



**2024 Annual Forum**  
**Downton Marriott, Austin, TX**  
**July 28<sup>th</sup> to July 31st**

## Sunday - July 28

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

### **Forum Welcome Reception - Cooper's Old Time Pit Barbeque (217 Congress Ave)**

An outstanding networking event to kick off the NHDA FORUM.

***Hosted by: Tenstreet***

## Monday - July 29

**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

### **NHDA Board of Directors Meeting - *Waterloo Salon 6***

Open to members of the NHDA

**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

### **Registration Open - *Waterloo Ballroom Foyer***

**12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

### **Kickoff Luncheon & Annual Meeting - *Waterloo Salons 3-4***

***Hosted by: The Tenney Group***

### **Forum Welcome & Annual Meeting**

Rob Davis, President NHDA

Emily Phillips, Incoming President

### **NHDA Foundation Fellows Recognition – The Class of 2024**

Don Staniszewski, Chairman NHDA Foundation

Daniel Hall, PhD. Dean - Phillips School of Business, High Point University

### **GENERAL SESSION - *Waterloo Salons 3-4***

***Hosted by: Checkr***

**1:15 PM to 2:15 PM**

### **Featured Speaker – Dr. Marianne Wannamaker, Dean, Howard Baker School of Policy – University of Tennessee**

An Overview on the labor economics impacting the supply chain.



**2:15 PM to 3:15 PM**

**Featured Speaker – Dr. Liya Palagashvili, Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.**

An analysis of the economic impacts of AB5 in California.

**3:15 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Coffee Break -- Hosted by: Ryder Last Mile**

**3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Fighting for the Independent Contractor Model**

Moderator: Prasad Sharma, Co-chair, NHDA Advocacy Council

Panelists: *Evan Armstrong, Chairman, Coalition for Workforce Innovation*

*Jim Paretti; Littler Mendelsohn*

*Marc Blubaugh, Co-Chair, Transportation & Logistics Practice Group -Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff*

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**The Women in Home Delivery Council Wine and Cheese Reception - *Waterloo Salons 1-2***

**Hosted by: Enterprise Rental Trucks**

**Tuesday – July 30**

**GENERAL SESSION – *Waterloo Salons 3-4***

**Hosted by: The Hub Group**

**8:00 AM to 9:30 AM**

**Regulatory Roundtable: Advocacy in Action – Addressing the State Regulatory Environment.**

Moderator: Sarah Wellman – Co-chair, NHDA Advocacy Council; Ryder Systems

Panelists: *Paul Mello, NHDA Outside General Counsel; Hanson Bridgett*

*Mike Pugh, Sr. VP, Enterprise Truck Rentals; Vice-Chairman, Truck Renting and Leasing Association (TRALA)*

*Chris Shimoda, Sr. VP of Government Affairs, California Trucking Association*

**9:30 AM to 9:45 AM**

**Coffee Break -- Hosted by: Ryder Last Mile**



**9:45 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Workforce Roundtable: Retaining Talent in a Tight Labor Market**

Moderator: Scott Robider, EVP Final Mile, Hub Group

Panelists: *Dan Filby, CEO, AccuSourceHR*

*Heidi Ratti, CHRO, RXO*

*Pete Punwani, Managing Director, Global Executive Solutions Group*

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Keynote Address – Anthony Robles**

***Hosted by: Vanliner Insurance***

One of the most inspirational athletes in sports history and a true symbol of courage and perseverance, Anthony Robles was born with one leg and grew up to become an unstoppable phenomenon in NCAA wrestling, competing against able-bodied challengers, ultimately winning the NCAA Champion title, and inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Robles was the recipient of the “Jimmy V Perseverance Award” at the ESPN ESPYs and he has also received the NFL “Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award”. Robles is a Nike athlete, the first signed to an agreement after having retired from active participation in a sport. He was inducted to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012 and is the author of *Unstoppable: From Underdog to Undefeated: How I Became a Champion*. In 2013, President Obama appointed Robles as a member of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition.

**12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

**Keynote Luncheon – Waterloo Salon 1-2**

***Hosted by: Vanliner Insurance***

**GENERAL SESSION – *Waterloo Salons 3-4***

***Hosted by: The Hub Group***

**1:00 PM to 1:45 PM**

**THE NEW WORKFORCE EXPEDITION: Building Meaningful Employment Environments™**

Featured Speaker - Matt Melrose - CEO, TrailPath Workplace Solutions

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**2:00 PM to 3:15 PM**

**Assembly and Installation Roundtable - *Waterloo Salon 5***

*“Sourcing reliable assembly partners to avoid turning away business”*

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Moderators: Adam Staples – AIT Worldwide

Panelists: *Mike Giaccone, MG Holdings*  
*Dean Fink, Diakon Logistics*

### **M&A Roundtable: *Meeting Room 502***

“An overview of the factors driving investment in the Big & Bulky segment.”

Moderator: Spencer Tenney, President - The Tenney Group

Panelists: *Ryan Bristol, Managing Director, UBS Global Wealth Management*

*Jay Robinson, Partner, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary*

*Matt Fletchall, Executive Vice President Final Mile and Consolidation and Fulfillment, Hub Group*

### **Risk Management Roundtable - *Waterloo Salon 6***

“Solving for Risk in Bulky Goods Last Mile Logistics”

Moderators: Renee Paul, Executive VP, BizChoice Transportation

Panelists: *Allison Rogers, General Counsel; 98 Ventures*

*Todd Rubenstein, Partner, Taylor Nelson – former Gen Counsel at Ashley Furniture*

*David Pickerell, CEO, GigSafe*

**3:15 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Coffee Break -- *Hosted by: Ryder Last Mile***

**3:30 PM to 5:00 PM**

### **The Technology Roundtable - *Waterloo Salon 5***

“Navigating AI and Data Privacy in the Final Mile”

Moderator: Wendy Greenland, CEO, Openforce

Panelists: *Ryan Wise, CIO, SCI*

*Bryan Nelson, Partner, Taylor Nelson PC*

*Amir Sayegh, AVP, Data Advocacy and Products Analytics, GeoTab*

*Matt Mittlesteadt, Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University*

### **The Compliance Roundtable - *Waterloo Salon 6***

“Elevating Compliance Standards in Bulky Goods Final Mile”

Moderators: Adam Lounsbury, Jackson Lewis & Peter Berg, TrueNorth Companies

Co-chairs of the NHDA Risk Management Council

Panelists: *John Vargo, SVP Final Mile, JB Hunt*

*Timothy-James Henry, CEO, Haul*

### **The Sustainability Roundtable - *Board Room 502***

“The case for Zero Emissions in Final Mile.”

Moderator: Emily Phillips, Founding Partner, Emission Advisory

Panelists: *Stephane Gagne, VP of Product, FarEye Technologies*

*Angie Hargesheimer, Group Director of Accounts, Advanced Vehicle Technology, Ryder Systems*



## **PINNACLE AWARDS CELEBRATION**

*Austin Public Library - 710 W. César Chávez Street*

**6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

### **NHDA Pinnacle Awards Reception - *Library Terrace***

The Pinnacle Awards Reception opens an evening of celebration and comradery with your industry peers to start the annual awards dinner.

***Hosted By: Openforce***

**7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

### **NHDA Pinnacle Awards Dinner - *Museum Pavilion***

The annual NHDA Pinnacle Awards Dinner is a terrific evening of fine dining and fellowship. The 2024 Lifetime Achievement honorees include Duane Smith, founder of TrueNorth Companies; Jay Waldman, founder and CEO of Select Express; and Geoff Chasin, founder of NRX Logistics, NHDA founding director and past-president.

***Hosted By: Hub International***

## **Wednesday – July 31st, 2021**

**7:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

### **Networking Breakfast & Leadership Institute Class of 2025 Kickoff - *Waterloo Salons 1-2***

The closing networking breakfast is a great chance to connect with colleagues, do a little business, and catch a bite to eat before heading to the airport. Stop in to learn more about how the 2025 Leadership Institute can support the rising leaders in your company.

***Hosted By: TrueNorth Companies & the NHDA Foundation***