

2026
Annual Conference

Message from our Co-Presidents



Co President Mallory Taylor
Serving 2024-2026



Co President Nick Hanes
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Dear NACA Members,

We're excited to welcome you to **NACA 2026 in Scottsdale, Arizona**, where the desert backdrop sets the stage for three days of insight, connection, and community unlike any other.

This year's conference has been intentionally designed to balance **substantive industry dialogue** with **meaningful opportunities to connect**, whether that happens over breakfast, on the golf course, by the pool, or during one of our interactive networking events. From the moment registration opens on Tuesday morning, Scottsdale becomes a shared space for conversation, collaboration, and fresh perspectives across the contingency and entertainment insurance ecosystem.

Our **2026 program dives head-first into one of the most pressing forces shaping our industry today: geopolitical risk**. Through a tightly curated sequence of sessions, ranging from Sibylline's global risk outlook, to live crisis simulation, to roundtable discussion, we'll explore how global instability increasingly intersects with live events, film & tv production, tours, and talent, and what that means for underwriters, brokers, and insureds alike. We'll also hear a London Market update and take time to honor the legacy and impact of Ian Galloway within our community.

Of course, NACA has always been about more than panels. **Networking is the heartbeat of this conference**, and 2026 delivers more of it than ever. Tuesday kicks off with parallel experiences: a sold-out golf tournament at **TPC Scottsdale**, and the golf alternative, the **Rancher Hat Social**, where lunch, cocktails, and custom hat-making come together in true Scottsdale style. Tuesday evening's Opening Cocktail Event brings everyone back together poolside to officially launch the conference.

Wednesday is packed with connection, from breakfast through sessions, lunch, and into the afternoon. We're thrilled to again host **Meet Your Neighbor**, our Speed Dating-style networking event designed especially to help first-time and junior attendees expand their circles quickly and confidently. This flows seamlessly into the **Game Show Battle Room Roadshow**, an interactive, high-energy social experience that's just as entertaining to watch as it is to play, before closing out the day with another signature NACA cocktail event under the desert sky.

On Thursday, we intentionally slow the pace, without slowing the networking. An **elevated breakfast experience**, complete with a hosted Bloody Mary and Mimosa bar, creates space to reflect, reconnect, and look ahead. We'll close the conference by sharing board election results, announcing the **2027 conference location**, and spending our final hours doing what NACA does best: strengthening relationships before heading home.

With hundreds of attendees expected once again, NACA 2026 reflects the continued growth, relevance, and camaraderie of our community. Whether you're attending your first NACA conference or your fifteenth, our goal remains the same: to ensure you leave Scottsdale with **new insights, stronger relationships, and a renewed sense of connection to this industry and each other**.

Warm regards,
The NACA Board

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SCOTTSDALE 2026 - AGENDA

Date	Time	Event	Where at the W Hotel
Tuesday May 5th	9 – 11 AM	Welcome Breakfast & Registration – Sponsored by DACB	Social/Mingle
	10:30 AM	Buses to Golf Event Depart for TPC Scottsdale	Lobby
	12:30 PM	Shotgun for Golf Event – Sponsored by HCC Toko Marine	TPC Scottsdale
	11AM - 2:00 PM	Rancher Hat Social (Golf Alternative) with Lunch & Drinks at the W Scottsdale – Sponsored by Asguard/Ideal3	Social/Mingle
	5 PM	Buses return from Golf Event	Lobby
	6 – 8 PM	Opening NACA Cocktail Event at the W Scottsdale – Sponsored by Reel Media and Arch Insurance	Pool Level
Wednesday May 6th	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakfast (Continental featuring Parfaits and Brioche French Toast with juice & coffee)	Social/Mingle
	8:50 AM	Opening Remarks by NACA Co-Presidents Nick Hanes and Mallory Taylor	Great Room
	Conference Sessions – Sponsored by AXA XL – Brown & Brown – Wilson Elser		
	9:00 AM	Session A - Sibylline presents: Geopolitical Risk Landscape	Great Room
	10:00 AM	Session B - "Lights, Camera, Conflict": Navigating Geopolitical Volatility through Simulation	Great Room
	11:00 AM	Session C - Geopolitical Roundtable Panel	Great Room
	11:45 AM	London Market Update presented by Andrew Duxbury, Head of Contingency, Beazley	Great Room
	12:00 PM	Ian Galloway Celebration of Life	Great Room
	12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Break	
	1:30pm - 2:45pm	Meet Your Neighbor “Speed Dating” Networking Event (with a hosted open bar) – Sponsored by Asguard/Ideal3	Sole – Pool Level
	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Game Show Battle Room Roadshow (interactive social game show event, great to watch & play!) – Sponsored by Berkley	Great Room
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	NACA Cocktail Event – Sponsored by Chubb and Applied Sports & Entertainment	Pool Level	
Thursday May 7th	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast (Continental featuring Parfaits and Brioche French Toast with juice & coffee) – Sponsored by River's Edge	Social/Mingle
	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Join us for an elevated Breakfast - Hosted Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar (with other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drink options)	Social/Mingle
	10:00 AM	Closing Remarks, Board Election Results, 2027 Conference Location Announcement	Social/Mingle/ Great Room

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SESSION A

Sibylline's *Geopolitical Risk Landscape*



Presenter

Azul Hidalgo Solá

Intelligence Analyst for North America at Sibylline

The presentation will provide a comprehensive and forward-looking analysis of the evolving threat environment across the United States and Canada, with a particular focus on its implications for the contingency insurance market in the months and years ahead. Drawing on current intelligence and emerging trends, the session will explore how key drivers, including upcoming elections, geopolitical tensions, and shifts in trade and economic policy, are reshaping the risk landscape and creating new challenges as well as opportunities within the sector. Attendees will gain insight into a broad spectrum of issues, including domestic and international terrorism, civil unrest, reputational risk and changing immigration and trade policy. The presentation will also deliver a focused overview of political violence risks in the lead-up to the November 2026 US midterm elections, equipping stakeholders with the context needed to anticipate and respond to a rapidly shifting geopolitical climate.

The presenter, Azul Hidalgo Solá, is an Intelligence Analyst for North America at Sibylline, based in London and covering the United States and Canada. Azul routinely reports on political violence, trade, domestic unrest, the shifting regulatory environment and immigration and energy policy for the region. She frequently briefs, writes long-form analysis and appears on podcasts related to her areas of particular interest, including activism and shifting international trade and immigration policy. She holds a master's degree in Development Management from the London School of Economics (LSE) and a bachelor's degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University. Before working at Sibylline, Azul worked on implementing international development projects at the Organization of American States (OAS), the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Inter-American Dialogue (IAD) in Washington DC.

SESSION B

"Lights, Camera, Conflict"

Navigating Geopolitical Volatility through Live Crisis Simulation



Presenters

Greg Johnson - Crisis Management Underwriter at AXA XL. Offers solutions complex entertainment risks and the evolution of specialty coverages with a particular focus on Film, Kidnap and Ransom, Political Violence and Active Assailant



Heyrick Bond Gunning, CEO of S-RM, has driven the company's strategic growth since 2007, notably leading its management buy-out from Salamanca Group in 2015. Under his leadership, S-RM expanded to nine international offices with 450 employees, serving clients in over 140 countries across cyber security and corporate intelligence. He has championed major initiatives, including technology platforms and culture programs, and has a diverse background as Managing Director at Kroll, Head of Client Engagement at MergerMarket, and founder of DHL's Iraq operations, which generated \$75M in its first year. His career began as a British Army officer, and he continues to contribute as a published author and school governor.

In an era of shifting borders, sudden civil unrest, and fluctuating international relations, entertainment production has become a front-line industry for geopolitical risk. This session moves beyond theoretical risk assessment into a high-stakes, interactive Tabletop Exercise (TTX). This TTX could either be room wide or we could break into smaller groups to get more diverse input.

Led by a specialized entertainment underwriter and a premier crisis response intelligence firm, participants will be thrust into a rapidly escalating scenario involving a major production caught in a regional geopolitical crisis. We will explore the intersection of "on-the-ground" tactical response and the technical complexities of political risk and contingency insurance.

Learning Objectives By the end of this session, attendees will be able to:
Identify Early Warning Indicators: Understand how intelligence firms monitor geopolitical shifts before they impact production schedules.

Evaluate Coverage Interplay: Analyze how Production Multi-Peril, Political Violence and Political Risk, and other lines like Kidnap & Ransom policies interact during a live crisis.

Optimize Response Strategies: Leverage the tripartite relationship between the Carrier, the Broker, and Crisis Consultants to minimize loss of life and financial exposure

SESSION C

Geopolitical Roundtable Discussion

Managing Geopolitical Risk Through Insurance & Contracts



Moderator
Nick Hanes
Film/Media UW -
Beazley



Panelist
Brian Taliaferro
Broker/Director - Marsh



Panelist
Oliver Martin
Underwriter, Head of Political Violence – Atrium



Panelist
Jennifer Kleiser
Lawyer, Director – DWF Law



Panelist
Matthew Malone
Senior Claims Adjuster -Fidelis Insurance

This session will round out the morning by exploring financial protection, contractual structures, and specialty insurance solutions designed specifically for the entertainment industry. Attendees will gain insights into insurance solutions for geopolitical risks, including coverage for political violence, terrorism, event cancellation due to strikes or civil unrest, non-appearance and travel disruption, weather and climate-linked parametric products, and cyber coverage for live events and digital platforms. The discussion will be supported by industry examples showing how contingency products respond to geopolitical volatility.

The agenda also features real-world case studies demonstrating how insurance protected events from political disruption, cyberattacks, and government restrictions. Best practices for contractual risk transfer will be covered, such as force majeure clauses, vendor contract resilience, talent agreements with geopolitical triggers, and venue contract renegotiation under unstable conditions. The session will conclude with strategies for integrating insurance into risk management, showing how organizations can use insurance to enhance scenario planning, continuity programs, and crisis response—ensuring events remain viable even in uncertain times.

Ian Galloway Celebration of Life



8th July 1966 - 6th June 2025

Ian is a founding member of the North American Contingency Association (NACA), which has grown to become the leading entertainment industry association. His expertise in contingency and entertainment is matched only by his unwavering support for colleagues across the industry. Ian's thoughtful advice, insightful perspective, and calm demeanor have consistently provided a welcoming and supportive environment for anyone seeking guidance.

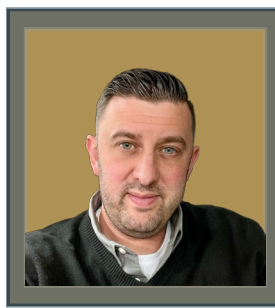
Please make sure to have a glass of good red wine at some point during this conference and raise it for him, as he is truly missed in this close-knit community.

George Vogrin will say a few words at this time.

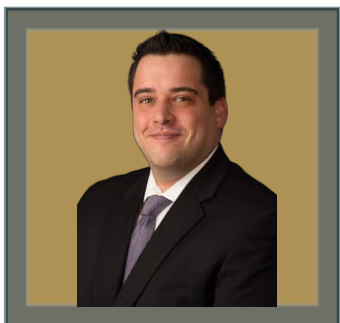
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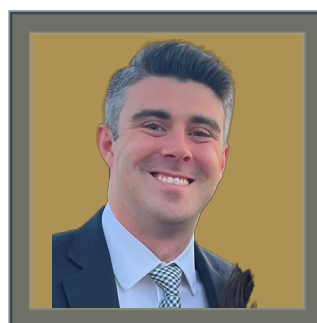
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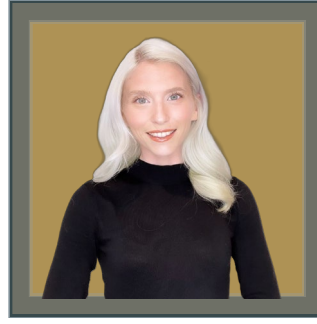
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