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Event Schedule

Wednesday, October 16th

- 1:30PM-5:00PM** Registration
- 1:30PM-4:00PM** Community Outreach Program
- 2:30PM-3:30PM** Trustees Roundtable *
- 3:45PM-5:00PM** Board of Trustees Meeting
- 6:00PM-8:30PM** Welcome Reception & Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, October 17th

- 8:00AM-5:00PM** Registration
- 7:30AM-8:00AM** Breakfast
- 8:00AM-5:00PM** Exhibit Tables
- 8:00AM-9:30AM** Conference Kickoff, NTMA Update & Awards
- 9:30AM-9:50AM** Networking Break
- 9:50AM-10:50AM** Opening Keynote:
Manufacturing Movement
Presented by: Tony Gunn, MTDCNC
- 10:50AM-11:10AM** Networking Break
- 11:10AM-12:10PM** General Session 1: Maximizing Manufacturing Efficiency: The Role of Artificial Intelligence
Presented by: Frank Braski, Softura & Chris Stephenson, alliantgroup
- 12:10PM-2:00PM** Open Lunch
- 12:00PM-2:10PM** NTFM Meeting & Lunch *
- 2:00PM-3:00PM** General Session 2: Workforce Innovation - Beyond the Box
Panel Discussion Moderated by: Jenny Stupica, NTMA
- 3:00PM-3:20PM** Networking Break
- 3:20PM-4:15PM** General Session 3: Succession Strategy: Navigating Logistics & Transition Processes
Presented by: Dave Capkovitz & Mike Watkins, EBITDA Growth Systems
- 4:15PM-5:00PM** General Session 4: Adapting to Change: Economic Trends Impacting Manufacturing
Presented by: Beth Ann Bovino, U.S. Bank
- 5:00PM-6:00PM** PAC Cocktail Reception
- 6:00PM** Free Night to Explore Nashville

Friday, October 18th

- 8:00AM-5:00PM** Registration
- 7:30AM-8:00AM** Breakfast
- 8:00AM-5:00PM** Exhibit Tables
- 8:00AM-9:00AM** General Session 5: Embracing Tomorrow: Traversing New Horizons with Emerging Technologies
Presented by: Doug Woods, AMT & Dan Janka, Mazak
- 9:00AM-12:00PM** Plant Tours
- 12:30PM-1:45PM** Luncheon & General Session 6: Manufacturing Outcomes - Election 2024
Presented by: Omar Nashashibi, The Franklin Partnership
Caitlin Sickles, Policy Resolution Group
- 2:00PM-3:30PM** Roundtables
 - Artificial Intelligence**
Moderated by: Frank Braski, Softura & Chris Stephenson, alliantgroup
 - Sales & Marketing**
Moderated by: Tony Gunn, MTDCNC
 - Succession Planning**
Moderated by: Mike Watkins & Dave Capkovitz, EBITDA Growth Systems
 - Workforce Development**
Moderated by: Jenny Stupica, NTMA
- 3:30PM-3:45PM** Networking Break
- 3:45PM-5:00PM** Closing Keynote: Committing to Change
Live Recording of "The Gunn Show" Podcast
- 7:00PM-11:00PM** Evening Event: Musicians Hall of Fame & Museum
Featuring Singer-Songwriter: Tony Arata

Saturday, October 19th

- 8:00AM-10:00AM** Traveler's Breakfast

Emcee



James Castro, Founder of Home By Dark



Opening Keynote



Tony Gunn, Director of Global Operations, MTDCNC

Closing Keynote



Moderated by Tony Gunn, Director of Global Operations MTDCNC

Thursday, October 17th

9:50AM-10:50AM

Manufacturing Movement

Step into the heart of the manufacturing renaissance with 'The Manufacturing Movement' session. Uncover the dynamic forces reshaping the industry landscape, from advancements in technology to shifting consumer demands. Explore strategies to drive innovation, enhance efficiency, and embrace sustainability in manufacturing processes. Whether you're a seasoned industry professional or an emerging entrepreneur, join us to be part of the movement shaping the future of manufacturing.

Panelists Include:

Friday, October 18

3:45PM-5:30PM

Committing to Change - A Live Podcast Recording



Drew Crowe, Founder, New American Manufacturing Renaissance



Meaghan Ziemba, Founder, Mavens of Manufacturing Podcast



Paul Van Metre, Co-Founder, ProShop ERP

"Committing to Change", dive into the forefront of transformative change being seen within the manufacturing sector. Join us as we delve into the strategies, challenges, and opportunities reshaping the future of manufacturing as seen through the eyes of our panel of influencers.

General Sessions

Thursday, October 17th



Frank Braski,
Chief Evangelist,
Softura



Chris Stephenson,
Managing Director,
alliantgroup

11:10AM-12:10PM General Session 1 Maximizing Manufacturing Efficiency: The Role of Artificial Intelligence

Discover how cutting-edge artificial intelligence technologies are revolutionizing manufacturing processes to enhance efficiency, optimize production, and drive business growth. Join us as we explore the pivotal role AI plays in streamlining operations, improving quality control, and fostering innovation across the manufacturing landscape. Frank Braski, from Softura will delve into the transformative potential of AI in maximizing productivity and competitiveness in the manufacturing sector and Chris Stephenson from alliantgroup will discuss the implications of AI with R&D tax incentives and cybersecurity concerns.

Frank Braski thrives on innovation, not just envisioning the future but creating impactful solutions in the present. His approach as a “Now”ist sets him apart from traditional futurists, ensuring immediate and tangible results. Known for his ability to blend visionary thinking with practical execution, Frank shares insights on how to disrupt the status quo creatively and effectively, transforming dreams into reality.

Chris Stephenson is the current Managing Director of Intelligent Automation, AI & Digital Services at alliantgroup and has over 25 years of entrepreneurial and consultative experience in various sectors. Chris, former managing principal of product automation at Grant Thornton, has been recognized for demonstrating a natural aptitude for leading integrations, acquisitions, and technological implementations.

2:00PM-3:00PM General Session 2 Workforce Innovation - Beyond the Box



Moderated by: Jenny Stupica,
Workforce Development Director,
NTMA

Emphasizing the power of not just thinking outside the box but eliminating the box altogether in workforce development. This panel will share how companies can ignite change by leading the charge to tap into diverse talent pools, specifically focusing on veterans, justice-impacted individuals, and students. The discussion will highlight innovative strategies developed not only to create a sustainable pipeline of skilled workers from these often-underutilized groups but convey the life changing impact manufacturing can have on individuals and their families.

Panelists Include:



Ben Kohler,
Executive Director,
Next Frontier Advanced
Manufacturing Institute



Brad Robeson,
Owner/President,
Clean Machine, LLC



Drew Crowe,
Founder,
New American Manufacturing
Renaissance





Dave Capkovitz,
Principle,
EBITDA Growth Systems



Mike Watkins,
Principle,
EBITDA Growth Systems

3:20PM-4:15PM General Session 3
**Succession Strategy:
Navigating Logistics
& Transition Processes**

Join us for an insightful session delving into the intricate world of succession planning. Explore the logistics and processes essential for ensuring a seamless transition within organizations. Discover how to cultivate a robust succession plan that propels your organization toward continued success, whether it's leadership transition or selling your shop.

Dave Capkovitz is a Principal at EBITDA Growth Systems, and a scaling small business owner. He is a passionate business leader driven to help organizations grow in sales, profitability, teamwork, accountability, and efficiency.

Mike Watkins is a Principal at EBITDA Growth Systems and the author of the book, *Scaling to Exit*. Michael's personal mission is to help organizations transform themselves into growing, profitable companies.



Beth Ann Bovino,
Chief Economist,
U.S. Bank

4:15PM-5:00PM General Session 4
**Adapting to Change:
Economic Trends
Impacting Manufacturing**

In this session, we delve into the dynamic landscape of manufacturing, exploring how current economic trends are affecting the industry. From globalization and technological advancements to shifting consumer demands, manufacturing faces a multitude of challenges and opportunities. Join us as we analyze the current economic climate and its implications for manufacturers worldwide. Through insightful analysis and real-world examples, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the key trends driving change in the manufacturing sector.

Beth Ann Bovino, in her economist role “explains both the current economic landscape but also provides preview of the economic environment that banks will be operating in the months and years to come,” she said. Her team focuses on economic conditions that are paramount to a bank's bottom line, such as changes in the job market or interest rates that may impact household and businesses' willingness to borrow and spend.



General Sessions

Friday, October 18th



Doug Woods,
President,
AMT



Dan Janka,
President,
Mazak

8:00AM-9:00AM General Session 5
Embracing Tomorrow: Traversing
New Horizons with Emerging
Technologies

Staying ahead means embracing the opportunities that tomorrow presents. With growth opportunities coming from the DoD, commercial sectors like aerospace, urban aircraft and electric vehicles, are you ready to adapt? Hear from Doug Woods, President of AMT, and Dan Janka, President of Mazak and Chairman of AMT, as they discuss the resurgence of domestic manufacturing and the opportunities for technological advancement in the industry.

Douglas K. Woods joined AMT as its President in 2009. A lifelong manufacturing professional, Doug is dedicated to promoting the world's most innovative manufacturing technology and positioning AMT as a leader on issues that impact the industry.

Dan Janka, President of Mazak, has a wealth of industry, which includes extensive technical and executive roles. An AMT member since 2005, he has been appointed chairman of the board for a second time. Janka's deep industry knowledge continues to influence the manufacturing sector.



Omar Nashashibi,
Founder,
The Franklin Partnership



Caitlin Sickles,
Partner,
Policy Resolution Group
at Bracewell

12:30PM-1:45PM
General Session 6
Manufacturing Outcomes:
Election 2024

The Federal Government in 2023 released over 3,000 final regulations costing small businesses hundreds of millions of dollars. In action by the U.S. Congress on the R&D tax added \$250,000 in new tax liability to manufacturers. Elections have consequences and the outcomes for manufacturers matters. NTMA's team from Washington, D.C., Caitlin Sickles with the Policy Resolution Group at Bracewell and Omar S. Nashashibi, from The Franklin Partnership will discuss how the election will impact the industry and which key factors will determine the outcome of the 2024 elections.

Omar Nashashibi is founding partner of The Franklin Partnership, Mr. Nashashibi works with members of Congress on behalf of his clients on a variety of issues from trade to federal funding opportunities to telecommunications.

Caitlin Sickles is a partner for the Policy Resolution Group at Bracewell LLP. Her work includes message development and delivery, reputation management, and crisis communications.



F E A T U R E D
CLOSING KEYNOTE



TONY GUNN
Director of Global Operations
MTDCNC



MEAGHAN ZIEMBA
Host of Mavens of Manufacturing
Podcast



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PAUL VAN METRE
Co-Founder of
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THE
GUNN SHOW
PODCAST

Networking Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th

1:30PM - 4:00PM Community Outreach Program

Arriving on Tuesday or early Wednesday morning and looking for something extra to do on Wednesday afternoon? Work together for one common goal. Attendees will take a short 15 minute bus ride to a local food bank and help pack and organize food for those in need. Registration for this event is optional, we do need a minimum of 20 registrants for participation.

6:00PM - 8:30PM: 7th Annual Cornhole Tournament at 6th & Peabody

This year we will be taking our tournament off property and venturing to a Nashville hot spot called 6th & Peabody – Home of Yee-Haw Brewing and Old Smoky Distillery. Be ready to relish in their outdoor scene and enjoy a live band in the Music City. Pair up with a favorite teammate or let NTMA help you connect with another member, the winning team will go home with a special trophy and bragging rights!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

5:00PM PAC Cocktail Reception

Come have a drink on us and unwind as we celebrate those who support NTMA's Political Action Committee (PAC). Talk with Omar Nashashibi of The Franklin Partnership to learn more about all of our recent successes on the Hill and what you can do to become involved.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

9:00AM Plant Tours

Always a crowd pleaser, take some dedicated time out of the day to visit two of our local members' shops. Attendees will have the opportunity to see two shops. Confirmed shop(s) include: Vaughn Manufacturing.

**7:00PM - 11:00PM Tunes through Time
at the Musician's Hall of Fame & Museum**

Step into a nostalgic journey through the melodies that have shaped generations. Join us for a captivating evening as we dance through music, from the timeless classics, to country western, to the contemporary hits.



FEATURED EVENING EVENT



TUNES THROUGH TIME

FRIDAY | 10.18.2024 | 7PM-11PM

Immerse yourself in the ambiance of bygone eras as we showcase iconic tunes that have defined moments and captured hearts. The Musicians Hall of Fame (right) will also be open for exploring. Food, drinks and entertainment included! An appearance and performance from Hall of Fame Singer-Songwriter, Tony Arata (left) will highlight the night!

Come dressed as your favorite musician! Whether you channel the energy of Garth Brooks, rock the style of Madonna, or embody the essence of Prince, we want to see your creativity shine.

Join us for an evening where the past and present collide in a symphony of sound and celebration. Don't miss out on this musical journey!

Hotel Information



Grand Hyatt Nashville

1000 Broadway
Nashville, TN 37203

Negotiated NTMA Group Rate:

\$329 per night

Hotel Cutoff Date is Monday, September 16th

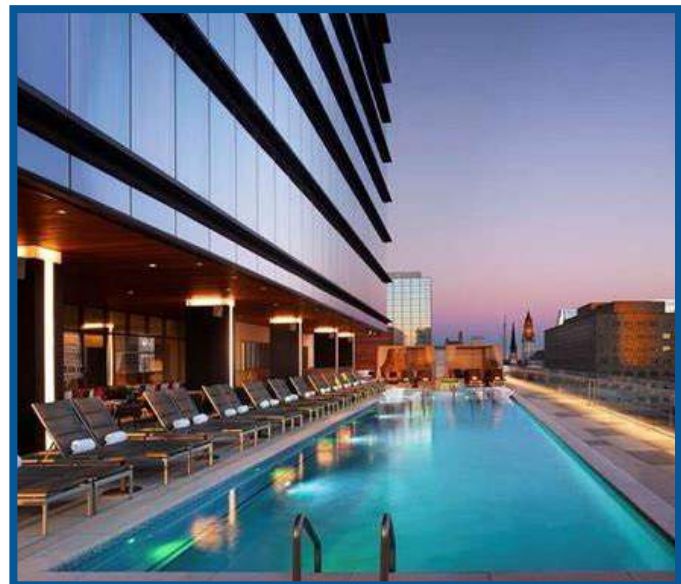
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***Rooms are based on availability or until the block is full**

Indulge in refined comfort in one of our meticulously appointed guest rooms or suites, where every detail has been thoughtfully curated to ensure a restful and rejuvenating experience. With panoramic views of the Nashville skyline, and state-of-the-art technology at your fingertips, you'll feel right at home amidst the urban splendor. Whether you're craving classic Southern cuisine, artisanal cocktails, or global-inspired fare, you'll find a culinary journey to satisfy every palate. Experience the epitome of relaxation and wellness at our world-class spa and fitness center, where indulgent treatments and cutting-edge facilities await.



Travel Information

If flying into Nashville, the closest and most convenient airport will be Nashville International Airport.

- Distance to and from hotel: 8.5 miles
- Estimated Taxi/Uber fare: \$30-\$50 (One Way)
 - 18 Minute ride
- Bus Ride (One Way)
 - 50 minute ride
 - Distance - 8.5 miles

Pricing

Early Bird Rates

- Member: \$1,395
- Additional Attendee: \$1,195
- First-Time Attendee: \$1,095
- Spouse: \$895
- Non-Member: \$1,945

Standard Rates

- Member: \$1,695
- Non-Member: \$1,945

Early Bird Deadline:
September 16th, 2024

For More Information,
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