

2026 National Conference Agenda—Executive Directors, Group 1 Orchestras

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Monday, June 1, 2026

1:00pm-2:30pm Constituency Meeting Block 1

1:00pm-1:10pm **Welcome** Martha Gilmer

- Officer elections

1:10pm-1:40pm **Advocacy Update** Heather Noonan

League Update Simon Woods

1:40pm-2:30pm **Anne Parsons Leadership Program 2026-27 Cohort**
Meeting and Discussion

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

3:00pm-5:00pm Constituency Meeting Block 2

3:00pm-5:00pm Organizational Culture in Orchestras

*Facilitated by **Shane Stowell***

- Introduction
- Culture thought activity
- Culture in American orchestras today
 - What are you seeing?
 - What are you excited about?
 - What are you concerned about?

- What needs to change?
- Symptoms and causes
- Strategic next steps

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:15am-12:45pm Constituency Meeting Block 3

11:15am-11:45am **EMA Update** Jeff Alexander

OMLA Update Danny Beckley

11:45am-12:45pm **Field Trends Discussion**

Based on findings from Pre-Conference survey

Notice: It is important to keep in mind antitrust rules governing competition that apply to this group discussion. While the agenda for this group includes discussion of a variety of issues that are crucial to orchestras' planning and strategies, the goal is not to agree on a single approach to these issues. With the benefit of analysis and discussion, each orchestra will be able to decide independently what course of action is best for its own organization. We ask you to avoid comments that relate to your orchestra's current or future plans for ticket or event pricing (actual ticket prices, discount amounts), bargaining (including collective bargaining agreements or with vendors), or compensation. Please consult the [League one-page Antitrust Overview](#) for more information, available at www.americanorchestras.org