

IABSC 2026 ANNUAL BHS SUMMIT

Redefining Baggage Solutions

AGENDA

DAY ONE – TUESDAY JANUARY 27

Registration	7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast in the Atrium – Exhibit Hall open in Heritage Foyer <i>Breakfast sponsored by Vigneaux Corp.</i>	
OPENING	8:00 – 8:30	Welcome	Gaylloyd Dadyala, IABSC Chair
SESSION 1	8:30 – 9:15	SMART AIRPORTS START WITH SMART BAGGAGE: CASE STUDIES IN ICS <i>Session sponsored by Siemens Industry</i>	Moderator: Elyas Ahmadzai – Daifuku Felix Rosenbergen – BNP Associates Jamie Ratcliffe – London Heathrow Airport Lain Grierson – London Heathrow Airport
Break	9:15 – 9:45	Break & Mingle with Exhibitors – Heritage Foyer <i>Break sponsored by Spider Integration</i>	
SESSION 2	9:45 – 10:30	CYBERSECURITY IN AVIATION: SEA's JOURNEY FROM TARGET TO TRAILBLAZER <i>Session sponsored by Brock Solutions</i>	Moderator: Wendy Reiter – Port of Seattle Roberto Cantu – SEA BHS Maintenance Stephanie Warren – SEA Cybersecurity
KEYNOTE	10:30 – 11:15	CHRIS McLAUGHLIN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT <i>Keynote sponsored by VDG</i>	
Lunch	11:15 – 12:45	Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium – Exhibit Hall open <i>Lunch sponsored by Alstef Group / Prolann Group</i>	
SESSION 3	12:45 – 1:30	THE AIRPORT OF TOMORROW: POWERED BY AUTOMATION TODAY <i>Session sponsored by Murrelektronik</i>	Moderator: Scott Goodwin, MCO Dennis van Kleef – Boost at Schiphol Matt Senske – Efficient Technologies John Stroud – Azalea Robotics
Break	1:30 – 2:00	Break & Mingle with Exhibitors – Heritage Foyer <i>Break sponsored by Rockwell Automation</i>	

SESSION 4	2:00 – 3:00	FROM SILOS TO SYNERGY: THE POWER OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN BHS IMPLEMENTATION <i>Session sponsored by Turner Construction</i>	Moderator: Rick Weaver – Southwest Airlines Mike Kessler – Turner Construction Jaime Ontiveros – Introba Doug Alewelt - Vanderlande Dan Vandevenne – Brock Solutions
SESSION 5	3:00 – 3:45	YPs PRESENT: ALL IN THE FAMILY GENERATIONS IN BHS <i>Session sponsored by G&S Airport Conveyor</i>	Moderator: David Mayell – Siemens Digital Industries Ethan Bentley – Daifuku & Mark Bentley – Oshkosh AeroTech David Guthrie – Introba & James Guthrie – Introba Julian de Francescos & family – Vanderlande
CLOSING	3:45 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	Skyeler Smith, IABSC Board Member
HAPPY HOUR	4:00 – 5:30	Cocktails with Exhibitors – Heritage Foyer <i>Cocktails sponsored by Alliant Technologies / BDI / Robson Handling Technology / BNP Group-Studdiford Technical Solutions</i>	
TUESDAY NIGHT EVENT	6:30	Dinner Buffet and Open Bar – Embassy Suites Atrium	
	7:00 – 11:30	CASINO NIGHT Join us for our inaugural Casino Night in the Embassy Suites Atrium — featuring a DJ, karaoke, dance floor, and open bar 2 Craps Tables / 1 Roulette Table / 12 Blackjack Tables / 2 Poker Tables Prizes awarded at the end of the night! <i>Event Sponsors: AECOM / BNP Group-Studdiford Technical Solutions / Five Star Airport Alliance / Flexco / Flow-Turn / FMH Conveyors / Oshkosh AeroTech / Ranger Airport Services / Rockwell Automation / Southwest Airlines / Swanson Rink / The Weitz Company / Unified Supply</i>	

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28

Breakfast	7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast in the Atrium – Exhibit Hall open <i>Breakfast Sponsored by WyCo Services</i>	
OPENING REMARKS	9:00 – 9:15	Jen Zemba – Introba / Chair IABSC Summit Committee	
SESSION 6	9:15 – 10:15	THE UNCERTAINTY TAX: TARIFFS AND THE FRAGILE AVIATION ECOSYSTEM <i>Session sponsored by Miller Electrical Contractors</i>	Moderator: Joe Pharis - VTC Tiffany Winks – Vanderlande James Dean – Archer Western James Chandler – NORD Drivesystems
Break	10:15 – 10:45	Break & Mingle with Exhibitors – Heritage Foyer <i>Break sponsored by JSM Airport Services</i>	
KEYNOTE	10:45 – 11:30	ANDY HUMMEL, DIRECTOR-AIRPORT BAGGAGE OPERATIONS DELTA AIR LINES <i>Keynote sponsored by VDG</i>	

Lunch	11:30 – 1:00	Luncheon Buffet in the Atrium – Exhibit Hall open <i>Lunch sponsored by Hartmann Electrical Contractors / Western Industrial Contractors</i>	
SESSION 7	1:00 – 2:00	HOLD TIGHT: INNOVATIONS IN CHECKED BAGGAGE SCREENING AND TRACKING <i>Session sponsored by Cognex</i>	Moderator: Steven Tamaroglio – BEUMER Group John Matthews – SureScan IDSS Joel Greenburg - Quadridox
Break	2:00 – 2:30	Break & Mingle with Exhibitors – Heritage Foyer <i>Break sponsored by Dearborn Mid-West</i>	
SESSION 8	2:30 – 3:30	SMART, SELF-DIRECTED, SEAMLESS: REIMAGINING AIRPORT LOGISTICS WITH AI AGENTS <i>Session sponsored by Automatic Systems, Inc.</i>	Moderator: Heather Shaver - Jacobs Ben Jones – PA Consulting Vimal Vasudevan - Foreviz
SESSION 9	3:30 – 4:15	BAGGAGE WITH A CONSCIENCE: SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS IN HANDLING SYSTEMS <i>Session sponsored by Crown Plastics</i>	Moderator: Mark Zessin – The Weitz Company Peter Ellerhorst – Crown Plastics Ryan Romero – Sumitomo Drive Technologies
CLOSING	4:15 – 4:30	Nathan Sims, IABSC Board Member	

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Get ready for take-off! Both days start with inspiration from **Chris McLaughlin**, CEO of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on day one, and **Andy Hummel**, Director of BHS Operations at Delta Air Lines on day two. These industry leaders will share bold strategies for meeting skyrocketing demand while embracing cutting-edge technology and staying ahead of market shifts. Together, they will help us shape the future of aviation.

Smart Airports Start with Smart Baggage: Case Studies in ICS (Session 1)

Moderator: Elyas Ahmadzai – Daifuku

Discover how airports are transforming baggage handling with ICS-based systems! Elyas Ahmadzai, Felix Rosbergen, and Jens Parbo Jensen from Copenhagen Airport lead a dynamic discussion on real-world implementations, revealing how ICS delivers operational relief and solves persistent challenges. If efficiency and innovation excite you, this session is a must-attend.

Cybersecurity in Aviation: SEA's Journey from Target to Trailblazer (Session 2)

Moderator: Wendy Reiter – Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

When SEA Airport faced a ransomware attack in 2024, they didn't back down—they rebuilt stronger. Join Wendy Reiter and her team as they share the gripping story of resilience and innovation. Learn how SEA turned crisis into opportunity and became a cybersecurity leader in aviation.

The Airport of Tomorrow: Powered by Automation Today (Session 3)

Moderator: Scott Goodwin – Greater Orlando Airport Authority

Step into the future of baggage handling! Scott Goodwin and a panel of robotics experts reveal how automation is revolutionizing airport operations. From Schiphol to cutting-edge tech firms, discover how robots are driving efficiency and shaping the next generation of U.S. airports.

From Silos to Synergy: The Power of Collaborative Partnerships in BHS Implementation (Session 4)

Moderator: Rick Weaver – Southwest Airlines

Collaboration isn't just a buzzword—it's the secret to success. Hear from industry leaders who turned complex projects into win-win partnerships. Learn how thoughtful planning and teamwork created happy clients, motivated teams, and exceptional results.

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YPs Present – All in the Family: Generations in BHS (Session 5)

Does baggage handling run in your blood? The Young Professionals prove it does! Meet families who've shaped the industry for generations and hear their stories of evolution, tradition, and innovation. This lively conversation celebrates the people behind the systems—and the legacy they're building.

The Uncertainty Tax: Tariffs and the Fragile Aviation (Session 6)

Moderator: Richard Spies – Studdiford Technical Solutions

Tariffs, politics, and price volatility—oh my! Join Richard Spies and a powerhouse panel as they tackle the tough questions about cost uncertainty in today's global market. Walk away with strategies to navigate chaos and keep your projects on track.

Hold Tight: Innovations in Checked Baggage Screening and Tracking (Session 7)

Moderator: Steven Tamaroglio – Beumer

Big changes are coming to baggage screening! Explore groundbreaking technologies that add new layers of security and efficiency. Hear from innovators at Quadridox and SureScan IDSS, plus get the latest TSA updates. If safety and speed matter to you, don't miss this session.

Smart, Self-Directed, Seamless: Reimagining Airport Logistics with AI Agents (Session 8)

Moderator: Heather Shaver – Jacobs

AI is rewriting the rules of airport operations. Discover how intelligent agents and unified data platforms are creating connected, adaptive ecosystems. From baggage handling to passenger flow, this session unveils the future of smart airports—today.

Baggage with a Conscience: Sustainable Innovations in Handling Systems (Session 9)

Moderator: Mark Zessin – The Weitz Company

Sustainability meets innovation! Learn how industry leaders are cutting energy costs, boosting resilience, and decarbonizing baggage systems. From advanced materials to wearable tech, this session delivers practical solutions for a greener, smarter future.