



SGA Executive Conference 2026

Sea Island, Georgia | October 31–November 3, 2026
All times Eastern. Spouses are invited to attend all events.

Saturday, October 31

Associate Pre-Event Golf Tournament 8:10 on the Retreat Course

Your time at Sea Island

3:30–4:15 PM | Securing the Right of Way: Delivering Infrastructure for Data Center Growth

Hosted by the Associate Section | Spanish Lounge Terrace

Facilitators: Julie Mote, President, Mesa Land Services; Ben Carlisle, Director, Land Environmental and Sustainability, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline

As data center demand accelerates, land access can determine whether natural gas projects meet their service commitments. Executives will discuss when route and easement risks should inform capital decisions, how to build landowner trust, and how to preserve flexibility as customer requirements change.

4:15–5:00 PM | Retaining Frontline Technical Talent: Protecting Experience and Building Capability

Hosted by the Associate Section | Spanish Lounge Terrace

Facilitators: Ashley Knight, VP Human Resources, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline; Bill Murphy, Manager, Gas Safety and Training, BHE GT&S

Retirements and employee turnover can put operating experience and field readiness at risk. This executive roundtable examines why frontline employees stay or leave, how supervisors and career pathways influence retention, and how companies transfer critical knowledge while preparing newer employees for increasingly technical field roles.

5:00–6:00 PM | Cocktails on the Terrace at Spanish Lounge

Reconnect with colleagues, meet new attendees and continue the afternoon's conversations.



Sunday November 1

8:00–9:15 AM | Executive Exchange Breakfast: Where AI Is Improving Business Performance

Hosted by the Executive Council

Facilitators: Laurel Winkenwerder, Senior Director of AI Strategy & Digital Assets, Summit Utilities; Christian Richard, Vice President, Enterprise Performance & Systems, TECO People's Gas

Begin with breakfast and informal conversation, followed by a facilitated exchange on where AI is delivering measurable business improvements. Participants will discuss practical applications, oversight and how to strengthen employee judgment while adopting new tools.

9:30 – 10:30 AM | PHMSA Up Close: A Conversation with Administrator Paul Roberti

The Honorable Paul J. Roberti, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

In conversation with Tiffany Ziemer, SGA Director of Pipeline Safety & Regulatory Excellence

Join PHMSA Administrator Paul Roberti for a candid executive conversation on the agency's priorities, the evolving pipeline safety and regulatory environment, and what operators should be watching as they plan for the year ahead. The discussion will explore opportunities to advance safety, modernize regulation and strengthen the relationship between regulators and the industry, with time for questions from SGA executives.

Your time at Sea Island

3:00–5:00 PM | Board of Directors Meeting

Board members | TBD

The Board reviews SGA's financial position, 2027 outlook and progress against the five-year plan. Advance materials will support discussion of strategic priorities, member needs and decisions requiring Board direction.

5:00–6:00 PM | Cocktails on Black Banks Terrace

6:15–8:00 PM | Inner Flame Board Dinner – Georgian Room

Board Members & Proxies Only

Monday November 2

Morning sessions | Cloister Ballroom II & III

7:30–8:30 AM | Morning at Sea Island: Chairman's Breakfast

8:30–8:45 AM | Welcome and Passing of the Gavel

Shawn Patterson passes the gavel to incoming Chair Rusty Harris, marking the leadership transition and opening the conference's general sessions.

8:45–9:00 AM | Meet ANGE Cohort III

Recognition of leadership development and thank you to the companies supporting their participation. One student will briefly share how the program is informing their leadership.



9:00-9:45 AM | Amy Myers Jaffe: The Changing Energy Market—Implications for Natural Gas

Examine how electricity demand, LNG growth and changing energy markets are shaping the outlook for natural gas. The discussion will address the implications for infrastructure investment, reliability and customer affordability, with time for audience questions.

9:45 – 10:00 AM | Coffee and Conversation

10:00–10:45 AM | Executive Discussion with Amy Myers Jaffe: Turning Data Center Demand into Deliverable Growth

Following brief opening observations, executives will discuss what evidence of demand supports capital commitments, which infrastructure constraints threaten delivery and how companies allocate risk while protecting affordability. Amy Myers Jaffe will contribute market perspective throughout the facilitated discussion.

11:00 AM–1:00 PM | Lunch at Your Leisure

Enjoy a relaxed Lazy Susan lunch, continue the morning's conversations and prepare for your afternoon at Sea Island.

1:00–5:00 PM | Sea Island Experiences

Golf | Bowling | Spa | Your Time at Sea Island

6:30–9:30 PM | An Evening at Sea Island: Dinner & Casino Night

Ocean Room & Patio

An evening of dinner, conversation and casino games with fellow attendees and spouses.



Tuesday November 3

Morning sessions | Cloister Ballroom II & III

7:30-8:00 AM | Morning at Sea Island

Breakfast and Coffee

8:00–8:15 AM | Essential Energy for Life: A Conversation with Chair Rusty Harris

8:15–9:00 AM | Energy Security in an Unstable World

Speaker: Joseph Majkut

Explore how geopolitical instability, trade disruptions and changing global energy relationships affect natural gas supply, markets and infrastructure resilience. The session will identify external risks executives should consider in long-term planning and include audience questions.

9:10–10:00 AM | U.S. Policy Outlook: Implications for Natural Gas Investment

Speaker: John Sitalides

Examine how shifts in U.S. energy policy could affect permitting, regulatory requirements and infrastructure investment. A scenario-based discussion will help executives consider which assumptions in their long-term plans may need to change as policy evolves.

10:00 AM | Adjourn

Conference concludes for attendee departures.