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Annual Meeting | July 12–15, 2015

70TH CSG MIDWEST ANNUAL MEETING

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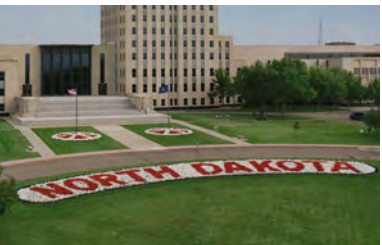

GENERAL INFORMATION

ON-SITE HELP, INFORMATION AT BISMARCK EVENT CENTER

CSG Midwest/MLC Office: Cottonwood Room, Lower Level

Host State Office: Show Manager's Office, Lower Level

Presenters Room: Hall D Ticket Office, Lower Level

Conference Registration, Information and CSG-Sponsored Internet Access:

- Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Lower Lobby
- Sunday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Lower Lobby
- Monday and Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Lower Lobby
- Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Lower Lobby

All of these rooms are located at the Bismarck Event Center (formerly Bismarck Civic Center), 315 S. Fifth Street. All of the conference's sessions will be held at the center.

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOTELS, EVENT CENTER

Transportation will be provided between the Bismarck Event Center and five hotels: the Radisson, Fairfield Inn & Suites South, Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota. Buses will depart from the Radisson hotel's main entrance (on Broadway Avenue) and travel directly to the Event Center. Buses also will depart from the Fairfield Inn & Suites South; continue to the Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota; and then arrive at the Bismarck Event Center. The buses will make continuous loops on each day of the meeting during the times listed below.

- *Saturday, 11:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.*: First bus leaves hotels at 11:15 a.m. and last bus leaves Event Center at 6:15 p.m.
- *Sunday, 7:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.*: First bus leaves hotels at 7:45 a.m. and last bus leaves Event Center at 6:15 p.m.
- *Monday, 7:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.* : First bus leaves hotels at 7:15 a.m. and last bus leaves Event Center at 6:15 p.m.
- *Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.*: First bus leaves hotels at 7:15 a.m. and last bus leaves Event Center at 10:15 p.m.
- *Wednesday, 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*: First bus leaves hotels at 8:15 a.m. and last bus leaves Event Center at 12:30 p.m.

VISIT THE WISCONSIN TABLE

Located in the Event Center's Lower Lobby

Start planning now to attend next year's MLC Annual Meeting, which will be held July 17-20 in Milwaukee. Visit the Wisconsin Table for information on the state and its largest city. Also, between 2 and 4 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, stop by and have a taste of some Wisconsin cheese.

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

We Value Your Feedback!

Please take a few minutes to fill out the MLC Annual Meeting evaluation at *www.csgmidwest.org*. If you complete the survey by Friday, July 24, you will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card.

You can also fill out the evaluation form provided in your registration folder and available at the registration desk. Return your completed form to the MLC registration desk to receive a candy bar or piece of fruit. Thank you for taking the time to give us your comments and suggestions. It helps us do a better job of serving you.

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TBD

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Speaker **Daryl Reid**

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Speaker **Dave Levac**

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Speaker **Dan D'Autremont**
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2015 HOST STATE COMMITTEE

MLC HOST STATE TEAM LEADERS

Senator **Tim Flakoll**, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

Jim W. Smith, Director, North Dakota Legislative Council, Host State Coordinator

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Senator **Joan Heckaman**, Spouse Events

Senator **Karen K. Krebsbach**, State Dinner

Senator **Judy Lee**, State Dinner

Senator **Carolyn C. Nelson**, Spouse Events

Senator **Nicole Poolman**, Opening Reception

Senator **Jessica Unruh**, Energy Patch Tour

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MLC ANNUAL MEETINGS OVER THE YEARS

The Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting has been held every year since 1945. Here is a list of the sites and MLC chairs since 1992:

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

2013
St. Paul, Minnesota
Rep. **Alice Hausman**, Chair

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
Sen. **Tom Dempster**, Chair

2007
Traverse City, Michigan
Sen. **Patricia Birkholz**, Chair

2006
Chicago, Illinois
Sen. **Donne E. Trotter**, Chair

2005
Regina, Saskatchewan
Ohio Sen. **Kevin Coughlin**, Chair

Saskatchewan Speaker **P. Myron Kowalsky**, Host Committee Chair

2004
Des Moines, Iowa
Rep. **Libby Jacobs**, Chair

2003
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Rep. **Suzanne Jeskewitz**, Chair

2002
Fargo, North Dakota
Sen. **Rich Wardner**, Chair

2001
Lincoln, Nebraska
Sen. **DiAnna Schimek**, Chair

2000
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sen. **John Hottinger**, Chair

1999
Cincinnati, Ohio
Speaker **Jo Ann Davidson**, Chair

1998
Indianapolis, Indiana
Rep. **Sue Scholer**, Chair

1997
Overland Park, Kansas
Rep. **David Adkins**, Chair

1996
Rapid City, South Dakota
Rep. **Steve Cutler**, Chair

1995
Traverse City, Michigan
Sen. **Dale Shugars**, Chair

1994
Des Moines, Iowa
Rep. **John Connors**, Chair

1993
Madison, Wisconsin
Sen. **Fred A. Risser**, Chair

1992
Bismarck, North Dakota
Sen. **Corliss Mushik**, Chair

BEGIN PLANNING FOR THESE LEARNING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

2015

BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD)
August 21-25 | Madison, WI

CSG HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
August 28-September 2 | Lexington, KY

MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
September 23-24 | St. Paul, MN

GREAT LAKES LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS ANNUAL MEETING
September 25-26 | Buffalo, NY

CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE
December 10-13 | Nashville, TN

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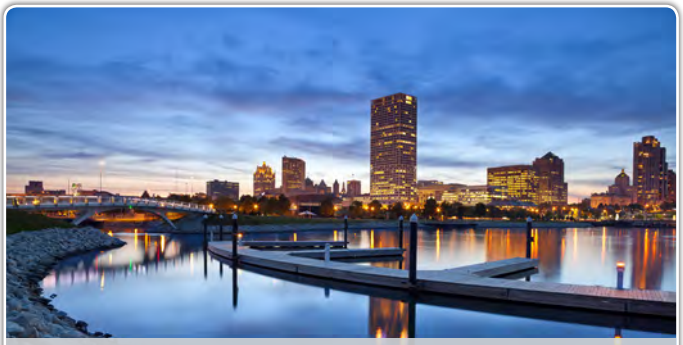

71ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
July 17–20 | Milwaukee, WI

BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD)
August 12-16 | Madison, WI

CSG HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
August 26-31 | Lexington, KY

2017

72ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
July 9-12 | Des Moines, IA

WELCOME TO THE 70TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS
Lower Lobby

2 to 7:30 p.m.

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT
Off-Site Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

Bus will load at 1:45 p.m. and depart at 2 p.m. from the Bismarck Event Center and return to the conference's hotels by 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS
Lower Lobby

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hall C, Lower Level

12 to 1 p.m.

MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LUNCH
Spruce Room, Lower Level

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

MLC POLICY COMMITTEES (OPEN TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES)

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Prairie Rose 105, Upper Level

- Luncheon, Introductions and Roundtable Discussion
  12-12:45 p.m.
- Economic Outlook for Agriculture
  1-1:40 p.m.
- Avian Influenza: State Responses, Strategies to Prevent Disease Outbreaks
  1:45-2:30 p.m.
- Impact of the Renewable Fuel Standard
  2:30-3:30 p.m.
- State Investments in Water Quality
  3:30-4:15 p.m.
- Discussion of Committee Business
  4:15-4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

North Dakota Sen. Donald Schaible

Iowa Sen. Mary Jo Wilhelm

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Prairie Rose 102, Upper Level

- Luncheon, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:30 p.m.
- Fostering Economic Opportunities and Growth in Rural Communities
  12:30-1:45 p.m.
- Creating a Skilled and Qualified Workforce: Developing Partnerships That Work
  1:45-3 p.m.
- Roundtable Discussion on Closing the Skills Gap
  3-3:45 p.m.
- Discussion of Committee Business
  3:45-4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Michigan Sen. Ken Horn

Nebraska Sen. Heath Mello

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Prairie Rose 103, Upper Level

- Luncheon, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:40 p.m.
- Problem-Based Learning: A Method to Encourage Creativity and Critical Thinking
  12:40-1:45 p.m.
- Teachers in Business and Industry: The Value of Externship Programs
  1:45-2:45 p.m.
- Preparing Students, Building Workforces Through Creative Community Partnerships
  3-4 p.m.
- Roundtable Discussion and Committee Business
  4-4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

North Dakota Sen. Kyle Davison

South Dakota Rep. Jacqueline Sly

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Prairie Rose 101, Upper Level

- Luncheon, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:40 p.m.
- The Affordable Care Act Five Years Later: What Does the Future Hold?
  12:40-1:45 p.m.
- Health Care Cost Containment Strategies
  1:45-2:45 p.m.
- Substance Abuse and Infectious Disease Prevention
  3-4 p.m.
- Roundtable Discussion and Committee Business
  4-4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Kansas Rep. Susan Concannon

Illinois Rep. Robyn Gabel

12 to 4:30 p.m. MLC POLICY COMMITTEES (continued)

MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Prairie Rose 104, Upper Level

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Indiana Sen. Ed Charbonneau

Saskatchewan MLA Wayne Elhard

- Luncheon and Introductions
  12-12:30 p.m.
- The U.S.-Canada Relationship: History and Perspective
  12:30-1:15 p.m.
- The Benefits, Challenges and Future of U.S.-Canada Energy Interconnectedness
  1:15-2:15 p.m.
- Labor Mobility and Availability in North America
  2:15-3 p.m.
- Measures to Improve the Safety of Crude Oil Shipments by Rail
  3-4 p.m.
- Discussion of Committee Business
  4-4:30 p.m.

4:30 to 5 p.m.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Hall D, Lower Level

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 the chance to win a $50 gift card.

5 to 6 p.m.

BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION

Hall A, Lower Level | By Invitation Only

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Hall D, Lower Level

If you're attending the MLC Annual Meeting for the first time, come enjoy refreshments and meet MLC Executive Committee members as well as other newcomers.

Buses will be available to take people from these two receptions at the Bismarck Event Center directly to the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum for the Opening Night Reception.

6 to 8:30 p.m.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER AND STATE MUSEUM

Spend the evening making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones from across the region while enjoying hors d'oeuvres at the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. The recently remodeled and expanded facility features galleries on dinosaurs, early North Dakota geology and life, and the history of the state. Tours of the North Dakota State Capitol are also available. They will take place every 15 minutes, starting at 6:15 p.m. The last tour will depart for the Capitol at 7:30 p.m. To take part in this half-hour tour, meet at the east entrance of the Heritage Center's Inspiration Gallery.

Buses will depart at 5:45 p.m. from the Radisson hotel's main entrance (on Broadway Avenue). A bus will also leave at 5:45 p.m. from the Fairfield Inn & Suites South and then continue to the Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota. Buses will make a continuous loop between the museum and these hotels, with the last buses leaving the museum at 8:45 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 13

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

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Lower Lobby

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

BREAKFAST
Hall C, Lower Level

BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION
Prairie Rose 101, Upper Level | Committee Members Only | Breakfast Included

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS
Please plan to join your legislative colleagues for one of these legislator-initiated and -led discussions. Breakfast will be available in the adjacent Spruce Room.

» Bakken 101: Lessons on the Fiscal, Energy Impact of Shale Plays on States and Their Communities
Room: Maple, Lower Level Facilitated by **Rep. Vicky Steiner**, North Dakota

» Count the Kids: A State Strategy for Preventing Stillbirths and Saving Babies
Room: Pine, Lower Level Facilitated by **Sen. Janet Petersen**, Iowa

» Strategies for Effectively Managing, Maintaining Off-Road Vehicle Trails
Room: Oak, Lower Level Facilitated by **Rep. Triston Cole**, Michigan

» Term Limits: Pros and Cons and How to Address Shortcomings
Room: Linden, Lower Level Facilitated by **Rep. Eric Leutheuser**, Michigan

9 to 10:15 a.m.

OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION
Hall A, Lower Level

MLC Annual Meeting Welcome
Sen. Tim Flakoll, North Dakota, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

Pledge of Allegiance
Sen. Richard Marcellais, North Dakota

KEYNOTE SESSION: BIG IDEAS FOR A NEW AMERICA
Presenter: **Dr. Anne-Marie Slaughter**, CEO and President, New America Foundation

As president and CEO of the nonprofit, nonpartisan New America Foundation, Anne-Marie Slaughter leads a team of top U.S. thinkers devoted to developing cutting-edge solutions to today's public policy problems. During this keynote address, Dr. Slaughter will share transformative ideas in seven key policy areas, from education and manufacturing to health care and "big data."

9 a.m.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: THE MIDWEST'S ENERGY FUTURE

Hall A, Lower Level

Presenters:

- **Ms. Ellen M. Gilmer**, Reporter, EnergyWire
- **Mr. Bruce Hicks**, Assistant Director, Oil and Gas Division, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources
- **Ms. Melissa Savage**, Senior Director, National Association of State Energy Officials
- **Mr. Adam Sieminski**, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration

New technologies have helped the Midwest become an important energy producer, from oil and natural gas to wind and solar. What do state energy portfolios look like now, and how are they likely to change in the future? This session will explore the important changes, opportunities and policy challenges that lie ahead for the region's states. It also will examine North Dakota's unique experience with its recent energy boom.

12 to 2 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Hall C, Lower Level

National CSG Report

Sen. Carl Marcellino, New York, National CSG Chair

FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: LOOK TO THE STARS

Presenter: **Dr. Buzz Aldrin**, Retired NASA Astronaut

During his historic career at NASA, Buzz Aldrin performed the world's first successful space walk and became the second person in history to walk on the moon. To this day, he remains committed to inspiring future generations of explorers and innovators. For this featured presentation, Dr. Aldrin will look back at his momentous career and describe his vision for the future of space exploration.

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Hall C, Lower Level

After his presentation, Buzz Aldrin will sign copies of his book "Mission to Mars," which will be available for purchase.

2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO BETTER SERVE CITIZENS

Hall A, Lower Level

Presenters:

- **Dr. Theresa A. Pardo**, Director, Center for Technology in Government, State University of New York at Albany
- **Mr. Doug Robinson**, Executive Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers

States are increasingly investing in and adopting new technologies to improve operations and better serve citizens. What are the areas in which states are doing well? How can they improve? What types of investments can and should states be making? The session will explore these questions as well as key trends in the use of technology in government.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

FISCAL LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Prairie Rose 105, Upper Level

Moderator: **Sen. Ray Holmberg**, North Dakota

Presenters:

- **Mr. Scott Pattison**, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
- **Mr. Marcos Trujillo**, Policy Fellow, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Policy Director, New Mexico Department of Transportation

Guest experts will discuss the current fiscal condition of states, as well as strategies to meet the rising costs and unmet needs associated with transportation infrastructure. Participants will also take part in a roundtable discussion of trends and developments shaping state and provincial budgets across the Midwest.

6 to 9:30 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT AT FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

Casual Attire

Steeped in early Native American and military history, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is where George Custer and the Seventh Cavalry rode out on their ill-fated expedition against the Sioux in the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The park is also home to On-A-Slant Indian Village, which includes reconstructed "earthlodges" depicting the lifestyle of the Mandan Indians.

Living-history enactments of George and Libby Custer, military encampments, and the shooting of a cannon and Gatling gun will give attendees a feel for what life was like at this U.S. Army fort. Dinner for the evening will be classic North Dakota pitchfork-fondue-style steaks.

Buses will depart for the park at 5:45 p.m. from the Radisson hotel's main entrance (on Broadway Avenue). A bus will also depart for the park at 5:45 p.m. from the Fairfield Inn & Suites South and then continue to the Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota. Buses will make a continuous loop between the park and these hotels, with the last buses leaving the park at 9:45 p.m.

Photo from Jonathan Arenz, North Dakota Department of Transportation

TUESDAY, JULY 14

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

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS
Lower Lobby

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

BREAKFAST
Hall C, Lower Level

BILLD BREAKFAST
Prairie Rose 101, Upper Level | By Invitation Only

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Prairie Rose 104, Upper Level

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS
Please plan to join your legislative colleagues for one of these legislator-initiated and -led discussions. Breakfast will be available in the adjacent Spruce Room.

- Behavioral Health: Building a Better Tomorrow
  Room: Oak, Lower Level Facilitated by **Sen. Judy Lee,** North Dakota
- State Policies on Enhanced Oil Recovery
  Room: Maple, Lower Level Facilitated by **Rep. Triston Cole**, Michigan

BREAKFAST BRIEFING: JUSTICE REINVESTMENT IN THE STATES
Pine Room, Lower Level

Presenters:

- **Mr. Marc Pelka**, Deputy Director, State Initiatives, Justice Center, The Council of State Governments
- **Mr. Carl Reynolds**, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Justice Center, The Council of State Governments

During this informal conversation, attendees will learn about the CSG Justice Center's data-driven approach to reducing corrections spending and then reinvesting the savings in strategies that decrease recidivism and increase public safety. Breakfast will be available in the adjacent Spruce Room.

9 to 10:15 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION: THE LIFELONG IMPACT OF EARLY LIFE EXPERIENCES
Hall A, Lower Level

Presenters:

- **Mr. Rob Grunewald**, Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- **Dr. Geoffrey Nagle,** President and CEO, Erikson Institute
- **Ms. Margie Wallen**, Director, Policy Partnerships, Ounce of Prevention Fund

As recent advances in neuroscience and the behavioral and social sciences have shown, early life experiences form the foundation not only for educational achievement, but for lifelong health, economic productivity and responsible citizenship. A panel of experts will discuss the science of brain development; describe the economic benefits of investing in early childhood development; and explore public policies for very young children that contribute to positive long-term outcomes.

10:30 to 11:45 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

LEVERAGING THE SENIOR YEAR

Prairie Rose 102, Upper Level

Presenters:

- **Mr. Jeremy Anderson**, President, Education Commission of the States
- **Ms. Kirsten Baesler,** State Superintendent of Schools, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

With the college and career readiness of students more important today than ever before, states are putting a greater emphasis on the final year of high school. This session will explore strategies for strengthening academic rigor and expanding career-training options for students in their senior year of high school.

This session is being held as part of North Dakota Sen. Tim Flakoll's MLC Chair's Initiative.

THE ROLE OF STATES IN PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS

Prairie Rose 103, Upper Level

Presenters:

- **Dr. Terry Dwelle**, State Health Officer, North Dakota Department of Health
- **Dr. Anna Goodman Hoover**, Research Assistant Professor, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky
- **Dr. Melinda Wharton**, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

How prepared are the Midwestern states to prevent and respond to a disease outbreak? What is the role of states and their legislatures in protecting public health? Guest experts in public health will explore these questions and more during this session.

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

LUNCHEON

Hall C, Lower Level

Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Report

Rep. Ed Clere, Indiana, BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

FIVE DAYS IN NOVEMBER: A FEATURED, MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION WITH CLINT HILL

Presenters:

- **Mr. Clint Hill**, Former Secret Service Agent
- **Ms. Lisa McCubbin**, Award-Winning Journalist

Clint Hill began his life in a North Dakota orphanage and then became the most trusted man in the life of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy. He will forever be remembered as the courageous Secret Service agent who leapt onto the back of the presidential limousine in the midst of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He tells his story with the help of award-winning journalist Lisa McCubbin.

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Hall C, Lower Level

After their presentation, Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin will sign their books, which will be available for purchase.

2 to 3:15 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

PUBLIC POLICY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Take part in expert-led, small-group discussions that give you the chance to share ideas and experiences in a policy area of interest to you.

» **Livestock Siting Regulations**
Room: Maple, Lower Level
Facilitator: **Mr. Eldon L. McAfee**, Shareholder, Brick Gentry Law

» **Juvenile Justice Reform**
Room: Oak, Lower Level
Facilitator: **Ms. Jeanne K. Brandner**, Deputy Administrator, Office of Probation Administration, Nebraska

» **The Use of Body Cameras in Law Enforcement**
Room: Pine, Lower Level
Facilitator: **Mr. Jim Bueermann**, President, The Police Foundation

3:30 to 5 p.m.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: POLITICAL OUTLOOK AND REVIEW OF TRENDS THAT WILL CHANGE GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND OUR LIVES

Hall A, Lower Level

Presenter: **Mr. John Zogby**, Founder and Senior Analyst, Zogby Analytics

One of the nation's leading pollsters and opinion leaders, John Zogby is also a best-selling author whose latest book examines the defining characteristics and unique perspective of the millennial generation. During this session, Mr. Zogby will describe the current political landscape and take a look at the most important trends that will change government, business and our own lives.

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Hall C, Lower Level

After his presentation, John Zogby will sign copies of his book "The First Globals: Understanding, Managing and Unleashing Our Millennial Generation," which will be available for purchase.

5 to 6 p.m.

CONTRIBUTORS RECEPTION

Upper Lobby | By Invitation Only

6 to 7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

Lower Lobby

8:30 to 10 a.m.

BREAKFAST & MLC BUSINESS SESSION

Hall C, Lower Level

All are invited to attend the MLC business session, at which members will elect conference officers, act on proposed resolutions and hear special reports.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION

Prairie Rose 104/105, Upper Level

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: SOCIAL MEDIA AND NETWORKING FOR LEGISLATORS

Presenter: **Mr. Sonny Cohen**, Digital Strategy Consultant, Digital Strategy & Marketing

During this workshop, digital strategy expert Sonny Cohen will lead participants through the most popular social media platforms and sites, and demonstrate how to best use these outreach tools for their political and policy goals. He also will help legislators better understand what pitfalls to avoid while social networking and how to respond to negative attacks by others on social media.

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 under the age of 5. Please have children wear their MLC-provided T-shirts on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, as indicated under each event.

Spouses/Adult Guests: In addition to the special day trips listed below, you are welcome to attend any session on the business program.

Please note that adults can only attend daytime and evening youth activities if they are accompanying their child and have paid the $150 registration fee.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

MEET & GREET AT THE NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER AND STATE MUSEUM

The children of conference attendees will meet for a fun, interactive evening while learning about the history of North Dakota. They will tour the museum and decorate North Dakota-shaped sugar cookies — all while getting to know their new Midwestern Legislative Conference friends. As part of the museum tour, children will check out now-extinct mammals, learn about the impact of the Ice Age, and discover what it's like to live underwater by walking along a sea floor. A kid-friendly dinner will be served.

Children and teens: Please wear your PURPLE MLC-provided T-shirt.

Parents: Youth attendees must check in with a parent at the youth drop-off area (located at the Bismarck Event Center, inside door E42) by 4:15 p.m. Please plan to pick up your children at The Heritage Center's Great Plains Theater (located near the Atrium inside the east entrance) between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m.

6 to 8:30 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & ADULT GUESTS | BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER AND STATE MUSEUM

Featuring galleries on dinosaurs, early North Dakota geology and North Dakota history, the recently remodeled and expanded Heritage Center and State Museum will host MLC meeting attendees and guests. Appetizers will be served.

Tours of the North Dakota State Capitol also will be available. They will take place every 15 minutes, starting at 6:15 p.m. The last tour will depart for the Capitol at 7:30 p.m. To take part in the half-hour tour, meet at the east entrance of the Heritage Center's Inspiration Gallery.

Buses will depart at 5:45 p.m. from the Radisson hotel's main entrance (on Broadway Avenue). A bus also will leave the Fairfield Inn & Suites South at 5:45 p.m. and then continue to the Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota. Buses will make a continuous loop between the museum and these hotels, with the last buses leaving the museum at 8:45 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

DAKOTA ZOO AND ON-A-SLANT VILLAGE

Moose, bobcats, mountain lions, monkeys and much more can all be seen and heard at the Dakota Zoo. Attendees will be able to tour the zoo by train and learn about interesting reptiles and fish at the zoo's aquarium. After lunch, the children of MLC meeting attendees will take a trolley to On-A-Slant Village, where they will learn how the Mandan Tribes lived and worked in their unique "earthlodges."

Children and teens: Please wear your ORANGE MLC-provided T-shirt. You will need to stay with a volunteer or accompanying parent while at the zoo and On-A-Slant Village.

Parents: Youth attendees must check in with a parent at the youth drop-off area (located at the Bismarck Event Center, inside door E42) by 9:15 a.m. Please plan to pick up your children at the picnic tables near the southwest parking lot at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. (The evening's Family Night is being held at this state park; see below.)

9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & ADULT GUESTS

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND FORT MANDAN FOUNDATION

Lewis and Clark built Fort Mandan as a stopping point to plan their journey to the Pacific Ocean, and this is the site where they met Sakakawea, the legendary interpreter and guide for their expedition. Guided activities and tours led by the center's docents will give participants the opportunity to learn more about Fort Mandan and the famous expedition. Following lunch, a limited number of attendees will proceed to the Falkirk Mine for a guided tour of a surface-mining operation. The operation employs some of the largest earth-moving equipment in the world today. (Registration for the mine tour is limited; please check availability at the MLC registration desk.)

A bus will depart at 9:45 a.m. from the Bismarck Event Center (Fifth Street entrance) and will return at 4:45 p.m. On the return, the bus will stop at the Radisson, Fairfield Inn & Suites South, Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota.

6 to 9 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY NIGHT AT FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN STATE PARK

This MLC event is for the whole family and will be held at one of North Dakota's popular state parks. Steeped in early Native American and military history, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is where George Custer and the Seventh Cavalry rode out on their ill-fated expedition against the Sioux at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Dinner for the evening will be classic North Dakota pitchfork-fondue-style steaks.

Buses will depart for the park at 5:45 p.m. from the Radisson hotel's main entrance (on Broadway Avenue). A bus also will depart for the park at 5:45 p.m. from the Fairfield Inn & Suites South and then continue to the Expressway Suites, Expressway Inn and Ramkota. Buses will make a continuous loop between the park and these hotels, with the last buses leaving the park at 9:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

GATEWAY TO SCIENCE CENTER AND OUTDOOR FUN ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS

The Gateway to Science Center features more than 90 interactive learning experiences. How do kaleidoscopes and robotic arms work? How is electricity generated? How do lasers carry light and sound? Answers to these and many other scientific questions are answered at the center.

The children of MLC meeting attendees will then make their way to the beautiful and expansive grounds of the North Dakota Capitol. They will run obstacle courses, learn how to use a water balloon slingshot and then participate in a water balloon competition. Later in the evening, children will tour the Capitol and take part in a theater workshop.

Children and teens: Please wear your RED MLC-provided T-shirt. You will need to stay with a volunteer or accompanying parent while at these events.

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9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES AND ADULT GUESTS

BBQ BOOT CAMP & LEWIS AND CLARK RIVERBOAT CRUISE

On the banks of the beautiful Missouri River, North Dakota State University instructors will talk about various cuts of meat and how best to prepare them. Grilling techniques, delicious marinades and tasty side dishes will be part of this "BBQ Boot Camp." Participants will then enjoy a barbecue lunch on the majestic Lewis and Clark Riverboat. They will be joined throughout the event by a special guest of the Midwestern Legislative Conference, Ms. Lauren Tewes, former star of "The Love Boat" (she played cruise director Julie McCoy) and an accomplished sous chef.

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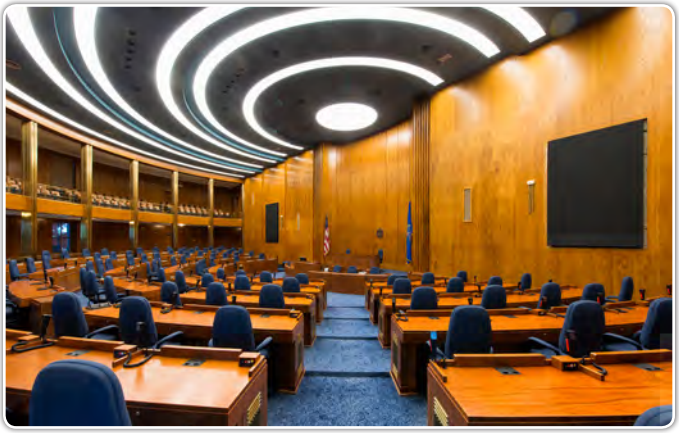

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