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VISIT THE IOWA TABLE
Start planning now to attend next year’s MLC Annual Meeting, which will be held July 9-12, 2017, in Des Moines. Visit the Iowa Table for information on the state and its largest city. At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, please stop by to sample a “taste of Iowa” and register for a drawing at the Iowa Reception that evening, when Iowa items will be given away.

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All rooms are located in the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee.

- **CSG/MLC Office**: Milwaukee Room, 2nd Floor
- **Host State Office**: Crystal Room, 2nd Floor
- **Presenters Room**: Solomon Juneau, 2nd Floor

Conference Registration/Information/Internet Café:
- **Saturday**: 11:30 a.m.–6 p.m. | Atrium, 2nd Floor
- **Sunday**: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. | Atrium, 2nd Floor
- **Monday and Tuesday**: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. | Atrium, 2nd Floor
- **Wednesday**: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. | Atrium, 2nd Floor

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#### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM EVENT

| Mr. Scott Grosz | Mr. Larry Konopacki |

#### DISCOVERY WORLD EVENT

| Ms. Rachel Snyder | Mr. Mike Queensland |

#### STATE DINNER

| Ms. Rachel Letzing | Ms. Melissa Schmidt |
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2016

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

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

**MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING**  
September 28-29 | St. Louis, Missouri

**MIDWESTERN RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
November 30-December 1 | St. Louis, Missouri

**CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
December 8-11 | Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

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2017

**BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD)**  
August 11-15 | Minneapolis, Minnesota

**GREAT LAKES LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS ANNUAL MEETING**  
September 22-23 | Toronto, Ontario

**CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
December 14-17 | Las Vegas, Nevada

2018

**73rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**  
July 15-18 | Winnipeg, Manitoba
The Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting has been held every year since 1945. Here is a list of the sites and MLC chairs since 1993:

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

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Sen. Beau McCoy, Chair

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St. Paul, Minnesota
Rep. Alice Hausman, Chair

**2012**
Cleveland, Ohio
Rep. Armond Budish, Chair

**2011**
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Rep. Scott Reske, Chair

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

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Des Moines, Iowa
Rep. Libby Jacobs, Chair

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Rep. Suzanne Jeskewitz, Chair

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Fargo, North Dakota
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**2001**
Lincoln, Nebraska
Sen. DiAnna Schimek, Chair

**2000**
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Indianapolis, Indiana
Rep. Sue Scholer, Chair

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Rep. David Adkins, Chair

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

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MLC POLICY COMMITTEES (OPEN TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES)

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor

» Lunch, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:30 p.m.

» Growing the Entrepreneurial Economy
  (joint session with MLC Economic Development Committee)
  12:30-1:30 p.m.

» The Midwest’s ‘Protein Highway’
  1:45-2:15 p.m.

» Economic Outlook for Agriculture and the Rural Midwest
  2:15-2:45 p.m.

» Food Safety Modernization and the Veterinary Feed Directive: What States Need to Know
  2:45-3:10 p.m.

» State/Provincial Legislative Update
  3:10-4:15 p.m.

» Committee Business
  4:15-4:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regency Ballroom C, 2nd Floor

» Lunch, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:30 p.m.

» Growing the Entrepreneurial Economy
  (joint session with MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee)
  12:30-1:30 p.m.

» Promoting Career and College Readiness in K-12 Education
  1:45-3 p.m.

» Bridging the Education-to-Workforce Gap: The Role of the Business Community in Creating a 21st Century Workforce
  3-4 p.m.

» Committee Business
  4-4:30 p.m.
AGENDA CONTINUED (SUNDAY, JULY 17)

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor

» Lunch, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:45 p.m.

» The Lifelong Impact of Quality Early Childhood Care and Education
  12:45-1:45 p.m.

» Trends in State Education Funding
  1:45-2:45 p.m.

» The Every Student Succeeds Act: What Does It Mean for States?
  3-3:30 p.m.

» Roundtable Discussion and Committee Business
  3:30-4 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regency Ballroom D, 2nd Floor

» Lunch, Welcome and Introductions
  12-12:45 p.m.

» Member-Driven Discussion of Medicaid Reforms: Cost Savings and the Results of Expansion
  12:45-1:45 p.m.

» Evaluation of Cost Savings from Minnesota’s Use of Health Care Homes
  1:45-2:30 p.m.

» Building More-Complete Behavioral Health Care and Substance Abuse Systems
  2:30-3:15 p.m.

» The Future of Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Health Care
  3:15-4 p.m.

» Committee Business
  4-4:30 p.m.
MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Lakeshore Ballroom, 1st Floor

» Lunch, Welcome and Introductions
   12-12:45 p.m.

» How States and Provinces Can Benefit From the Economic Ties Between Canada and the United States
   12:45-1:30 p.m.

» The Benefits and Challenges of U.S.-Canada Energy Collaboration
   1:30-2:30 p.m.

» The Border Backlog: Improving Experiences for Travelers, Traders and Workers
   2:30-3:15 p.m.

» The Future of U.S.-Canada Relations
   3:15-4 p.m.

» Committee Business
   4-4:30 p.m.

4:30 to 5 p.m.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION
Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd 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 the chance to win a $50 gift card.

5 to 6 p.m.

BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION
Vue North, 21st Floor | By Invitation Only

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION
Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
If you’re attending the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting for the first time, come enjoy refreshments and meet MLC Executive Committee members as well as other newcomers.

6 to 8 p.m.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
The Milwaukee Public Museum will host MLC attendees and their guests. Browse this natural and human history museum’s 150,000 square feet of exhibit space, featuring exhibits from Africa to the Arctic and offering more than 4.5 million specimens for you to explore. Take in the Costa Rican Rainforest, see the world’s largest-known dinosaur skull or step back into time by taking a walk on the Streets of Old Milwaukee. The evening will include a variety of hors d’oeuvres and beverages.

The museum is located a short 10-minute walk from the hotel; volunteers will be in the Hyatt lobby to guide you beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Please speak with conference staff at the MLC Registration/Information Desk at your earliest convenience if you have special transportation needs or other requirements.
MONDAY, JULY 18

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

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION/INTERNET CAFÉ
Atrium, 2nd Floor

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

SIGN-UP FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON SITE VISITS (see pages 14 and 15)
Atrium, 2nd Floor

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

GENERAL BREAKFAST
Regency Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor

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 room.

» The Proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line: The Response from Affected Communities and the Legislators Who Serve Them
   Room: Lakeshore Ballroom C, 1st Floor
   Discussion facilitator: Rep. Amy Loudenbeck, Wisconsin

» Legalization of Medical Cannabis and/or Marijuana: The Experience of Iowa and Perspective of Other Midwestern States
   Room: Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
   Discussion facilitator: Sen. David Johnson, Iowa

BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION
Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor | Committee Members Only | Breakfast Included

9 to 10:15 a.m.

OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION
Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor

MLC Annual Meeting Welcome
Rep. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

Welcome to Wisconsin
Secretary Scott Neitzel, Wisconsin Department of Administration

Welcome to Milwaukee
Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee

KEYNOTE: THE FUTURE OF WATER AND WATER POLICY IN THE MIDWEST
Presenter: Mr. Charles Fishman, Author, “The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water”

In his best-selling book, Charles Fishman examines how water resources will come to define this century. In this session, he will describe the distinct water challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Midwest and its policymakers.

BOOK SIGNING
Outside Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor

After his presentation, Mr. Fishman will sign copies of his book “The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water,” which will be available for purchase.
WATER QUALITY: THREE STATE APPROACHES TO CURBING NUTRIENT POLLUTION
Lakeshore Ballroom AB, 1st Floor
Presenters:
» Mr. Sean McMahon, Executive Director, Iowa Agriculture Water Quality Alliance
» Mr. Russell Rasmussen, Policy Adviser to the Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
» Mr. David Weirens, Assistant Director, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
A mix of factors has led states across the Midwest to deepen their commitment to reducing nutrient runoff into waterways. These new laws and programs often focus on runoff from agricultural operations. This session will highlight three distinct approaches to improving water quality in this region.

WATER AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL: POLICY STRATEGIES FOR STATES
Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenters:
» Mr. Dean Amhaus, President and CEO, The Water Council, Wisconsin
» Mr. John Austin, Director, Michigan Economic Center; Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; and Lecturer, University of Michigan
» Mr. Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, North Dakota
Water can be an economic boon to local economies, while water scarcity can suppress economic growth. Technologies that reduce water use can be vital resources in areas seeing population growth or drought. This session will focus on how water is used as an economic development tool and on some of the innovations being used to prevent overuse of this resource.

MIDWEST’S AGING DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: THE CHALLENGING PATH OF MODERNIZATION
Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
Presenters:
» Ms. Amy Barrilleaux, Public Information Officer, Madison Water Utility
» Ms. Tinka Hyde, Region 5 Water Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
» Mr. Claudio H. Ternieden, Director of Government Affairs, Water Environment Federation
Old pipes, growing populations and tight budgets are among the challenges vexing Midwestern states as they take steps to modernize their drinking water systems. This session will explore strategies for addressing the rising costs and unmet needs associated with an aging drinking water infrastructure.
AGENDA CONTINUED (MONDAY, JULY 18)

12 to 2 p.m.

LUNCHEON
Regency Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor

National CSG Report
Sen. Beau McCoy, Nebraska, CSG National Chair

FEATURED PRESENTATION: THE FUTURE OF WORK AND SKILLS IN THE ‘MAN-MACHINE AGE’
Presenter: Ms. Ayesha Khanna, Education, Technology and Urbanization Expert
In this future-looking presentation, Ayesha Khanna will explore the coming workforce challenges in the “man-machine hybrid age.” Which industries will still require human labor, and which will be automated? How can individuals train themselves to be proficient in new technologies so that they can design and work with smart machines? Ms. Khanna will explore these questions and more.

2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: PREVIEW OF THE 2016 ELECTIONS
Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenter: Mr. Ken Rudin, Host, “Ken Rudin’s Political Junkie” program
This election year is shaping up to be one of the most memorable in U.S. history. In this session, Ken Rudin, one of the nation’s foremost political observers, will provide attendees with witty, insightful analysis on this year’s campaigns and races.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

FISCAL LEADERS ROUNDTABLE
Lakeshore Ballroom, 1st Floor
Moderator: Sen. Luther Olsen, Wisconsin
Presenters:
» Mr. John Hicks, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
» Mr. Richard Mattoon, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Guest experts will present a regional economic forecast and an overview of current fiscal conditions in the states. Participants will also take part in a roundtable discussion of trends and developments shaping state and provincial budgets across the Midwest.

4 to 5:30 p.m.

SITE VISITS
Registration for the two site visits is limited and required by 12 p.m. on Monday. It can be completed at the MLC Registration/Information Desk.
» Visit to the School of Freshwater Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
See how this school is helping to shape a new freshwater future for the Midwest and the globe. This visit will include a tour of the school’s $53 million state-of-the-art facility, its legacy research facility, and research vessels in the industrial harbor. Participants will learn how Milwaukee’s embrace of water and water technology is transforming the city,
and how cutting-edge science is playing a major role in that transformation. Tour stops will include the Great Lakes Genomics Center and the Great Lakes Aquaculture Center.

**Visit to SaintA, a Family Care and Educational Services Provider**

As part of Wisconsin Rep. Joan Ballweg’s MLC Chair’s Initiative, participants will have an opportunity to visit SaintA, a family-centered care provider dedicated to caring for children and building stronger families. SaintA provides clients with a wide range of assistance, including foster care, educational and mental health services. Come tour the facility and learn about SaintA’s rich history and its successful practice of trauma-informed care.

**Buses for the two site visits will depart at 4 p.m. from the Hyatt’s North Old World 3rd Street entrance.**

**FAMILY NIGHT AT DISCOVERY WORLD**

Casual Attire

Located on the beautiful Milwaukee lakefront, Discovery World showcases science and technology and promotes conservation. Get a visual history of the Great Lakes, learn about saltwater and freshwater species, and find out about the future of the Midwest’s freshwater treasures. Dinner will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a fireworks show topping off the evening at 8:45 p.m.

**Buses to Discovery World will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Hyatt’s North Old World 3rd Street entrance. Buses will then make a continuous loop between the hotel and Discovery World, with the last bus leaving Discovery World at 9:15 p.m.**

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**TUESDAY, JULY 19**

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

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION/INTERNET CAFÉ**

Atrium, 2nd Floor

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

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**GENERAL BREAKFAST**

Regency Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor

**BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS**

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- **Election Administration: State Policy Strategies on Voter Registration, Photo ID and More**
  - **Room:** Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
  - **Discussion facilitator:** Rep. Kathy Bernier, Wisconsin

- **Improving Access to Agriculture for a New Generation**
  - **Room:** Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
  - **Discussion facilitator:** Rep. Mark Spreitzer, Wisconsin

**BILLD BREAKFAST | BY INVITATION ONLY**

Lakeshore Ballroom C, 1st Floor

**MLC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Lakeshore Ballroom A, 1st Floor

The committee’s work will be led by Iowa Sen. Janet Petersen, first vice chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference.
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AGENDA CONTINUED (TUESDAY, JULY 19)

9 to 10:15 a.m.

**MLC CHAIR’S INITIATIVE: THE LIFE-CHANGING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**
Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenter: Dr. James J. Heckman, Distinguished Professor and Director, Center for the Economics of Human Development, University of Chicago

This session will explore the life-altering importance of human development during the formative years and the long-term economic impact — on families, communities and individuals — of public efforts to promote the healthy development of children. World-renowned economist and Nobel laureate James J. Heckman will draw upon his groundbreaking work at the University of Chicago’s Center for the Economics of Human Development in discussing the economic benefits to be realized by investing in early childhood development.

*This presentation and the concurrent sessions that follow are being held as part of Wisconsin Rep. Joan Ballweg’s MLC Chair’s Initiative.*

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**THE SCIENCE OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT: A PRIMER FOR POLICYMAKERS**
Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenter:

» Dr. Nicole Sherren, Scientific Director, Palix Foundation; and Program Officer, Alberta Family Wellness Initiative

The first few years of life are critical in shaping a child’s future. Early experiences have lifelong impacts, and we now know that a nurturing environment is essential for healthy brain development. This session will feature an expert overview of the latest scientific findings regarding the process and importance of healthy brain development in children.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAUMA: PROMOTING PREVENTION AND CARE**
Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
Presenters:

» Dr. Eugene Griffin, Director of Research, ChildTrauma Academy

» Ms. Lisa Herpolsheimer, Clinical Services Manager, The Nashotah Program, Rogers Memorial Hospital

Exposure to traumatic experiences during early childhood can result in lifelong consequences for children and their families. This session will focus on strategies to ensure the best possible outcomes for individuals who suffer trauma during early childhood and will include a look at the practice of trauma-informed care.

**STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES**
Lakeshore Ballroom AB, 1st Floor
Presenters:

» Dr. Charlyn Harper Browne, Senior Associate, Center for the Study of Social Policy

» Ms. Bryn Fortune, Project Manager, Parenting Leadership Training and Technical Assistance, Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Michigan

Strong families are widely recognized as a key factor in reducing the risk of social and behavioral problems in developing children and adolescents. This session will examine proven strategies for strengthening families, and will highlight programs that promote healthy child and family development.
11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**LUNCHEON**
Regency Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor

Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Report
Rep. Ed Clere, Indiana, BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

**FEATURED PRESENTATION: THE ART OF POLITICAL RHETORIC — SPEECHES THAT CHANGED AMERICAN HISTORY**
Presenter: Dr. Stephen Lucas, Evjue-Bascom Professor in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Throughout U.S. history, political oratory has been used to debate matters of domestic policy, war and peace, civil rights, social justice and public values. An expert on American political discourse from the Declaration of Independence to the present, Stephen Lucas will explore the artistry and impact of acclaimed public addresses from the 20th century. Historic video footage will remind us of the power of eloquence.

2 to 3:15 p.m.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**POLICY SESSION SPONSORED BY THE MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

» Strengthening the Teacher Pipeline: Policies to Retain and Recruit High-Quality Educators
Room: Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenters:
» Dr. Reid Riggle, President, Wisconsin Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
» Dr. Melody Schopp, Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education
» Dr. Ellen Sherratt, Deputy Director, Center on Great Teachers and Leaders

**PUBLIC POLICY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**
Take part in an expert-led, small-group discussion of state policies and legislation in an issue area of interest to you.

» Alzheimer’s Disease Policy: Strategies That Can Help People and Lead to Long-Term Cost Savings
Room: Gilpatrick AB, 1st Floor
Expert facilitator: Ms. Jennifer Rosen, Associate Director, State Affairs, Alzheimer’s Association

» Introducing Restorative Justice Principles into Communities and Institutions
Room: Executive Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
Expert facilitator: Dr. Mark Umbreit, Director, Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking, University of Minnesota School of Social Work

» Combating Opioid Overdoses and Addiction
Room: Lakeshore Ballroom C, 1st Floor
Expert facilitator: Ms. Debra Miller, Director of Health Policy, The Council of State Governments
3:30 to 5 p.m.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN A POLARIZED ENVIRONMENT
Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor

Presenter: Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Director, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania

In a polarized political environment, sometimes inaccurate information found on social media and talk radio, as well as in blogs and ads, can infect policy debate. During this featured presentation, Kathleen Hall Jamieson will explore how legislators can defend their principles; explain their principled differences; and engage each other and the public on contentious, consequential issues.

5 to 6 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

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

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION/INTERNET CAFÉ
Atrium, 2nd Floor

8:30 to 10 a.m.

BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION
Regency Ballroom CD, 2nd Floor
Everyone is invited to attend the MLC business session. Members will elect new conference officers, act on proposed resolutions and hear special reports.

Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Report
Mr. Larry Isaak, President, MHEC
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CLOSING SESSIONS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR LEGISLATORS

» The Generational Imperative: Strategies To Understand and Serve All Ages
Room: Regency Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenter: Mr. Chuck Underwood, Founder/Principal, The Generational Imperative, Inc.

Five living generations of Americans, five sets of unique and powerful core values that guide each generation’s minute-by-minute, lifelong decision-making as citizens and legislators. How can elected officials better understand the members of each generation — as well as serve them appropriately and effectively? During this session, Chuck Underwood, one of the pioneers of generational study, will help attendees develop the knowledge and tools needed to successfully deal with individuals and groups from one generation to the next.

» Raising Your Social Media IQ: Tools for the Advanced User
Room: Executive Ballroom AB, 2nd Floor
Presenter: Mr. Sonny Cohen, Digital Strategy Consultant, Digital Strategy & Marketing

Social media have emerged as strategic communication forums, engaging all ages, geographies and demographics. Being able to communicate effectively and fluently within social media is an essential literacy all legislators should develop. This session is a follow-up to last year's workshop during which digital strategy expert Sonny Cohen introduced attendees to various social media platforms and etiquette. This year, he will help legislators dig deeper into the tactical aspects of some of the most popular social media and provide the insight needed to help them raise their social media IQ.
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 a child under the age of 5. Please have children wear their MLC-provided T-shirts, as indicated under each event. Adults can only attend daytime and evening youth activities if they are accompanying their child and have paid the $150 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.

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**SUNDAY, JULY 17**

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

**FOR CHILDREN & TEENS**

**MEET & GREET AT THE HYATT**

Meet new friends and take part in ice-breaker activities with others participating in the meeting’s Youth Events.

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator at the Gilpatrick Room, located on the first floor of the Hyatt, at 4:30 p.m. Please pick up your child at 5:30 p.m.

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**6 to 8 p.m.**

**FOR ALL AGES**

**OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM**

Browse this museum’s 150,000 square feet of natural and human history exhibits, featuring more than 4.5 million specimens from Africa to the Arctic. Explore a Costa Rican rainforest, see the world’s largest-known dinosaur skull and step back in time with a stroll through the “Streets of Old Milwaukee.” The event will include a variety of hors d’oeuvres and beverages.

The museum is a 10-minute walk from the hotel. Volunteers will be in the Hyatt lobby to guide you beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Special transportation needs: Please speak with conference staff at the MLC Registration/Information Desk at your earliest convenience if you have special needs or other requirements.

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**MONDAY, JULY 18**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**FOR CHILDREN & TEENS**

**SCHLITZ AUDUBON NATURE CENTER AND DISCOVERY WORLD’S WEST CAMPUS**

Start the morning by connecting with nature at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, where you’ll learn about migratory birds and the habits of powerful raptors. After lunch you’ll...
have the chance to discover new and cool things at Discovery World’s Innovation Station exhibit. Check out how the world’s first thermostat was invented, view a huge pneumatic clock, and see if you can survive a “bed of nails.”

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt and comfortable walking shoes. Sun protection is recommended.

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9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

BOAT TOUR AND MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Hop on board the Edelweiss for a tour of the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan shoreline. You’ll learn about the city’s history, German heritage, and architectural treasures such as the spectacular Calatrava Building — which houses the Milwaukee Art Museum. Lunch will be served at the museum. You’ll then spend the afternoon exploring this museum and its collections of American decorative arts, German Expressionist paintings, folk art and American art after 1960. Following the docent-led highlights tour of the museum, you will have time to take a self-guided tour of the special Thomas Hart Benton exhibition.

A bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Hyatt’s North Old World 3rd Street entrance and will return at 4 p.m.

6:30 to 9 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY NIGHT AT DISCOVERY WORLD

Get a visual history of the Great Lakes, learn about saltwater and freshwater species, and explore the future of the region’s water treasures at Discovery World. Located on the beautiful Milwaukee lakefront, this science and technology center has a new aquarium featuring a walkthrough tunnel to observe many species of fish. Other highlights include freshwater and saltwater touch tanks containing lake sturgeon, stingrays and starfish; the Underwater Lab submarine exhibit; and “Wind Leaves” — a stunning, interactive outdoor exhibit of music and science. Dinner will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a fireworks show topping off the evening at 8:45 p.m. (The fireworks can be viewed from the third-floor Pilot House.)

Buses to Discovery World will begin departing at 6:15 p.m. from the Hyatt’s North Old World 3rd Street entrance. Buses will then make a continuous loop between the hotel and Discovery World, with the last bus leaving Discovery World at 9:15 p.m.
TUESDAY, JULY 19

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Explore the Milwaukee County Zoo — one of the nation’s finest zoological attractions. It boasts a variety of unique and rare animals, including a giant Pacific octopus, a new baby giraffe, a pair of red pandas and a new Amur tiger. The zoo has more than 2,000 mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles in specialized habitats spanning 200 wooded acres.

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

PABST MANSION AND BREWERY TOURS

Tour the 20,019-square-foot mansion of famed Milwaukee beer baron Captain Frederick Pabst. Built in 1890, the mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979; since then, millions of dollars have been spent on restoration efforts. Next, experience innovative microbrewing at its best during a visit to the modern-day Lakefront Brewery.

A bus will depart at 10 a.m. from the Hyatt’s North Old World 3rd Street entrance and will return at 4 p.m.

5 to 10 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

HELIUM TRAMPOLINE & CLIMBING PARK AND PIZZA PARTY

Blast off for a pizza party at an indoor fun park. Jump on 130 interconnected trampolines, climb Mt. Helium — a 30-foot rock wall — flip into a Big Air Bag, leap from a jump tower, twist and duck through a laser maze, feel the force of a hurricane simulator and ride in a Human Hamster Ball. Kids can also play arcade games or get silly in a photo booth.

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt. Closed-toe shoes are required.

Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator at the Gilpatrick Room, located on the first floor of the Hyatt, by 5 p.m. Please pick up your child from the Gilpatrick Room no later than 10 p.m.
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