



MLC AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Saturday, July 20, 2024 - Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Hyatt Regency Columbus | Columbus, Ohio

Agenda

MLA Steven Bonk, Saskatchewan, Co-Chair | Sen. Marci Francisco, Kansas, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Thomas, North Dakota, Vice Chair

SATURDAY, JULY 20 | PRE-CONFERENCE LEARNING SITE TOUR | *Departing from Hyatt Regency*

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development Tour of Dublin and Marion, Ohio

This economic development tour will take you to the revitalized Ohio community of Marion, as well as the economically thriving town of Dublin. It also includes a visit to the restored home of President Warren G. Harding, 29th president of the United States.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact rleis@csg.org or click the Meeting Highlights tab at csgmidwest.org/mlc24 to reserve a space. Light refreshments will be provided. *Casual attire recommended; comfortable walking shoes suggested.*

SUNDAY, JULY 21 | COMMITTEE MEETING | Delaware AB, 2nd Floor

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

9:10 – 9:55 a.m.

The Science and Policies of Soil Health

Once considered abundant, agricultural land is now seen as a natural resource needing preservation measures to address increasing demands on it for producing food, fuel, energy, and climate mitigation strategies. This session will feature a presentation on the science and policies regarding soil health considerations.

Presenter

Dr. Rattan Lal, *Distinguished Professor of Soil Science, The Ohio State University*

9:55 – 10:45 a.m.

Roundtable Discussion: State and Provincial Strategies and Programs

Committee leaders, members and meeting participants will engage in a discussion on state approaches regarding soil health policies particularly in the areas of water management, cover crops and carbon sequestration.

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Discussion of Committee Business and Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

MONDAY, JULY 22 | JOINT COMMITTEE-SPONSORED LEARNING SITE TOUR | *Departing from Hyatt Regency*

2:00– 5:00 p.m. **Molly Caren Agricultural Center and Savion Solar Project**

The Ohio State University’s Molly Caren Agricultural Center features 1,200 acres of crops grown with the latest agronomy and precision agriculture technologies. Attendees will learn from experts during the bus tour and watch field demonstrations of autonomous and precision equipment. At the Savion Solar Project attendees will see how this 180 megawatt facility incorporates agrivoltaics.

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TUESDAY, JULY 23 | JOINT COMMITTEE-SPONSORED SESSION | *Taft AB, 1st Floor*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court Cases Pertaining to the *Chevron Doctrine***

The MLC Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Energy & Environment committees are partnering to produce this session focused on the relationship between legislatures and state and federal executive-branch agencies.

The 40-year-old *Chevron doctrine* is used by the federal courts to determine when to defer to an administrative agency’s interpretation of the statute it administers. By early July, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue decisions in two cases that are likely to limit the deference given to administrative agencies under the *Chevron doctrine*.

Panelists will provide opening remarks on its impact to state rulemaking and policymaking in areas such as agriculture and the environment. A moderated discussion will follow.

Presenter/Panelists:

David Doniger, Senior Strategist at the National Resource Defense Council

Kali Murray, Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School

Rusty Rumley, Senior Attorney at the National Agricultural Law Center

Mathura Sridharan, Deputy Solicitor General and Director of the Ohio Tenth Amendment Center,

Moderator: North Dakota Rep. Paul Thomas, Vice Chair of the MLC Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.