

Don't Miss the Fall 2026 Technical Meeting in Philadelphia

The next meeting of the Cordage Institute Technical Committee will be held on **October 6-7, 2026** at the dual-branded [Element Philadelphia Downtown](#) and [W Philadelphia](#), located near Rittenhouse Square and City Hall. In addition, the Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 6.

A group dinner will be planned for the evening of Tuesday, October 6. The per-person dinner cost, which covers the meal, taxes, and service charges/gratuities, is expected to be approximately **\$90 to \$95**. Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost. Final details will be shared closer to the meeting date. **Please note that pre-payment will be required to participate.**

Following dinner, attendees are invited to join an optional historical sightseeing tour of Philadelphia aboard a double-decker bus. As the United States marks its 250th anniversary, this is a unique opportunity to experience the nation's first capital. The guided tour will feature views of notable landmarks, including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Fairmount Park, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, with stops for photo opportunities.

The tour will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at approximately 9:00 p.m. at McGillin's Olde Ale House, Philadelphia's oldest continuously operating tavern, where attendees may continue networking. The cost of the tour is \$62 per person, and advance payment will be required. Food and beverages at McGillin's will be at each attendee's own expense.

Please let [Daniel Paschke](#) know if you will be attending the meeting, and please indicate if you plan to join us for the optional group tour and/or dinner so we can plan accordingly.

Tentative Meeting Program

Below is the tentative schedule for the meeting.

Monday, October 5

Evening Board of Directors Dinner

Tuesday, October 6

6:30am to 10:00am	Complimentary Breakfast at the Element Philadelphia
8:00am to Noon	Board of Directors Meeting
Noon to 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm to 5:00pm	Technical Subcommittee Meetings
5:30pm to 7:15pm	Optional Group Dinner (Individual Pay)
7:30pm to 9:00pm	Optional Historic Bus Tour (Individual Pay)
9:00pm	Late Night Networking at McGillin's –Philadelphia's oldest continuously operating tavern

Wednesday, October 7

6:30am to 10:00am	Complimentary Breakfast at the Element Philadelphia
8:00am to 10:00am	Technical Subcommittee Meetings
10:00am to Noon	Technical Committee Meeting

Hotel Accommodations

The discounted group rate is \$229 plus tax per night at the Element Philadelphia Downtown. This includes complimentary internet in guestrooms, a full breakfast each morning, and a nightly reception with complimentary wine, beer, and snacks. Hotel reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 1-888-236-2427 and indicating that you will be attending the Cordage Institute's meeting. The cut-off date to ensure a reservation is **Tuesday, September 15**. If you have any questions or problems reserving a room, please reach out to Dan Paschke at Daniel@ropecord.com.

Ground Transportation and Parking

The cost for taxi service between the Philadelphia International Airport and the hotel is approximately \$32 each way. In addition, Uber and Lyft are available for local transportation.

Overnight valet parking at the hotel is \$60 plus tax for guests and \$73.50 plus tax for non-guests. Other parking garages are within walking distance of the hotel.