



broadband association of north dakota

2026 SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 AM** Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM** BAND Board Meeting
- 11:00 AM** PAC-T Board Meeting
- 1:00 PM** Welcome
Jay Seibel & Carissa Swenson
- 1:15 PM** DCN's Heartland Fiber Project
Seth Arndorfer - DCN
- 1:45 PM** Building Infrastructure for Tomorrow
Terry Effertz - TechND
- 2:30 PM** Break
- 3:00 PM** THRIVE: Turn Uncertainty into a Competitive Advantage
Meredith Elliott Powell



- 4:00 PM** Special Guest Remarks
Senator Kevin Cramer
- 4:30 PM** Social Reception
Ballroom Foyer
- 7:30 PM** Boarding Begins*
Lewis & Clark Riverboat
- 8:00 PM** Dessert & Drinks Cruise
Lewis & Clark Riverboat

**Attendance to the PAC-T Riverboat Cruise requires a ticket purchase.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 7:30 AM** Breakfast Buffet
- 8:30 AM** Funding and IP Transitions
Brian Ford - NTCA
- 9:15 AM** America's Digital Future
Adam Jorde - WBK
Travis Litman - WBK
- 10:00 AM** Break
- 10:15 AM** Fighting Scams
Tonya Hetzler - Office of ND AG
- 11:00 AM** Economic Update
Jeff Burroughs - CoBANK
- 11:45 AM** Lunch
- 12:00 PM** Meetings Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM** Cybersecurity in the Age of AI
Heather Schweiger - Telcom Insurance
Sean Benefiel - Telcom Insurance
- 1:45 PM** The KPIs that Define Success
Caralee Nowak - Calix
- 2:30 PM** Break
- 2:45 PM** AI Without the Hype
Jason Bartsch - NISC
- 3:30 PM** Wrap Up & Door Prizes

