

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



IEEE
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2026

LOCATIONS:

CONFERENCE/HOTEL

Hilton Vancouver
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SUNDAY

- NOON-5:00 pm Vendor Setup**
Heritage BEF
- 2:00-5:00 pm Registration & Check-In**
Heritage Pre-Function
- NOON-12:30 pm PPIC Standards Subcommittee**
Hemlock
- 1:00-3:00 pm PPIC Standard-3371 Working Group**
Hemlock
- 3:00-5:00 pm PPIC Executive Committee Meeting**
Hemlock
- 6:00-8:00 pm Welcome Reception**
Heritage BEF

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MONDAY

- 7:00-5:00 pm Registration & Check-In**
Heritage Pre-Function
- 6:45-7:45 am Author's Breakfast**
Alder
- 7:00-8:00 am Attendee Breakfast**
Heritage BEF
- 7:45-8:30 am Guest Breakfast**
Alder
- SESSION 1: HERITAGE ACD**
- 8:00-8:20 am Opening Remarks**
Emily Held, PPIC Chair
- 8:20-9:10 am KEYNOTE: Maintaining Safety Amidst Evolving Regulation**
Drew Thomas, Chief Engineer, Hanford Mission Integration Solutions
- 9:10-9:40 am Permanent Magnet Motor Overhaul: Safe Diagnostic Evaluation, Handling & Repair**
K. Klontz, P. Diouf
- 9:40-10:10 am FIRST MORNING BREAK** *Heritage BEF*
- SESSION 1: HERITAGE ACD (continued)**
- 10:10-10:40 am Review of Energizing High Power Medium Voltage AC Drives**
S. Simms, I. Gibbs, G. Braga, T. Farr
- 10:40-10:50 am Vendor Presentation**
Presented by Eaton
- 10:50-11:20 am Reducing the Risks of Shock & Arc Flash Hazards: Addressing Age, Debris, & Environmental Factors in Electrical Systems**
C. Fink
- 11:20-11:50 am Practical Example of Dynamic Braking Resistor Specification for a Paper Roll Lowerator**
S. Murphy



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MONDAY (continued)

11:50-NOON Vendor Presentation
Presented by VM Lighting Solutions

NOON-1 pm GENERAL LUNCH *Heritage BEF*
FIRST TIME ATTENDEE LUNCH *Alder*

SESSION 2: HERITAGE ACD
Moderated by Craig Wester, PPIC Vice Chair

1:00-1:30 pm The History of AC Motor Protection
R. Johnson, D. Forsman, D. Durocher

**1:30-2:00 pm Best Practices for DCS Upgrades:
End-of-Life Control Systems Migrations**
J. Clark, A. Spears

**2:00-2:30 pm Mitigating Electrical Risks in Medium-Voltage
Adjustable Frequency Drive Systems**
A. VanderMeulen, S. Simms, D. Durocher

2:30-3:00 pm AFTERNOON BREAK *Heritage BEF*

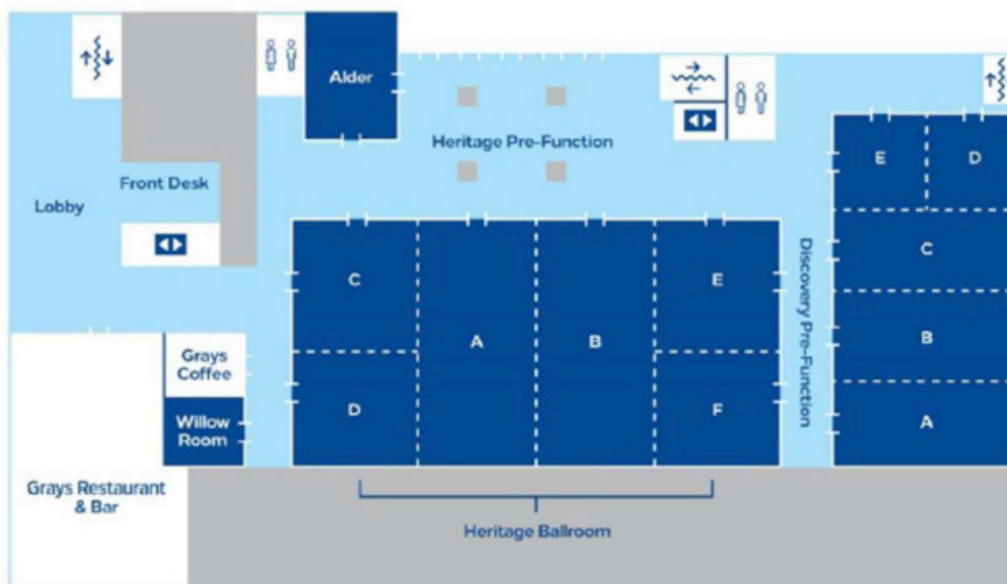
SESSION 2: HERITAGE ACD (continued)
3:00-3:30 pm Load Shedding Consideration & Strategy
A. Wu

**3:30-4:30 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: Strategy to Extend the Life
of Aging Power Distribution Equipment**
T. Legette, G. Drewiske, W. Simpson, M. Harrington
Moderated by C. Crites

**4:30-5:00 pm Techniques for Time Synchronization &
Significance in Industrial Facilities**
C. Crites, D. Ransom, R. Muziol, D. Kliebert

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:30-8:30 pm Vendor Reception
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SESSION 3: HERITAGE ACD

8:00-8:10 am Opening Remarks
Stan Simms, *PPIC Secretary*

**8:10-8:40 am Challenges & Opportunities of an Idling Mill:
The Final Lifecycle**
G. Drewiske

**8:40-9:10 am NFPA 70B Impact on Continuous Thermal
Monitoring... & Vice Versa**
L. Powell, P. Baen

9:10-9:20 am Vendor Presentation
Presented by Group CBS

**9:20-9:50 am Transient DC Arc-Flash Incident Energy
Calculations for DC Distribution Systems**
A. Marroquin, C. Carne, W. Brown, T. Landry

9:50-10:20 am MORNING BREAK *Heritage BEF*

SESSION 3: HERITAGE ACD (continued)

**10:20-10:50 am Understanding Ground Current Effects Using
Common Isolation XFMR in Drive Systems**
E. Martinez, B. Sainz, R. Villarreal

10:30-12:30 pm Vendor Teardown
Heritage BEF

**10:50-11:20 am Application of Transformer Differential
Protection at Industrial Facilities:
Fundamentals & Advancements**
M. Ramlachan, C. Wester, C. Washington

11:20-11:30 am Vendor Presentation
Presented by WESCO

**11:30-NOON Conversion of a Paper Machine Dryer & Calender
from Steam Turbine to Sectional Electrics**
S. Ballenger, D. Deese, M. Kozlowski

NOON-12:30 pm BOXED LUNCH *Heritage Pre-Function*

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TUESDAY (continued)

SUBCOMMITTEE SESSIONS

12:30-2:00 pm Drives & Control Systems (DCS)

Pine

Power Distribution Systems (PDS)

Heritage ACD

**Process Control, Engineering Maintenance
& Construction (PEMC)**

Spruce

2:00-3:00 pm Safety & Training (S&T)

Heritage ACD

3:00-3:30 pm AFTERNOON BREAK *Heritage Pre-Function*

3:30-5:00 pm PPIC Full Committee Meeting

Heritage ACD

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:30-8 pm Offsite Reception

Historic Trust-Providence Ballroom

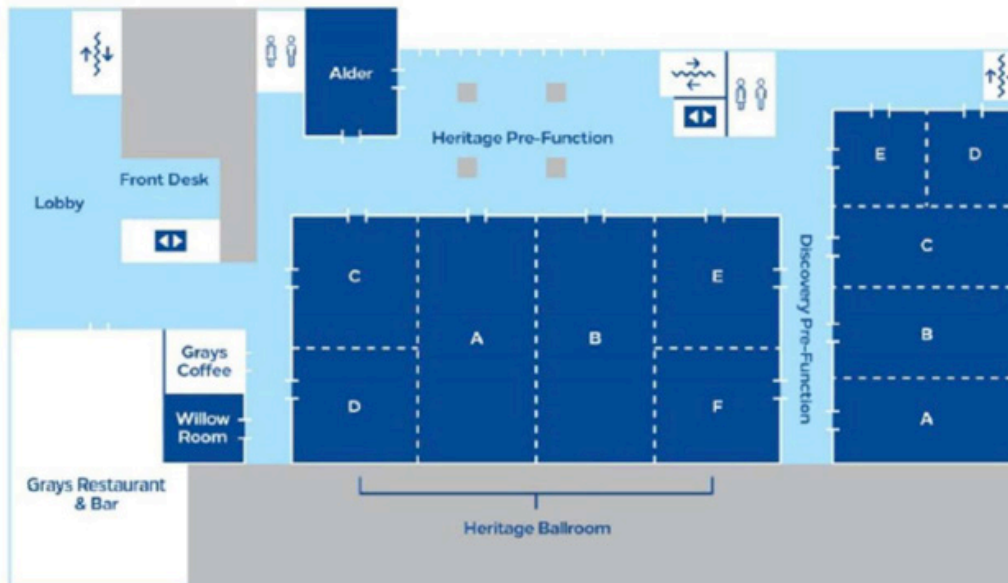
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OFFSITE RECEPTION

The Historic Trust
Providence Ballroom
750 Anderson Street
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SESSION 4: HERITAGE ACD

8-8:10 am Opening Remarks
Mark Zawadzki, *PPIC Past Chair*

**8:10-8:40 am The Looming Crisis of PLC Technical Debt:
Why Legacy Logic is Becoming the Greatest
Outspoken Risk in Industrial Automation**
H. Grimmett

**8:40-9:40 am PANEL DISCUSSION: Cybersecurity
Requirements from Multiple Perspectives**
B. Gaynor, P. Dixon, D. Tinsley
Moderated by D. Durocher

9:40-9:50 am Vendor Presentation
Presented by Exertherm/Eaton

9:50-10:20 am MORNING BREAK *Heritage Pre-Function*

SESSION 4: HERITAGE ACD (continued)

**10:20-10:50 am Lightning & Grounding Issues Impacting Safety
& Performance of Liquified Natural Gas Supplied
Power Generation Plants**
J. Vallejo, J. Hernandez Batista, D. Shipp

10:50-11:00 am Vendor Presentation
Presented by ABB

**11:00-11:30 am Protective Relay Networks & Their Role in
the Evolution of Power Protection**
R. Farkas

**11:30-NOON DOE 2027 Efficiency Mandate:
Impacts on Low Voltage Motors**
Z. Xie, B. Oakes, G. Castro

NOON-2:00 pm AWARDS LUNCHEON *Heritage BEF*

SESSION 5: HERITAGE ACD
Moderated by Todd Legette, PPIC Past Chair

**2:00-2:30 pm Comprehensive Offline Diagnostic Testing
& Visual Inspections for High-Voltage
Turbo Generators**
S. Gaidhu, K. Pyc, A. Shaikh

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WEDNESDAY *(continued)*

- 2:30-2:40 pm Vendor Presentation**
Presented by MEGI Engineering
- 2:40-3:10 pm AFTERNOON BREAK** *Heritage Pre-Function*

SESSION 5: HERITAGE ACD *(continued)*

- 3:10-3:40 pm Special Treatment:
Temporary Power in Construction**
J. McManigal
- 3:40-3:50 pm Vendor Presentation**
Presented by AMI Automation
- 3:50-4:20 pm Passive MC MCC Arc Resistant Construction
Without Opening to the Environment**
S. Simms, R. Bhalla, T. Farr, I. Andrup
- 4:20-5:00 pm Unusual Failures**
Moderated by G. Drewiske
- 5:00 pm ADJOURN**
- 5:30-8:30 pm SOCIAL EVENT**
Pearson Air Museum–Ft. Vancouver Hangar

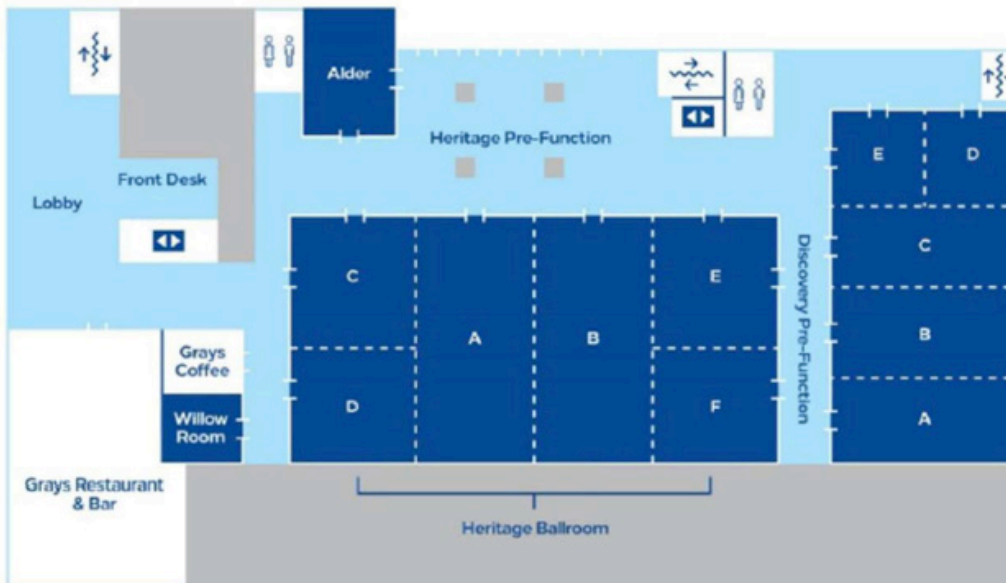
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Heritage Pre-Function

7:00-8:00 am **Tutorial Breakfast**
Second Floor Pre-Function

TUTORIALS:

8:00-NOON SWITCHGEAR RETROFITS:
Pine **Lessons Learned in Circuit Breaker & Switchgear Retrofitting Over the Past 40 Years**
J. Webb, M. Heiny

7:30-NOON NEC® 2026 CODE CHANGES:
1:00-4:30 pm **Understanding the New Requirements, Their Intent, & Their Impact on Electrical Design**
Oak T. Domitrovich

NOON-1:00 pm LUNCH *Second Floor Pre-Function*

1:00-5:00 pm **Induction & Synchronous Machines Used In the Pulp & Paper Industry**
Pine J. Leger, D. Besmer

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FRIDAY

7:00-8:00 am **Tutorial Breakfast**
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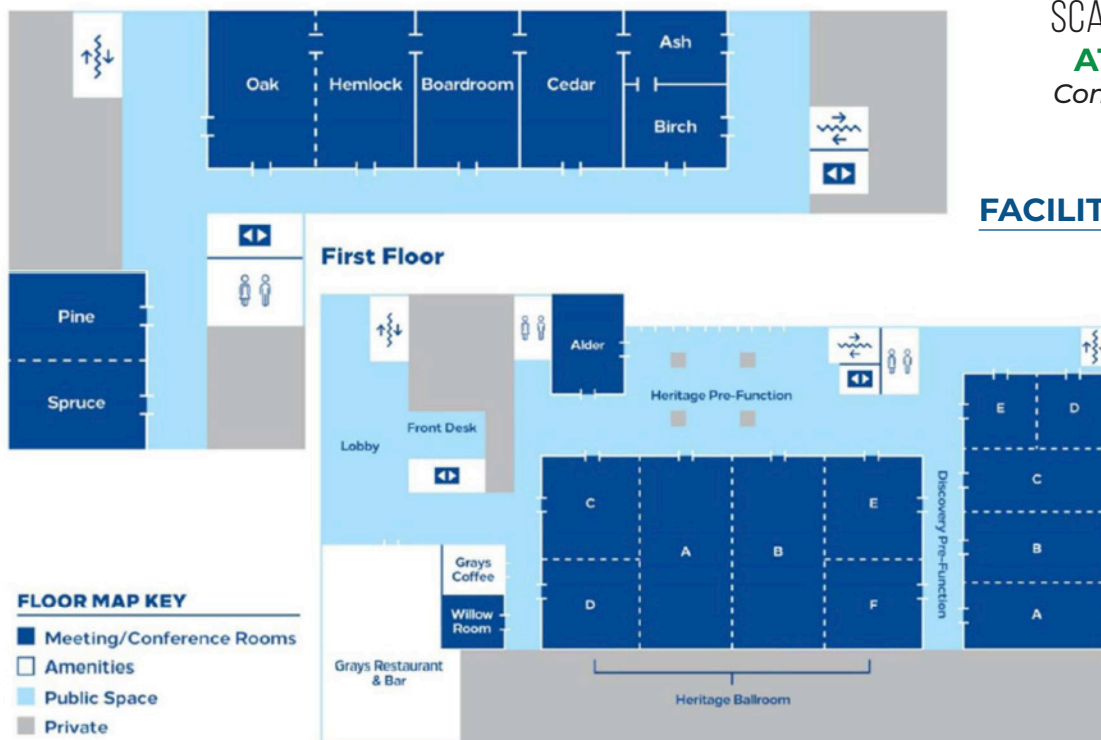
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11:30-12:30 pm LUNCH *Grays Restaurant & Bar*



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