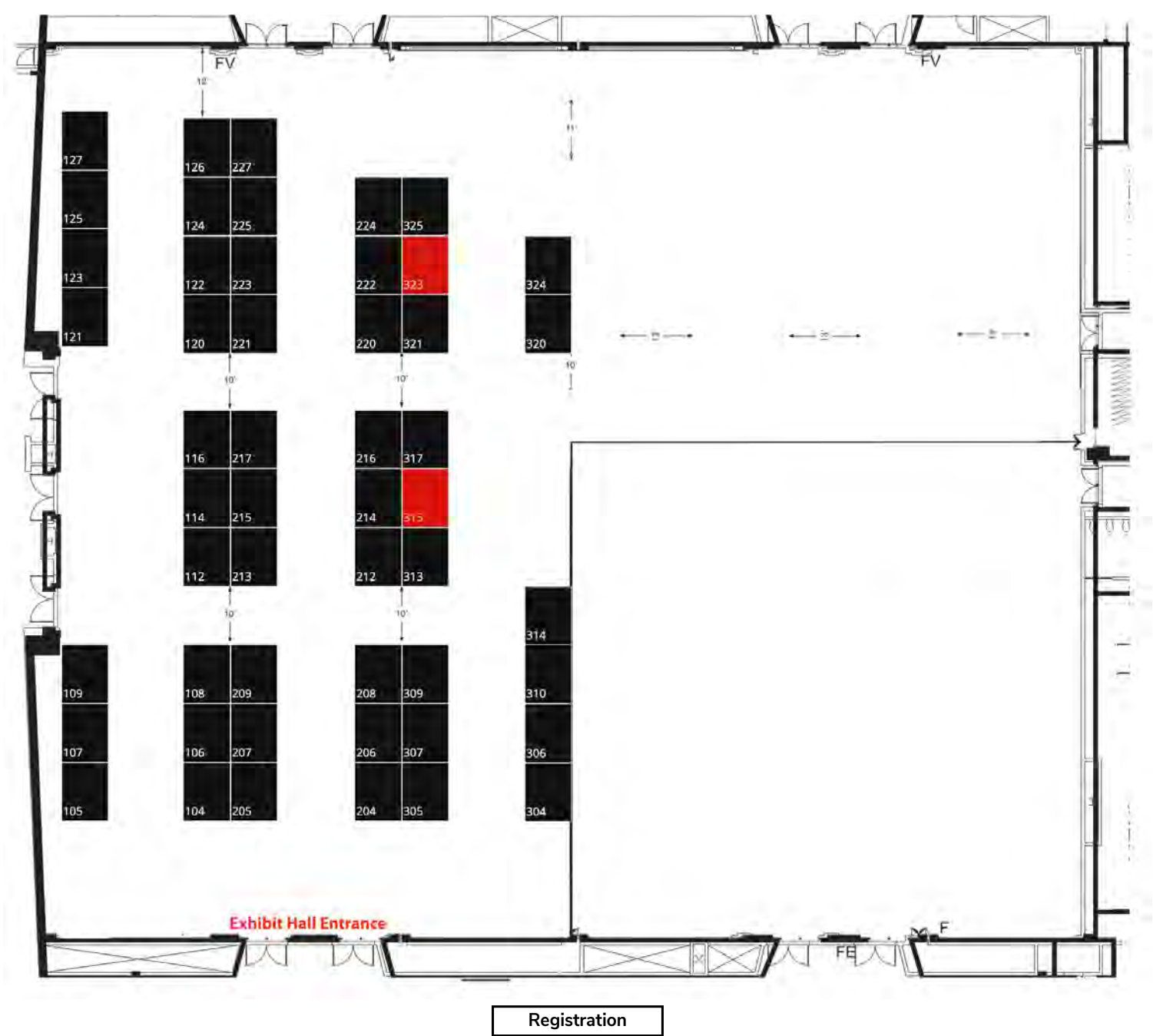
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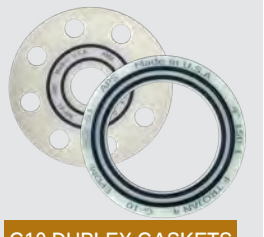


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- Using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of human welfare.
- Being honest and impartial, and serving with fidelity the public, their employers, and clients.
- Striving to increase the competence and prestige of the materials protection and performance profession.

THE FUNDAMENTAL CANONS

1. Uphold the safety, health, and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties.
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- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
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2. Meetings and technical presentations: To provide all AMPP attendees an optimal learning environment, minors and guests are not permitted in technical presentations. Those attending these sessions must be registered for the conference and show the appropriate badge.

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