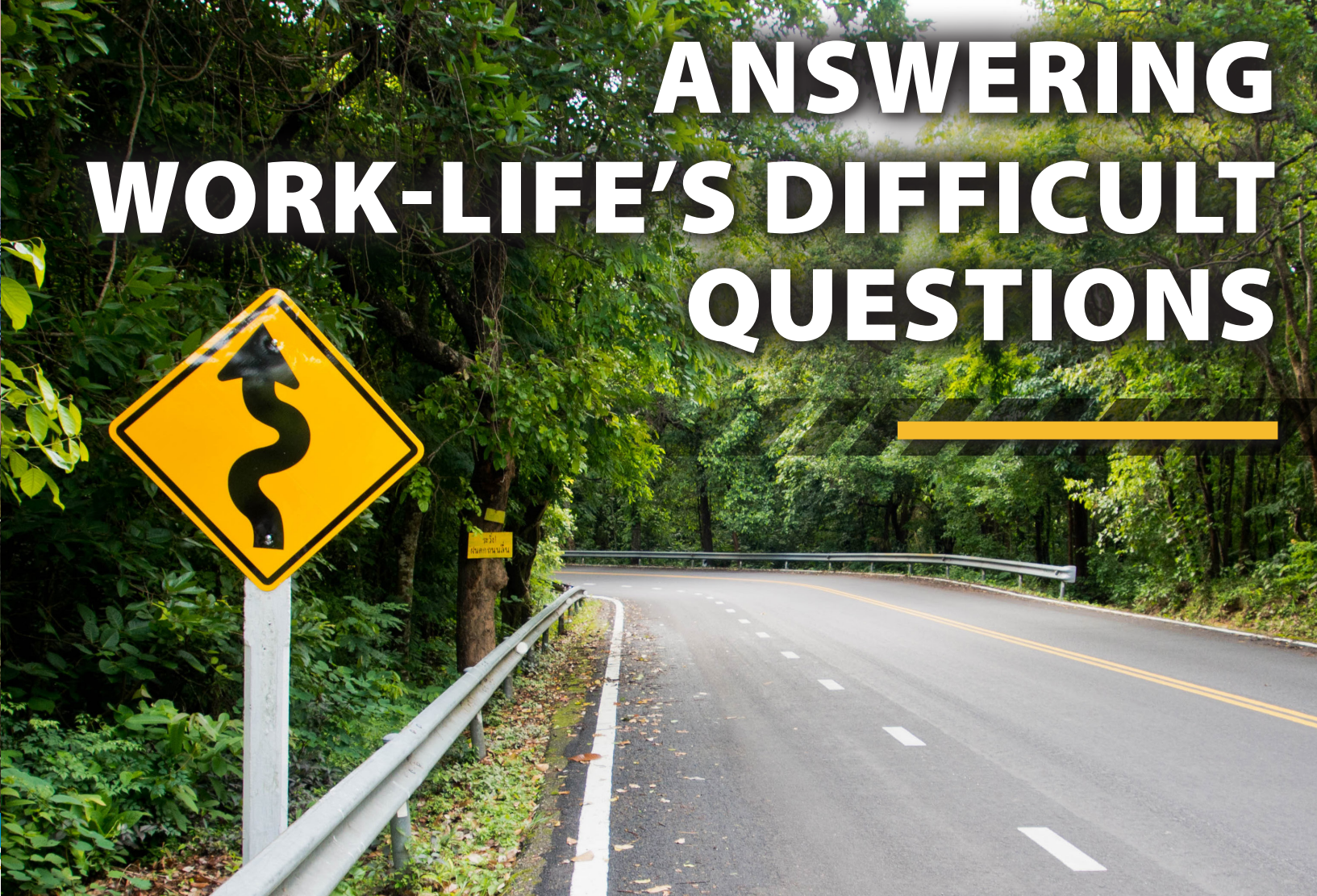




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WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

12 - 1 p.m.
▶ CRASIF LUNCH (open to all)

1 - 4 p.m.
▶ CRASIF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4 - 6 p.m.
▶ NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD COMMISSIONS (NMARC) REGISTRATION

6 - 8 p.m.
▶ WELCOME RECEPTION AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER PICNIC (Event Center)

8 - 10 p.m.
▶ HOSPITALITY ROOMS OPEN

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

All sessions in Event Center.

7 - 8 a.m.
▶ REGISTRATION
▶ BREAKFAST

8 - 8:10 a.m.
▶ WELCOME REMARKS

Karl Hanson, PE, President of NMARC and Engineer-Manager, Wexford CRC

8:10 - 8:15 a.m.
▶ WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT MANISTEE COUNTY?
Sammie Lukaskiewicz, Executive Director, Manistee County Tourism Authority

8:15 - 9 a.m.
▶ IS ANYTHING HAPPENING WITH ROAD FUNDING?
Consulting our crystal ball, we try to decipher the road ahead. Will road funding be population based? Does this Legislature have an appetite for replacing "lost" EV gas tax? Is tolling real? What about the new road funding coalition?

Ed Noyola, Chief Deputy & Legislative Director, CRA
Denise Donohue, CEO, CRA

Lance Binoniemi, Vice President – Government Affairs, Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Assoc. (MITA)

9 - 9:45 a.m.
▶ RATING – AND REPORTING – YOUR NONFEDERAL AID ROAD CONDITIONS. WHO'S ON FIRST?
Counties' data on nonfederal road conditions – paved and unpaved – needs our attention! Here's how it's supposed to work – and then there are gaps.
Craig Atwood, PE, Managing Director, Allegan County Road Commission and Chair, CRA Engineering Committee



9:45 - 10 a.m.
▶ SNACK BREAK

10 - 10:45 a.m.
▶ WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH MINERAL BRINE USE ON ROADS?
Expanding EGLE's existing oil brine permit to mineral brine is a complex situation. Learn first-hand EGLE's concerns on mineral brine, where our agencies have been and where the issue is heading.

Mark Christensen, Superintendent-Manager, Road Commission for Montcalm County and CRA President
Kristine Rendon, Supervisor, Groundwater Permits Unit, Water Resources Division, MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE)
Christine Alexander, Manager, Water Resources Division, Permits Section, EGLE

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
▶ WHAT ARE OUTCOMES OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BRINE STUDY?
In 2021, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison published its latest academic study on use of brine to de-ice roads. The study looked at road salt vs. brine, including cost-benefits.

Andrea Bill, MSCE, Researcher, Traffic Operations & Safety Lab, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Wisconsin

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
▶ LUNCHEON

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
▶ KEYNOTE SPEAKER LUNCHEON: WHAT EVERY ROAD AGENCY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE "ACTIVE SHOOTER"
Trooper Steven Kramer, Michigan State Police - Flint Post

1:15 - 1:30 p.m.
▶ BREAK

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
▶ PANEL DISCUSSION: BREAKER 1-9: WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD OF TRUCKS?
Getting new heavy equipment at the road agency is still a challenge. Learn what's new in truck features, and what the future looks like for supply chain delays and cost.

Darren Simon, JX Truck Center (Peterbilt)
James Ambrosius, Navistar (International)
Doug Ackerman, D&K Truck Co. (Western Star)

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.
▶ SNACK BREAK

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1ST HOUR

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. (Ojibwe Room)
▶ WHAT'S NEW WITH THE OX? SWRS AND ROUTE RESTRICTION OPTIONS.
Oxcart talks about your options for turning seasonal weight restrictions on/off for visibility at permit-pulling, and future options of the platform.
Bryce Baker, Owner, Oxcart Permit Systems®

- OR -
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. (Odawa Room)
▶ "WHY ARE YOU YELLING AT ME?" HANDLING CALLS FROM THE PUBLIC.
County road agencies get a full daily dose of 'public input' and handling them with diplomacy requires developing a communication skillset.
Maura Lamoreaux, Communications Manager, Kent County Road Commission

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
▶ SNACK BREAK

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 2ND HOUR

3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (Ojibwe Room)
▶ WHAT GAINS COULD COME THROUGH CLOUD-BASED, 'TALKING' FINANCIAL SOFTWARE?
A CRA work group describes the status of their search for a modern financial tool integrating job cost-based project accounting into a comprehensive financial platform. For those choosing this road, there may be a lot to gain.

Jerry Heim, Finance Director, Kalkaska County Road Commission and CRA Board Member
Dawn Solka, Director of Finance & Administration, Marquette County Road Commission and CRA FHR Committee
Macy Barcheski, Finance Director, Kent County Road Commission and CRA FHR Committee chair

- OR -
3:30 - 4:15 p.m. (Odawa Room)
▶ WHAT'S NEW IN PAVEMENT PRESERVATION TIPS?
From the guy who wrote the book on pavement preservation, this Chicago engineering consultant talks about what's on the horizon for Northern states.
Tim Murphy, Asphalt Scientist and Principle, Murphy Pavement Technology (via Zoom)

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
▶ DINNER (Event Center)
8 - 10 p.m.
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7 - 8 a.m.
▶ BREAKFAST

8 - 8:30 a.m.
▶ NMARC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
▶ WHAT'S NEW IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS?
Monarch butterflies getting endangered species status and CRA's statewide mitigation plan. The newest Michigan wetland bank (with trees!), and what's happening on road-related stream mitigation requirements.
Holly Vickers, Wetland Manager, Michigan Wetland Board (MiWB)
Dustin Earley, Deputy Director of Engagement, CRA

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
▶ WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MILEAGE-BASED USER FEES?
Between EVs not paying their fair share of road maintenance and ever-higher CAFE standards, Houston, we have a problem.
Denise Donohue, CEO, CRA

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
▶ FERRIS STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE ROAD WORKERS
Road agencies are big supporters of students, and Ferris State University (FSU) program is a big benefit to future road workers. An FSU administrator describes its scholarships.
Jennifer Shaw, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director, Ferris Foundation

10:30 a.m.
▶ CONCLUSION

Karl Hanson, PE, President of NMARC and Engineer-Manager, Wexford CRC

▶ ADJOURN

