

# Preliminary Agenda—2026 SLH&TS Convention, Escanaba & Gladstone, Michigan

September 10—13, 2026

**Updated January 22, 2026**

## Convention Location

Island Resort & Casino, Harris, Michigan

(800) 682-6040 for Reservations—Refer to Soo Line Historical & Technical Room Block #20437

**Hotel Details:** Room rate of \$90.00 per night (plus resort fee)

## Thursday, September 10, 2026

Noon until		
Sunday 9:00 AM	Executive Room	Secure Room for SLHTS Board use
4:00—8:30 PM	Conf. Center Hallway	Registration
5:00—9:00 PM	Wolf/Eagle Rooms	Meet and Greet with nibbles and cash bar
6:15—6:30 PM	Turtle Room	Welcome — <i>David Leider, Steve Miazga</i>
6:30—7:15 PM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #1— <i>Darin Umlaft</i> - Special effects slide show entitled “WC Years in Slides”
7:30—8:15 PM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #2— <i>Chris Jones</i> —“Reflections on Clint Jones Time in the UP”
8:30—9:15 PM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #3— <i>Greg Stahl</i> —“Iron Mines of the DSS&A and Soo on the Marquette Range”
9:30—11:00 PM	Turtle Room	Sharing of Digital Pictures/Slides, LCD Projector and laptop will be provided. Use a flash drive or web access— <i>Rick Martin Moderator</i>

## Friday, September 11, 2026

6:30—8:00 AM	Conf. Center Hallway	Registration
6:30—7:30 AM	Wolf Room	Breakfast Buffet
7:45—4:30 PM	Field Trip	Load at 7:45 and depart at 8:00 Sharp! <i>See Schedule at end of agenda.</i>
4:00—7:00 PM	Bear Room	Vendor Setup
5:00—6:00 PM	Wolf Room/Courtyard	Attitude Adjustment Hour, cash bar
6:00—7:30 PM	Wolf/Eagle Rooms	BBQ Ribs and Cod, Caeser Salad, Vegetable Medley, Roasted Red Potatoes and Assorted Cupcakes
7:00—10:00 PM	Bear Room	Vendor Sales/Swap Meet
7:00—8:30 PM	Conf. Center Hallway	Registration ( <i>for Saturday only registrations</i> )
7:30—9:00 PM	Turtle Room	DSS&A Division Meeting
9:30—11:30 PM	Turtle Room	Sharing of Digital Pictures/Slides— <i>Rick Martin</i>

## Saturday, September 12, 2026

6:30—7:30 AM	Conf. Center Hallway	Registration
6:30—8:00 AM	Wolf Room	Breakfast Buffet

8:15—11:00 AM	Bear Room	Vendor Sales/ Swap Meet
8:15—9:45 AM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #4—Modelers Show and Tell, <i>Tom Dowling Moderator</i>
9:45—11:15 AM	Eagle Room	Interest Session #5—Photographers Show and Tell, <i>Rick Martin Moderator</i>
11:30—12:30 PM	Wolf Room	Sandwich Buffet with dessert
1:00—2:30 PM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #6—SLH&TS Annual Business Meeting, <i>David Leider</i>
2:45— 3:30 PM	Turtle Room	Interest Session #7— “Tribute to Ray Buhrmaster”, DSS&A/Soo photos from the Ray Buhrmaster collection at the Lake States Historical Association, <i>George Forero</i>
3:45— 4:30 PM	Eagle Room	Interest Session #8— “Upper Peninsula Railroads”, <i>Ed Oom</i>
5:00—6:00 PM	Wolf Room, Courtyard	Attitude Adjustment & viewing of auction items, cash bar
6:00—8:30 PM	Wolf Room	Annual Convention Banquet, <i>Gregg Condon MC</i> Grand Buffet with Baked Ham, Herb Baked Chicken, Garden Salad, Pasta Vinaigrette Salad, Wild Rice Blend, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Assorted Sliced Desserts
7:15—8:30 PM	Wolf Room	Keynote speaker presentation — “A Look at DSS&A Modern Operations in the Marquette Area”, <i>Greg Stahl</i>
8:45—??? PM	Wolf Room	Annual Auction, proceeds to the Archives

### **Sunday, September 13, 2026**

7:45—8:30 AM	Executive Room	Board of Directors Meeting
7:30—8:30 AM	Wolf Room	Breakfast Buffet
9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Off-site	Layout tours, <i>Luke Lemmens Coordinator</i>

### **Friday Tour Bus Schedules**

Board busses at 7:45 am.

We'll arrive at the Humboldt between 9:35-9:45 am if we leave promptly at 8:00 am. We'll tour the plant and meet Chris Jones with the Mineral Range Railroad there. Chris confirmed any able body persons can board the locomotive and sit in the cab.

We'll need to leave by 11:30 am to get to the Negaunee Depot by noon. We have the depot booked until 2:00 pm for lunch—we are bringing boxed lunches from the hotel. The freight house next door will be open for tours for us as well during this window. The original scale is still in the floor and the building itself looks very original and elegant inside. If the weather is nice, we are trying to arrange for a couple of local historians to be onsite outside to explain what was where and tell stories as people wander around. Greg Stahl will be doing the same. We will be in the center of what was a spaghetti bowl of tracks for the DSS&A and the CNW, adjacent to many old mines right around us.

At 2:00 pm or sooner we need to leave as another party will be coming to the depot at 3:00 pm. We will head to the LS&I ore dock to see if any boats are loading and check out the U25C on display. We cannot stay long, as it is an hour and a half minimum drive time back to the hotel. That puts us back around 4:30 pm if things go smoothly and we can be at the dock for only 30 minutes.