

45th Annual Country Elevator Council
Northern Quest Resort & Casino – Spokane, WA
April 22 – 24, 2026 – DRAFT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 22

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. PNWGFA Board of Directors Meeting
Chief Victor Boardroom
- 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Golf Tournament – Latah Creek Golf Course (tee times)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception & Golf Prizes
Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails

THURSDAY – APRIL 23

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. BREAKFAST BUFFET
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Accident Investigation & Market Update
Lee Tilleman, Alliant Insurance Services
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ID/OR/WA Commission Update
Jake Liening, Washington Grain Commission
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. BREAK - CHECK OUT OF HOTEL
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Opportunities on the World Stage
Luke Muller, U.S. Wheat Associates
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Court's Ruling: Impacts to River Reliability, Power Production
and Grain Trade
Leslie Druffel, The McGregor Company / Inland Ports & Navigation Group
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Application of AI in Grain Facilities
Eric Haines, Oregon Electri-Tech, Inc.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Navigating / Strategizing Hiring for Ag
Dave Foster, IndeHR, LLC
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Wheat Market Dynamics & Outlook
Randy Fortenbery, Washington State University

FRIDAY – APRIL 24

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST BUFFET
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1/2 Day Dodge Gearboxes & Bearings Workshop

BEARINGS:

- Bearing Types
- Proper selection for equipment type, speed, load & environment (Dust/moisture)
- Discuss various loads on bearings created by different types of equipment & load/operation situations.
- Options that could improve reliability and life expectancy
- Best practices for establishing & maintaining a lubrication schedule.
- Grease selection/compatibility
- Condition monitoring
-Temperature & vibration

GEARBOXES:

- Gearing fundamentals & selection.
- Understanding service factory & L10 life when selecting a gearbox.
- Safety improvements in modern gearbox products.
- Considerations to improve reliability & life expectancy.
- Changes in gearbox construction that affect selection.
- Belted drive selection, installation, & maintenance.
- Proper oil selection & best practices for setup/management of a lubrication program.
- Breather options, selection & maintenance.
- Gearbox mounting considerations/best practices.
- Proper storage of rebuilt/spare gearboxes.
- And more!

