



2026 NDBA Peer Group Meeting Schedule

All Virtual via TEAMS (unless otherwise noted)



Audit

Facilitator: Jason Goyne – Bravera Bank
• April 13 | 10:00 am



Chief Credit Officer (CCO)

Facilitator: Steve Larson – Gate City Bank
February 18 | 2:00 pm
• May 12 | 2:00 pm
• August 11 | 2:00 pm
• November 18 | 2:00 pm



Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Facilitators: Rob Pfenning – Bank of North Dakota
Shane Husar – BankNorth
• April 21 | 10:00 am



Collateral Valuation

Facilitator: Dustin Bakken – Bank of North Dakota
• March 18 | 10:00 am



Communications & Marketing

Facilitators: Janel Schmitz – Bank of North Dakota
Karly Schefter – First Western Bank & Trust
Kristin Jaeger – Cornerstone Bank
• April 16 | 10:00 am



Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

Facilitator: Kristin Kupfer – Starion Bank
• March 25 | 9:00 am



Compliance

Facilitators: Jenni Lang – Bank of North Dakota
Lynne Michels – Stock Growers Bank
• March 24 | 10:00 am



Credit Analyst **NEW Peer Group for 2026**

Facilitators: Victoria Ripplinger – Bank of North Dakota
Tara Copp – United Valley Bank
• March 3 | 10:00 am



Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

Facilitator: Jeremy Skoglund – Western State Bank
• April 16 | 10:00 am



Fraud

Facilitators: Kim Lazur – Alerus
Jacob Rued – First Western Bank & Trust
Heidi Schumacher – Border State Bank
• February 10 | 9:30 am
• May 21 | 9:30 am
• August 18 | 9:30 am
Fraud Forum – October 13
National Energy Center of Excellence - Bismarck



Front Line Operations

Facilitators: Olivia Wheeler – Bank Forward
Jenni Rime – TruCommunity Bank
Melissa Liebenow – BankNorth
April 8 | 10:00 am



Human Resources (HR)

Facilitators: Natalie Murch – BankNorth
Amy Otterson – Bank Forward
• April 8 | 2:00 pm



Information Technology (IT)

Facilitators: Allen Huber – BankNorth
Jona Ziemann – Western State Bank
• April 2 | 10:00 am



2026 NDBA Fraud Forum

October 13 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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2026 NDBA Peer Group Consortium

- **Welcome Reception:** October 13 | 5:30-7:30 pm
Location TBD
- **Consortium:** October 14 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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