

# OAAS Convention 2026 – Workshops & Seminar Overview

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## **Thursday February 19, 2026**

*Pre Convention Workshops (9am-2:30pm), pre-registration required*

Judging School: Photography

Judging School: Antiques

The Future of Fairs: Governance, Grants, and Growth Planning (10am-2:30pm)

Workplace Appreciation (10am-2:30pm)

*Thursday Afternoon (3:00-3:50pm & 4:00 – 4:50pm)*

Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders

Everyday Ag - A Free-to-Use Ag Education Program

Fields of Opportunity: A Gamified Resource for Ag Fairs

How Going Digital Can Grow Your Raffle

Involving the Youth, Growing Your Organizations

PANEL DISCUSSION: Sharing Our Social Media Adventures

PANEL DISCUSSION: Smarter Event Planning, Ticketing and Operations

Recharge & Reconnect: Real Self-Care for Ag Society Leaders

The Not-So-Boring Board Workshop

Welcome Back - Risks Management and Insurance Planning

Working with Scary Homecraft Judge

## **Friday February 20, 2026**

*(8:30am-9:30am & 10am-11:30am, 3:30pm-4:30pm)*

Beyond the Midway: Modern Volunteer Engagement for Agricultural Fairs

District Discussion - More than just a brag and whine session!

Event Marketing Tips & Tricks\*

Fair for ALL: Creating Truly Inclusive Events

Funding Your Future: Writing Competitive Grant Proposals

Know your audience: Connecting fairgoers with Food and Farming

Leading with Purpose: CNE Ambassador Program

Managing Cash Requirements During The Fair Season

PANEL DISCUSSION: Community Partners & Sponsorship

Practical AI for Agricultural Societies: Supporting the Work You Already Do\*

Protect the Legacy: A Behind-the-Scenes Fair Audit Workshop

Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers: Building Sustainable Ag Society Teams

Rooted in Community: Measuring the Impact of Agricultural Fairs

Seeing, Judging, Teaching - A Judging Journey

Welcome Back - Risks Management and Insurance Planning\*

What is TSSA to Your Fair and Event

Seeing, Judging, Teaching - A Judging Journey

## **Saturday February 21, 2026**

*(9:30am-10:30am & 10:45am-12:00pm)*

Booking a Headliner

Borrow My Genius: The Workshop Where We Steal the Best Ideas

Customer Services Tips for the Unkind Fair Visitors

Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders \*

PANEL DISCUSSION: Personalizing your Content for your Events & Community (social media)

PANEL DISCUSSION: Smarter Event Planning, Ticketing and Operations\*

Practical AI for Agricultural Societies: Supporting the Work You Already Do \*

Preparing for Uncertainty in Agriculture

Ringside Seats: Keeping Your Livestock Show on Time

Round table Discussions: Secretary/Treasurers

Round table Discussions: Ag Society Presidents

The Not-So-Boring Board Workshop \*

Tools We Use Everyday at the Fair Office

Working with Scary Homecraft Judges \*

### Quick Talks & Tips (Friday)

- Junior Board Members
- Giving Back to the Community
- Extra Income in Storage
- International Food Draws a Crowd
- Homesteading for the Community
- Music Bingo is a hit !

\* sessions are repeated