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MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

74TH ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 21–24, 2019 ▪ CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated in this program, all meeting rooms and events are in the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile.

» The **CSG Midwest/MLC Office** is on the sixth floor in the Great America Room.

» The **Host State Office** is on the sixth floor in the Minnesota Room.

» The **Presenters Room** is on the sixth floor in the Lincolnshire 1 Room.

» On **Saturday** and **Sunday**, the **MLC Registration & Information Desk** and **CSG-sponsored internet access** will be located on the fourth floor in the Waveland Foyer. From **Monday** through **Wednesday**, the **MLC Registration & Information Desk** and **CSG-sponsored internet access** will be located in the Seventh Floor Registration Area. Here are the times:

- » **Saturday**: 12:30-6 p.m.
- » **Sunday**: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- » **Monday and Tuesday**: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- » **Wednesday**: 8:30-10 a.m.

Attire for the meeting is business casual, unless otherwise indicated (see conference agenda). Attire for the spouse, guest and youth programs is casual, unless otherwise indicated.

The **MLC Meeting App** puts all of the details of this year's conference at your fingertips! To download the app, search for "2019MLC" in Apple or Google stores. Or you can view the app on any device: *https://eventmobi.com/2019mlc/*. (Note: This web-based option requires an internet connection.)

To access WiFi in the meeting rooms, connect to **Marriott_Conference WiFi Network** and use this code: **2019mlc** (different network and code needed for guest rooms).

New this year, photos from the business sessions will be available for free through the MLC Meeting App. Open the app, scroll to the bottom of the menu, and click on "photos from onsite photographer."

We value your input on the MLC Annual Meeting. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback by using the meeting app to evaluate each session as well as the entire conference. Paper evaluations are available at the MLC Registration Desk and at sessions starting on Tuesday afternoon.

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Your name badge is required for admission to all events.

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CSG advocates the responsible use of alcohol and designated drivers by all participants at CSG functions.

VISIT THE MLC 2020 DETROIT BOOTH

Start planning now to attend next year's MLC Annual Meeting — which will be held **July 19-22, 2020, in Detroit** — and plan to come early or stay late to have the experience of a lifetime in the great state of Michigan.

During this year's meeting, visit the **Detroit Booth** (located in the MLC registration area) to enjoy a personal caricature and some local Detroit goods.

And take part in the **Michigan 2020 Reception** on Tuesday evening for a chance to win one of several **Michigan Experience Packages** to enhance your trip next year.

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WELCOME TO THE 74TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The spouses and guests of attendees are welcome to attend any session. Unless otherwise indicated, attire for all events is business casual.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

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9 to 11:30 a.m.

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Watertower Room | Tenth Floor

12:30 to 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

Waveland Foyer | Fourth Floor

SIGN-UP FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON SITE VISIT TO mHUB

Waveland Foyer | Fourth Floor

See page 10 for details; space is limited. Sign-up is required by noon on Monday.

1:30 to 7 p.m. **OFFSITE EVENT**

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Offsite Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

A bus will depart from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) at 1:30 p.m. and return by 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Waveland Foyer | Fourth Floor

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10 to 11:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Clark Room | Fourth Floor | Open to All Attendees

Participants will hear how state fairs are funded and how consumer demand is changing the regulation of agriculture and food production. Time will also be reserved for discussion of committee business.

Presenters:

» **Marla Calico**, President and CEO, International Association of Fairs and Expositions

» **Brianna J. Schroeder**, Attorney, Janzen Agricultural Law

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Minnesota Rep. Paul Anderson, Co-Chair

Illinois Rep. Norine Hammond, Co-Chair

North Dakota Sen. Jim Dotzenrod, Vice Chair

MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Miami Room | Fifth Floor | Open to All Attendees

This meeting will include a presentation on the "state of special education" — funding challenges, policies that improve student outcomes, and examples of innovative state approaches. Time will also be reserved for committee business and a legislator-led discussion on trends in education policy.

Presenter:

» **Dr. Tessie Bailey**, Principal Technical Assistant Consultant, American Institutes for Research

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

South Dakota Sen. Jim Bolin, Co-Chair

Minnesota Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein, Co-Chair

Ohio Sen. Hearcel Craig, Vice Chair

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Addison Room | Fourth Floor | Open to All Attendees

Auto manufacturing is often cited as an example of supply chains between Canada and the United States, but it is not the only industry where businesses in both countries make things together. Companies depend on receiving components quickly because, to hold down costs, they do not keep large inventories. The committee's featured presenter will discuss some of the ongoing efforts by both federal governments to streamline the border-crossing process. Time will also be reserved for committee business.

Presenter:

» **Dr. Bill Anderson**, Director, Cross-Border Institute, University of Windsor

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Ohio Rep. Bob Cupp, Co-Chair

Manitoba Minister Kelvin Goertzen, Co-Chair

Saskatchewan Speaker Mark Docherty, Co-Vice Chair

Michigan Sen. Jim Stamas, Co-Vice Chair

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Avenue Ballroom | Fourth Floor | Lunch Will Be Provided for Executive Committee Members Only

3 to 4:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Clark Room | Fourth Floor | Open to All Attendees

An expert from the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities' Center for Health and Justice will present successful strategies to deflect and divert people from the criminal justice system — for example, in-community treatments for mental health and substance abuse. Participants also will explore integration and re-entry initiatives for parolees that have been shown to reduce the chances of recidivism. Time will be reserved for committee business as well.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Illinois Sen. Mattie Hunter, Co-Chair

North Dakota Rep. Shannon Roers Jones, Co-Chair

Indiana Sen. Michael Crider, Vice Chair

Presenter:

» **Jac Charlier**, Executive Director, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities' Center for Health and Justice

MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Addison Room | Fourth Floor | Open to All Attendees

In a facilitated discussion, participants will talk about workforce development strategies that Midwestern lawmakers are considering, as well as state policies in place to create job growth and a skilled workforce that meets the needs of employers. A regional exchange of ideas will be offered as several committee members report on specific proposals and policies in their respective jurisdictions.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Ohio Rep. Dave Greenspan, Co-Chair

Nebraska Sen. John McCollister, Co-Chair

Indiana Rep. Karlee Macer, Vice Chair

Discussion facilitator:

» **Sen. John McCollister**, Nebraska

3 to 4:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** (CONTINUED)

MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Miami Room | Fifth Floor | Open to All Attendees

The committee will hear a report from the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus' Task Force on Lead and will participate in a roundtable discussion on health- and human services-related policies, proposals and legislation from their respective states and provinces. The committee also will discuss its work plan for the biennium.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Kansas Rep. Susan Concannon, Co-Chair

Iowa Rep. Shannon Lundgren, Co-Chair

Minnesota Rep. Jennifer Schultz, Vice Chair

4:30 to 5 p.m.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Northwestern Room | Sixth Floor

If this is your first time attending the MLC Annual Meeting, come learn more about the Midwestern Legislative Conference and The Council of State Governments. You will also have a chance to win a $50 gift card.

5 to 6 p.m.

BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Halsted Room | Fourth Floor

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **OFFSITE EVENT**

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT HOUSE OF BLUES | CASUAL ATTIRE

The House of Blues is the ultimate night out! The food will set the stage for an amazing live performance from one of Chicagoland's most in-demand show bands, The Blooze Brothers. Come enjoy a VIP experience at this one-of-a-kind venue and concert that you will not soon forget — all while getting to know fellow meeting attendees for the first time or reuniting with old friends.

The House of Blues (329 N. Dearborn St.) is a 15-minute walk from the Marriott Hotel. Walking maps will be available. Buses will also be available and will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) and will make a loop between the hotel and House of Blues every 30 minutes . The last bus will leave the House of Blues at 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 22

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7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

Seventh Floor Registration

7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S SITE VISIT TO mHUB
Seventh Floor Registration

See page 10 for details; space is limited. Sign-up is required by noon.

7:30 to 8:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS
Please plan to join your colleagues for one of these legislator-initiated and -led discussions. Continental breakfast will be provided.

» Higher Education Savings Accounts for Children
Indiana Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Robyn Gabel, Illinois

» A Discussion on Criminal Justice Reform — From Changing Civil Asset Forfeiture to Lowering Recidivism Rates
Michigan Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Graham Filler, Michigan

» The State of Renewable Energy in the Midwest
Northwestern Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Sen. John McCollister, Nebraska

» Health Care Insurance and Reform
Purdue Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Laura Fine, Illinois

» Incentivizing Cures for Major Diseases via Multistate Compact: A Look at Ohio's "Cure Bill"
Lincolnshire 2 Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Jim Butler, Ohio

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION
Armitage Room | Fourth Floor | Committee Members Only | Continental Breakfast

9 to 10:30 a.m.

OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

MLC ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME
Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Illinois, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

WELCOME TO ILLINOIS
Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Illinois

WELCOME TO CHICAGO
Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Chicago (Invited)

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: AMERICAN INJUSTICE — MERCY, HUMANITY AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE
An inspiring and unflinchingly honest speaker, Bryan Stevenson will talk about defending some of America's most rejected and marginalized people. The stories he tells are heartbreaking, yet inspiring, and relate directly to the work of states on criminal justice policy. Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, which

has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults. He also is the author of the award-winning, best-selling book "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption."

Presenter:

» **Bryan Stevenson**, Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

After his presentation, Bryan Stevenson will sign copies of his book "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," which will be available for purchase from Sandmeyer's Bookstore.

10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT SESSION: MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Denver Room | Fifth Floor

Individuals with mental illnesses represent a disproportionately large share of jail and prison populations. Some estimates put the nationwide number of such prisoners at more than 1 million at any given time, many of whom lack access to the care they need. Expert panelists will discuss the challenges state and local corrections systems face as a result of the incarceration of individuals with mental illness. They will also explore promising strategies to reduce these burdens while providing more effective treatment.

Presenters:

» **Dustin McKee**, Director of Policy, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio

» **Shannon Scully**, Senior Manager, Criminal Justice Policy, Advocacy & Public Policy, NAMI

BREAKOUT SESSION: JUSTICE FOR ALL — STATE RESPONSES TO RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN PRISONS

Clark Room | Fourth Floor

As states work to reform their corrections systems, a recurring challenge is the extent of racial and ethnic disparities in prison populations. A guest expert will share a data-informed description of the problem and discuss potential solutions to reduce such disparities.

Presenter:

» **Dr. Ashley Nellis**, Senior Research Analyst, The Sentencing Project

BREAKOUT SESSION: BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH — JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

Addison Room | Fourth Floor

Efforts to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for young people in juvenile justice systems remain a high priority in many states. A pair of guest experts will present an overview of state reform efforts and best practices, as well as a closer look at one Midwestern state's recent steps to strengthen its juvenile system.

Presenters:

» **Kristi Bunkers**, Director, Juvenile Services, South Dakota Department of Corrections

» **Nina Salomon**, Deputy Program Director, Juvenile Justice, CSG Justice Center

These sessions are being presented by the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.

12 to 2 p.m.

LUNCHEON
Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

NATIONAL CSG REPORT
Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, New Hampshire, CSG Chair

FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Drawing on his extensive experience as a historian, archivist and presidential library administrator, Alan Lowe will explore the ways in which Abraham Lincoln's time in Illinois helped to shape his character, his presidency and his enduring legacy as one of America's greatest presidents.

Presenter:
- **Alan Lowe**, Executive Director, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

THE IMPACT OF TARIFFS AND TRADE AGREEMENTS ON STATES AND PROVINCES
Marriott Ballroom | Fourth Floor

Communities of all sizes in the region are closely tied to trade, with their economies dependent on exporting agricultural products and manufactured goods. Session participants will look at the impact of tariffs since they were first imposed on steel and aluminum imports by the United States. Included in this discussion will be the effects of the retaliatory tariffs levied on this region's agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

This session is being presented jointly by the MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources and Midwest-Canada Relations committees.

Presenters:
- **Shannon Herzfeld**, Vice President, Archer Daniels Midland Company
- **Scott Miller**, Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Mathew Wilson**, Senior Vice President, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

2:15 to 5:30 p.m. **OFFSITE EVENT**

SITE VISIT TO mHUB: THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING — MAKING THINGS IN A NEW ERA OF INNOVATION
OFFSITE EVENT | PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Participate in a tour of mHUB — an innovation center for physical product development and manufacturing — followed by a discussion of the changing role of manufacturing and policies to ensure that this sector continues to be a source of jobs and growth in the Midwest.

This site visit/session is being presented by the MLC Economic Development Committee. Space is limited, and registration is required by noon on Monday. Sign-up is available at the MLC Registration & Information Desk.

Moderator:
Rep. Dave Greenspan, Ohio, MLC Economic Development Committee Co-Chair

Presenters:
- **Chandra Brown**, CEO, MxD
- **Mark Denzler**, President and CEO, Illinois Manufacturers' Association
- **Steve Koch**, Co-Executive Chairman, Motivate; and Board Member, mHub

Meet in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel by 2:15 p.m. A bus will depart from the hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) at 2:20 p.m. and return to the Marriott by 5:30 p.m.

4 to 5:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

FISCAL LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Grand Ballroom 1 | Seventh Floor

Guest experts will present an overview of current fiscal conditions in the states, as well as a look at some of the ways states use and manage debt in financing their long-term expenditures. Participants will also take part in a roundtable discussion of recent developments related to state and provincial budgets across the Midwest.

Moderator:

» **Rep. Kelly Burke**, Illinois

Presenters:

» **John Hicks**, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officials

» **Mary Murphy**, Project Director, Fiscal and Economic Policy, State Fiscal Health, The Pew Charitable Trusts

TWO NATURAL RESOURCES CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MIDWEST: THE FUTURE OF WATER MANAGEMENT AND SOLAR ENERGY

Grand Ballroom 2 | Seventh Floor

Participants will discuss how we will grow the food to feed and nourish a rapidly growing, urbanizing world in the face of increasing water insecurity. They also will explore the status of solar energy in the Midwest, with a focus on the role of state policy.

This session is being presented by the MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Presenters:

» **Michael Tiboris**, Global Water Fellow, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

» **Greg Wagoner**, Executive Vice President, Wabash Valley Power Alliance

MEETING OF THE MLC MIDWEST-CANADA TRADE RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Indiana Room | Sixth Floor

All attendees are welcome to participate in this subcommittee meeting, which will focus on the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) — the proposed accord to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement. This session will focus on what's different about the USMCA, the chances of its passage in the three countries, and what state and provincial legislators can do to make their voices heard.

Moderator:

» **Sen. Karen Tallian**, Indiana, MLC Midwest-Canada Trade Relations Subcommittee Chair

Presenter:

» **Daniel D. Ujczo**, Cross-Border Practice Group Chair, Dickinson Wright PLLC

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **OFFSITE EVENT**

FAMILY NIGHT AND A TASTE OF CHICAGO AT ADLER PLANETARIUM | CASUAL ATTIRE

Join us for a taste of Chicago while following the universe from its humble beginnings as you see how the galaxies, stars and planets were created and grew. Experience the night sky over Chicago as it appeared in 1913 in the Atwood Sphere — Chicago's oldest planetarium. In addition, there will be live science demonstrations and a chance for all to experience a premier show in the Grainger Sky Theater.

Buses will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) and will make a loop between the hotel and the Adler Planetarium every 30 minutes. The last bus will leave the planetarium at 9:30 p.m.

9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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Seventh Floor Registration

7:30 to 8:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

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» Suicide Prevention: Ideas for State Action
Indiana Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin

» State Regulation of Payday Lending
Michigan Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Reynold Nesiba, South Dakota

» Disaster Insurance: Saskatchewan's Approach to Helping Farmers, Businesses and Communities
Northwestern Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Hon. Warren Kaeding, Saskatchewan Minister of Government Relations

» Teaching Comprehensive Consent as Part of Sex Education
Purdue Room | Sixth Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Ann Williams, Illinois

7:30 to 8:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** (CONTINUED)

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Grand Ballroom 3| Seventh Floor

BILLD BREAKFAST | BY INVITATION ONLY
Avenue Ballroom | Fourth Floor

MLC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Grace Room | Fourth Floor

9 to 10:15 a.m.

THE VALUE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND HOW STATES CAN ENCOURAGE IT
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

From volunteering in their community to holding elective office, involved citizens serve as the backbone of U.S. democracy and add tremendous value to the states in which they live. This session will examine the importance of civic engagement and the role of states in promoting it. Participants also will hear how innovative school curricula such as "action civics" can help engage young people and prepare them for a lifetime of active, informed citizenship.

This session is part of the 2019 MLC Chair's Initiative of Illinois Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

Presenters:

- **Brian Brady**, President, Mikva Challenge
- **Sterling Speirn**, Chief Executive Officer, National Conference on Citizenship
- **Heather Van Benthuysen**, Director, Department of Social Science and Civic Engagement, Chicago Public Schools

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

MIDWESTERN JOBS OF THE FUTURE: THE REGION'S EVOLVING ECONOMY
Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

Globalization and technological innovation have forever changed the nature of work, so much so that a large portion of the jobs of the future likely do not even exist today. Demographic shifts also pose challenges to national and regional labor markets. This session will provide an overview of occupational fields that have the most growth potential as well as where jobs may be lost in the future. A panel of experts in business and workforce development will then engage in a moderated discussion of labor market challenges in the region and strategies for how the region can better position itself to meet the demands of the modern workplace.

Moderator:

- **Diana Robinson**, Director, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University

Presenters:

- **Thomas McDonald**, Senior Economist, Economic Analysis and Information Department, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- **Fred Payne**, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Workforce Development
- **John Rico**, Chair, Illinois Workforce Innovation Board and CEO, Rico Enterprises
- **Scott Smathers**, Vice President for Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents

11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) REPORT

Sen. Sara Howard, Nebraska, BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: THE SOUL OF AMERICA

In his nonpartisan, anecdotally rich presentation, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and best-selling author Jon Meacham will discuss moments of crisis and partisan deadlock in American history, and suggest how previous generations — and we, in our own time — transcended fear by heeding what Abraham Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature." Meacham's highly regarded books have included biographies of George H.W. Bush, Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson; "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels" was a No. 1 New York Times best-seller.

Presenter:

» **Jon Meacham**, Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

After his presentation, Jon Meacham will sign copies of a variety of his books (including "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels"), which also will be available for purchase from Sandmeyer's Bookstore.

2 to 3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

URBAN EDUCATION: AN EXPERT-LED DISCUSSION ON POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATES AND THEIR SCHOOLS

Clark Room | Fourth Floor

The city of Chicago is home to a groundbreaking, nationally recognized partnership that uses the work of some of the top education researchers in the country to implement evidence-based policies that improve student achievement and school performance. What can be learned from this partnership and its findings? What are some of the proven strategies that state legislators should consider adopting or investing in? These questions and more will be explored in this interactive session.

This session is being presented by the MLC Education Committee.

Presenter:

» **Dr. Elaine Allensworth**, Lewis-Sebring Director, University of Chicago Consortium of School Research

2 to 3:30 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS** (CONTINUED)

THE SCIENCE OF VACCINATIONS

Addison Room | Fourth Floor

From the 18th century, when the long struggle to contain and eliminate smallpox began, through today, vaccinations have been controversial. But there's no denying their effectiveness — with smallpox and polio eradicated and other infectious diseases under control — so what are legislators to make of them? This session explores the hard science of vaccination and "herd immunity," and how that can inform state policy and lawmaking.

This session is being presented by the MLC Health & Human Services Committee.

Presenters:

- **Kristen Ehresmann**, Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division, Minnesota Department of Public Health
- **Dr. Nancy Messonnier**, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control

3:45 to 5 p.m.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: A VIEW FROM WASHINGTON

Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 | Seventh Floor

A senior Washington, D.C., correspondent for *POLITICO* and co-author of "POLITICO's Playbook," Anna Palmer (a North Dakota native) has successfully chronicled the business of Washington insiders for years, taking readers behind the scenes for the biggest stories — in the nation's capital and on the campaign trails. During this featured presentation, Palmer will share her insights on U.S. politics as well as the upcoming elections.

Presenter:

- **Anna Palmer**, Senior Washington Correspondent, *POLITICO;* and Co-Author, "POLITICO's Playbook"

5 to 6 p.m.

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Avenue Ballroom | Fourth Floor

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

MICHIGAN 2020 RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

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7 to 11 p.m. **OFFSITE EVENT**

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

MLC ANNUAL MEETING APP

To download the app, see the inside front cover of this program for instructions or stop by the MLC Registration & Information Desk for help. With the app, you can provide us with valuable feedback on individual sessions (just click on a session and scroll down to answer three quick questions) while also accessing presentations and handouts from the meeting.

8:30 to 10 a.m.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK /CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

Seventh Floor Registration

8:30 to 10 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION

Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

Everyone is invited to attend the MLC business session. Members will elect new conference officers and act on proposed resolutions. Susan Heegaard, president of the Midwest Higher Education Compact, will update members on the work of MHEC.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON FACING THE MEDIA

Grand Ballroom 2 | Seventh Floor

Communications expert Seth Pendleton specializes in preparing political, nonprofit and business leaders for some of their most crucial public appearances, including media interviews, national convention speeches, keynote addresses and investor meetings. With two decades of experience, he has served as a media and public speaking trainer and as a debate-prep consultant for more than 50 members of the U.S. Congress. He will use this expertise in this interactive workshop designed to help state legislators face the media using a commonsense approach to defusing hostile questions and giving positive, simple and memorable information.

Presenter:

» **Seth Pendleton**, Founding Partner, KNP Communications

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

BILLD 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON | BY INVITATION ONLY

Avenue Ballroom | Fourth Floor

SPOUSE, GUEST & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Space for day trips is limited. Although advance registration was required, inquire at the MLC Registration & Information Desk about availability. Lunch will be provided on all day trips. Attire for all events is casual, unless otherwise noted. Please inform conference staff at the registration desk if you have special needs or other requirements.

Youth Events: An adult must accompany children ages 5 and under. Please have children wear their MLC-provided T-shirts. Adults can only attend daytime and evening youth activities if they are accompanying their child and have paid the $175 registration fee.

Spouses/Adult Guests: In addition to the special day trips listed below, you are welcome to attend any session on the business program. You must be 21 or older to take part in events for spouses and adult guests.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

5:15 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

YOUTH MEET & GREET AT RAZZMATAZZ GAMES & GRILL

This is a great opportunity to meet the other kids attending the MLC Annual Meeting from across the Midwest and Canada, all while enjoying some healthy competition. One thing is for sure, there is something here for everyone! You can try your hand in the arcade, bounce to your heart's content in the Inflatable Playland, grab a basketball or soccer ball and head to the indoor fields, or battle one another at the Route 66 Bowling Lanes.

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6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR ATTENDEES, SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT HOUSE OF BLUES

The House of Blues is the ultimate night out! The food will set the stage for an amazing live performance from one of Chicagoland's most in-demand show bands, The Blooze Brothers. Come enjoy a VIP experience at this one-of-a-kind venue and concert that you will not soon forget — all while getting to know your fellow meeting attendees for the first time or reuniting with old friends.

The House of Blues (329 N. Dearborn St.) is a 15-minute walk from the Marriott Hotel. Walking maps will be available. Buses will also be available and will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) and will make a loop between the hotel and House of Blues every 30 minutes . The last bus will leave the House of Blues at 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

TOUR OF MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Enjoy an exciting day exploring the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere. Where else can you tour the only U-505 German Submarine in the United States and then step aboard one of America's first diesel-electric streamlined passenger trains, the "Silver Streak" Pioneer Zephyr? When you're done traveling from sea to land, check out the Farm Tech exhibit that will show you the technology that is helping feed the world!

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9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE RIVER CRUISE, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND A WINE TASTING AT CITY WINERY WEST LOOP

Chicago's architecture is known worldwide – and there's nothing like seeing it from all three branches of the Chicago River. Sit back and relax while viewing the city's hidden architectural treasures and its most famous landmarks. Then join us for a behind-the-scenes wine tour, lunch and wine tasting at Chicago's premier, fully operational urban winery, located in the heart of the West Loop.

A bus will depart from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY NIGHT AND A TASTE OF CHICAGO AT THE ADLER PLANETARIUM

Join us for a taste of Chicago while following the universe from its humble beginnings as you see how the galaxies, stars and planets were created and grew. Experience the night sky over Chicago as it appeared in 1913 in the Atwood Sphere — Chicago's oldest planetarium. In addition, there will be live science demonstrations and a chance for all to experience a premier show in the Grainger Sky Theater.

Buses will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Marriott Hotel's northwest corner (Ohio and Rush streets) and will make a loop between the hotel and the Adler Planetarium every 30 minutes. The last bus will leave the planetarium at 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

TOUR OF SOLDIER FIELD AND SHEDD AQUARIUM

Get the VIP treatment at Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears! This tour will include an on-field experience and a behind-the-scenes view of the Bears' state-of-the-art video control room. Then head over to nearby Shedd Aquarium to immerse yourself in a variety of exhibits that will connect you to incredible animals from around the world, revealing the secrets of our planet's waters. Dive deep into coral reefs and flooded rainforests, and stroll along the craggy Pacific Northwest coast.

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10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE TOUR AND GUIDED TOURS THROUGH ONE OF CHICAGO'S BEST-KNOWN NEIGHBORHOODS — PLUS A ONE-OF-A KIND LUNCH EXPERIENCE

Start the morning off exploring thousands of pieces of artworks in the Art Institute's wide-ranging collection — from world-renowned icons to lesser-known gems from every corner of the globe. Then share a taste of local life with expert guides as you eat authentic Chicago-style dishes and overindulge at Chicago's best restaurants; you'll have four tour options to choose from with Chicago Food Planet, the city's No. 1 food-tour company.

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5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

FOR ATTENDEES, SPOUSES AND OTHER ADULT GUESTS

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Grand Ballroom 3 | Seventh Floor

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6 to 10:15 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

YOUTH FAREWELL EVENT AT THE AMC DINE-IN THEATER

Enjoy the best all-inclusive movie-going experience by taking in the best of both worlds — a restaurant and movie theater rolled into one. Just push the service button at your seat to order while enjoying one of the newest movie releases. (The movie will be appropriate for all ages who attend.)

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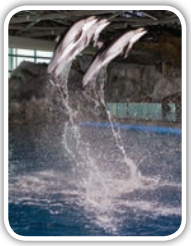
7 to 11 p.m.

FOR ATTENDEES, SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

STATE DINNER AT SHEDD AQUARIUM | BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE



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Des Moines, Iowa
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2016
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Rep. **Joan Ballweg**, Chair

2015
Bismarck, North Dakota
Sen. **Tim Flakoll**, Chair

2014
Omaha, Nebraska
Sen. **Beau McCoy**, Chair

2013
St. Paul, Minnesota
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2012
Cleveland, Ohio
Rep. **Armond Budish**, Chair

2011
Indianapolis, Indiana
Rep. **Scott Reske**, Chair

2010
Toronto, Ontario
Ohio Sen. **Steve Buehrer**, Chair

Ontario Speaker **Steve Peters**, Host Committee Chair

2009
Overland Park, Kansas
Sen. **Jay Scott Emler**, Chair

2008
Rapid City, South Dakota
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2007
Traverse City, Michigan
Sen. **Patricia Birkholz**, Chair

2006
Chicago, Illinois
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2005
Regina, Saskatchewan
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October 21-24 | Washington, D.C.

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July 19-22 | Detroit, Michigan

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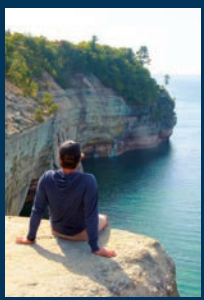

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