

# Making plans to attend the Annual Conference and Trade Show in Mystic, Connecticut? You should, it will be a little different.

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A final plan and schedule are in the works for the upcoming Conference. Committed to educating our members, this year's program will be aligned with the issues and concerns of the day, Energy, safety, and other topics so close to our industry will be presented by experts in their perspective fields.

Some changes you will find this year are a shorter trade show and the time it will be held. That's right; the trade show will be immediately after lunch and will last three hours instead of the usual four. Also, instead of refreshments being served and raffle prizes given out during the trade show, all of those events will be during a new Vendors Reception beginning after the last education seminar of the day. Also during this reception, NEISMA will be giving a special valuable prize to someone in attendance. One ticket will be given to each attendee at the registration in the morning and if your ticket is chosen and you are there to claim your prize, well let's just say you will be very glad you did. All I can tell you is it is something you can take home and not something intended for your rink. Although, you probably could use it in your rink but, it is for you to do with as you please. Ok fine I will tell you, more than likely it will be a large flat screen HD Television! But you can only win it if you are there. The awards ceremony may be held during the Reception as well but that is not final either.

Some other plans that are still in the works is the annual golf outing and hockey game. We will miss our friend Ned Bunyon our chief referee. And back by popular demand will be the last day program put on by both IAim and STAR. Both programs were well attended last year and praised as being well worth the time and low expense. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the schedule and registration information coming soon! You can also check at the NEISMA web site as the same information and registration forms will be posted there as well. Vendors should have received their registration and information by the time you read this, if you have not, contact me as soon as possible, the floor space is limited this year so get your registration to me fast! Thanks.