

W4009 Annual Meeting Agenda (Year 2026)

W4009: Integrated Systems Research and Development in Automation and Sensors for Sustainability of Specialty Crops

Date and Time: July 23rd- 24th, 2026

Location: Fargo, North Dakota

All the times shown below are in Central Standard Time (CST)

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Day 1

- 9:00 AM pick up from the hotel (NDSU Motor Pool Vehicle – Rex Sun Coordinate)
- 9:30 AM –11:00 AM NDSU newest Bolley Agriculture Lab Tour (TBD)
https://www.ndsu.edu/vpag/bolley_agricultural_laboratory
- Lunch (Sponsored by NDSU Peltier Institute)
- 2:00 PM - 4 PM Fargo John Deere Tour (TBD)
Depending on the time, we might be able to visit one more. American Crystal Sugar Company
<https://www.crystalsugar.com/>.
- 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM drive back to the hotel
- 5:30 PM to 7 PM Dinner (on your own) at Herd and Horns. <https://herdandhorns.com/>

Day 2

- 9:00 AM pick up from Hotel (NDSU Motor Pool Vehicle – Rex Sun Coordinate)
Meeting place: NDSU Peltier Complex
<https://www.ndsu.edu/alphaindex/buildings/Building::458>
or NDSU Memorial Union <https://www.ndsu.edu/mu>

- **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Business Meeting**
Zoom link for virtual participants: TBD
 - 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM: Attendee introduction
 - 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM: Business Meeting
 - Summary of 2024 meeting/reports
 - New secretary nomination/election
 - W4009 annual meeting: time and location in 2026
 - Opportunities for collaboration, funding updates
 - Annual Report

Lunch (sponsored by NDSU College of Ag)

1:10 PM – 5:00 PM: (18) Institute Reports (Presentations) (~12 minutes for each institute)

State	Institute	Representative(s)/Presenter(s)	Zoom?
Arizona	UA	Mark Siemens	
California	UC Davis	Stavros Vougioukas	
Connecticut	UConn	Ana Legrand	
Florida	UF	Daniel Lee	
Georgia	UGA	Md Sultan Mahmud	
Kentucky	UK	Joe Dvorak	
Massachusetts	UMass	Jon Clements	
Michigan	Michigan State	Yuzhen Lu	
Missouri	Mizzou	Jianfeng Zhou	
Break			
Mississippi	Mississippi State	Alex Thomasson	
New York	Cornell	Yu Jiang	
North Dakota	NDSU	Xin Sun	
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State	Ning Wang	
Pennsylvania	PSU	Long He	
South Carolina	Jose Payero	Jose Payero	
Texas	TAMU	Azlan Zahid	
Tennessee	UTK	Hao Gan	
Washington	WSU	Lav Khot	

6:00 PM Dinner: Würst Bier Hall Downtown (on your own). <https://wurstfargo.com/> **630 1st Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102**

Hotel Information

Group Name: W4009 Annual Meeting

Group Code: 90F

Dates: 7/22/26-7/24/26

Rooms: King suites @ \$110 + tax/night

Cutoff Date: 7/1/26

Guests pay own charges.

Booking Link:

<https://group.homewood-suites.com/e7mcqk>

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