

February 16-20, 2026

Confirmed Speaking Topics

1. Becoming a Leader: Building Your WHY

Speaker: Skylar Faria, SurfPrep

2. What Professionalized & Successful Painting Companies Do to Succeed Financially

Speaker: Chris Moore, Elite Business Advisors

3. Networking 101: Simple, Actionable Tips to Build Confidence & Expand Your Network

Speaker: Jill Bader Thompson, Painting Contractors Association

4. Keys to Effective Project Management

Speaker: Michal Cheney, No Drip Painting

5. Creating a White Glove Experience for Your Customers from Start to Finish

Speaker: Justin Gordey, Harpeth Painting, LLC

6. Applying Emotional Intelligence Skills in Difficult Conversations

Speaker: Dave Scaturro, Alpine Painting, & Brian Nolan, Nolan Consulting Group

7. Understand Key Growth Stages & How to Win in Each

Speaker: Mike Gore Hickman, Painter Growth

8. Hands-On Demo: Surface Preparation for Millwork & Cabinetry

Speaker: Denny Janz, SurfPrep

9. Becoming a Manager: A Case Study

Speaker: Nick Slavik, Nick Slavik Painting & Restoration Co & Dr. Jeff Cornwall, The Entrepreneurial

Mind

10. Ripple: The Power of Networking **Speaker: Steve Harper, The Ripple Effect**

11. Leading with Empathy

Speaker: Shane Fast, Renew Painting

12. The Org Chart Reimagined: How Tech Stack & AI Are Changing Job Descriptions &

Human Capacity

Speaker: Annie Newton, ProfitWorks

13. Workshop: It's a Seller's Market for Commercial Paint Contractors — Find Out What

Drives Your Company's Valuation

Speaker: Jim McBrayer, McBrayer Associates



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14. 13 Time Management Secrets from the World's Wealthiest Painters: A Detailed Planning Guide for Success

Speaker: Brandon Lewis, Academy for Professional Painting Companies

15. Document Today, Profit Tomorrow: How Better Systems Drive Growth

Speaker: CompanyCam

16. People First? Nah... Person First! Who You Are Becoming Impacts What You Are

Building

Speaker: Brad Ellison, Ellison Painting

17. Panel: Partnerships: Built for Success

Speakers: Hayes Painting, Sequoia Painting, Malone Painting

Moderator: Haakon Hansen, Aleph

18. Risk Management: Policies, Premiums, & Common Risks

Speaker: Federated Insurance

19. Sponsored Workshop: The Flywheel Growth Engine: Lessons from Scaling Over 400

Painting Companies

Speaker: Brandon Pierpont, Painter Marketing Pros

20. Decode Your Team: How Working Genius Reveals Strengths, Gaps, & Growth

Opportunities

Speaker: Kevin Banks, Helton Real Estate Group (Compass)

21. Al Search Shaking Up SEO Outline

Speaker: Aaron Hockel, AltaVista Strategic Partners

22. Sponsored Hands-On Workshop: Spraying Techniques & Demos

Speaker: Titan Tool



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4:00PM - 8:00PM Registration

February 17, 2026

7:00AM - 8:00AM Breakfast

8:00AM - 9:00AM Opening Session

9:00AM - 10:15AM Keynote Speaker

10:15AM - 10:30AM Break

10:30AM - 11:30AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

11:30AM - 12:30PM Lunch

12:30PM - 2:00PM Brainmelds

2:00PM - 2:10PM Break

2:10PM - 3:10PM Mainstage Content

3:10PM - 3:20PM Break

3:30PM - 4:30PM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

February 18, 2026

7:00AM - 8:00AM Breakfast

8:00AM - 9:00AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

9:00AM - 9:15AM Break

9:15AM - 10:15AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

10:15AM - 10:30AM Break

10:30AM - 11:30AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

11:30AM - 11:45AM Break

11:45AM - 12:30PM Mainstage Content

12:15PM - 12:30PM Grab-&-Go Lunch



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12:30PM - 5:00PM Tradeshow

6:00PM - 9:00PM Benjamin Moore Sponsored Evening Reception

February 19, 2026

7:00AM - 8:00AM Breakfast

8:00AM - 9:00AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

9:00AM - 9:15AM Break

9:15AM - 10:45AM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

10:45AM - 11:00AM Break

11:00AM - 12:00PM Breakout & Workshop Sessions

12:00PM - 1:00PM Lunch

1:00PM - 3:30PM Closing Session & Keynote

6:00PM - 10:00PM Sherwin Williams Sponsored Evening Reception

February 20, 2026

8:00AM - 12:00PM Paint it Forward

Location to be announced soon!