



SPRING WORKSHOP PROGRAM

June 10-12, 2026

The Sagamore Resort

Bolton Landing, NY on Lake George

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

- 6-8:00 Welcome Reception VERANDA LOWER TERRACE
- 7:15- Morgan Boat Sightseeing Cruise (first 100 people aboard cruise)*
- 8:15 *Start boarding at dock at 7pm

Thursday, June 11, 2026

- 8:15 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibitors NIRVANA
- 9:05 Welcome: NYSIA Chair Suzanne Oommen BELLVUE
- 9:10 **PICKING UP THE PIECES**
(Demystifying and Diagnosing the Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injuries)
Speaker: Robert Knapp, MD
Brookside Consultants
- 10:00 *NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS*
- 10:20 **THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE GRIEVANCE**
(The impact of Collective Bargaining Agreements on WC Programs)
Speakers: Idina Gorman, Columbia University
Roni Fonteneau, Marriott Claims
Moderator: Hana Bloch, Columbia University
- 11:00 **AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION ...**
(Creating a Culture of Safety in the Work Environment)
Speaker: Michele Donovan
Cooper Companies
- 11:40 *NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS* NIRVANA
- 12:00 Lunch SHELVING ROCK TERRACE

Thursday continued ...

1:20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS—UPDATE FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

*Speaker: Hon. Freida Foster, Chair
Steven Scotti, Executive Director
NY Workers' Compensation Board*

2:10 **DAMAGE CONTROL**

(Questionable Decisions and Strategies to Mitigate Impact)
*Speakers: John Land, Hamberger & Weiss LLP
Brendan Shannon, The Offices of Melissa A. Day, PLLC*

2:40 **NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS**

3:00 **“BINGO: THE SEQUEL NOBODY SAW COMING (BUT EVERYONE NEEDED!)”**

(Join us for Compliance Bingo — MORE FUN THAN IT SOUNDS! A crowd-powered learning experience that transforms New York State workers' compensation regulations into an exciting, easy-to-grasp bingo game. Everyone participates, learns, and will leave more confident of their knowledge in everything New York State workers' compensation. Prizes will go to the first 3 winners of this fun-filled event!)

*Your Hosts: Julie Tennant, Eastman Kodak
Timothy Kemperle, UPS
Michele Donovan, Cooper Companies*

4:00 Meeting Adjourns/Vendor Prizes Announced

4:10 WCB Advisory Meeting (members only)

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4:50 NYSIA Board of Managers' Meeting

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5:30 Reception

DOLLAR ISLAND TERRACE

6:00 Dinner

SHELVING ROCK TERRACE

7:30- Entertainment by the Rhythm Pilots

10:00

Friday, June 12, 2026

8:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast FOYER

9:10 Welcome – NYSIA Vice Chair Paul Zaragoza BELLVUE

9:15 **WHAT DO WE DO WHEN CLAIMANTS DISAPPEAR?**

(In addition to our usual snowbirds who move out of state with an active WC claim, we experience claimants pulling a Houdini for other reasons including prison sentences, immigration issues and unrelated medical conditions, among other things. So what are our legal obligations when someone removes themselves from the WC process?)

Speakers: Danielle Hill Lamoreaux, Gallagher Bassett

Tracey McLean, Cohen Vaughan LLP

Adam Fraser, AIC Companies

10:15 *BREAK*

10:35 **UNRAVELING THE RED TAPE**

(Regulatory Updates and the Best Practices for Compliance)

Speakers: David Alofs, Lodestar

Kyle Reichel, Lodestar

11:15 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Speaker: Paul Zaragoza

NYC Law Department

11:50 Survivor Raffle

12:00 Meeting Adjourns