

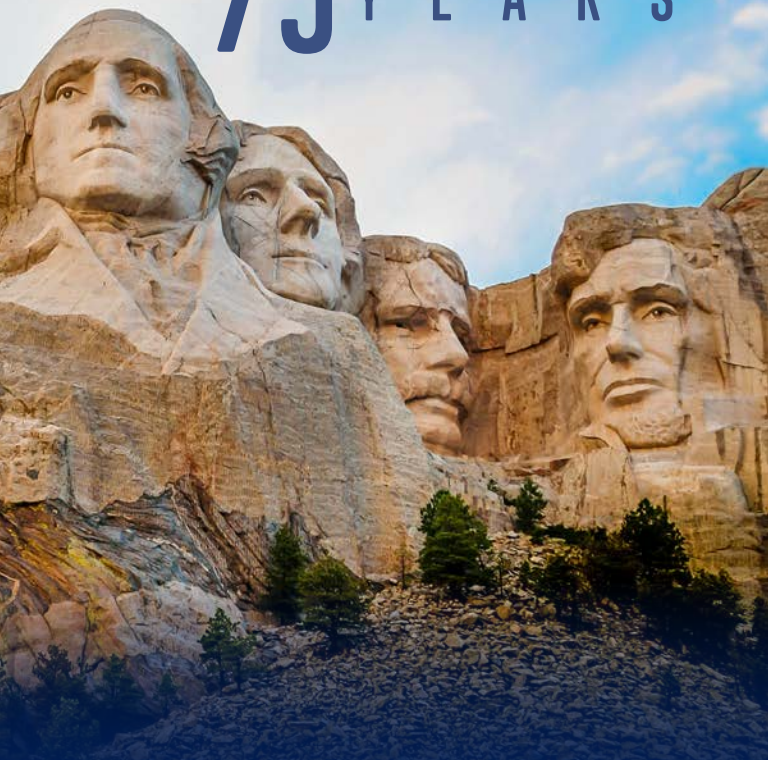
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Rapid City, South Dakota

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July 11-14, 2021

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated in this program, all meeting rooms and events are at The Monument (444 N. Mount Rushmore Road, adjacent to the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza).

- » The **CSG Midwest/MLC Office** is on the ground level, Room 101.
- » The **Host State Office** is on the ground level, Room 102.
- » The **Presenters' Room** is on the upper level, Room 205.
- » The **MLC Registration & Information Desk** and **CSG-sponsored internet access** are on the ground level and available at these times:
  - **Saturday:** 12-6 p.m.
  - **Sunday:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - **Monday:** 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - **Tuesday:** 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
  - **Wednesday:** 8:30-10 a.m.

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**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.

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**CSG-sponsored shuttles** are available to travel between the Alex Johnson, Rushmore and The Monument/Holiday Inn hotels approximately every 15 minutes (see schedule below). Times could be longer. The pick-up/drop-off location for The Monument/Holiday Inn is on the southwest sidewalk of the Holiday Inn front entrance. The pick-up/drop-off location for the Rushmore Hotel is on the northeast side of the building adjacent to the parking lot; for the Alex Johnson, pick-up/drop-off is outside the front entrance of the hotel.

Shuttle schedule:\*

- » **Saturday:** 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- » **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- » **Monday:** 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- » **Tuesday:** 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.\*\*
- » **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

\*For questions about shuttle service during these hours, call 605.681.0304.

\*\*Please note: Following Tuesday's State Dinner, shuttles will be available beginning at 9:30 p.m. to take people from The Monument/Holiday Inn to the Alex Johnson and Rushmore hotels. The last shuttle will depart The Monument/Holiday Inn at 10:30 p.m.

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The Alex Johnson and Rushmore hotels are about a **15-minute walk** from The Monument/Holiday Inn. Free parking is available at The Monument for those using personal vehicles.

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**The MLC meeting app** puts details of this year's conference at your fingertips! To download the app, search "2021 MLC" in Apple or Google stores. Or view it on any device at <https://eventmobi.com/2021mlc/>.

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*Your name badge is required for admission to all events.*

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## VISIT THE MLC 2022 KANSAS TABLE

Start planning now to attend next year's MLC Annual Meeting, which will be held **July 10-13 in Wichita, Kan.** And plan to come early and stay late to have the experience of a lifetime in the great state of Kansas.

During this year's meeting, visit the **Kansas Table** (located in the MLC registration area) to find out what's in store for you during next year's meeting and to pick up a special gift! The table will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday; and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

And take part in the **Kansas 2022 Reception** on Tuesday evening.



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## WIFI ACCESS

**Free WiFi access is available** at The Monument by selecting the network RPCC-Guest and accepting the terms and conditions.

# WELCOME FROM MLC CHAIR

Dear Legislative Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the “gateway to Mount Rushmore.” As your host, I am pleased to welcome you to Rapid City for the 75th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference.

I hope you take advantage of every opportunity to gain new knowledge and to learn from your legislative colleagues from other states and provinces. I think you will find the agenda to be full of timely and relevant topics, with speakers that are engaging and informative.



Our Midwestern states and provinces are fortunate to have so many dedicated elected officials serving the needs of their citizens.

Bolstered by the support of the MLC, we can all benefit from each other’s experiences and perspectives through the exchange of ideas and information.

Lawmakers will benefit from the insights offered by our meeting’s many distinguished speakers, including futurist Ben Hammersley; award-winning historian Ronald C. White; Center for Economic Inclusion founder & CEO Tawanna Black; and Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation executive director Tatewin Means.

Throughout the four days of the meeting, we will gain new insights in important policy areas such as agriculture, criminal justice, economic development, education, fiscal affairs, health care and Midwest-Canada relations.

To cap it all off, we have wonderful venues for you to enjoy at our evening social events — Reptile Gardens and the Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore memorials. On Tuesday night, we will get a preview of our 2022 MLC Annual Meeting, which will be held in Wichita, Kan., and then enjoy the MLC’s traditional State Dinner.

We hope you enjoy Rapid City and the 75th Annual Meeting of the MLC. If we can be of assistance during your stay, please let me know.

Thank you so much for joining us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Cammack". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Honorable Gary Cammack  
Senate Majority Leader, South Dakota  
Chair, Midwestern Legislative Conference

# SOUTH DAKOTA HOSTS

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Senator Gary Cammack, South Dakota Senate Majority Leader

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# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## WELCOME TO THE 75TH 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 10

#### MLC 2021 MEETING APP

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12 to 6 p.m.

#### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

North Concourse | Ground Level

1:30 to 8 p.m.

#### MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Offsite Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

This excursion to the Black Hills will include visits to a fish hatchery and bison ranch, as well as hands-on experiences.

A bus will depart from The Monument/Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza at 1:30 p.m. and return by 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

#### MLC 2021 ANNUAL MEETING APP

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

North Concourse | Ground Level



## MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall E | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

Hackers have managed to breach numerous food and beverage companies over the last two years, disrupting production and causing millions of dollars in damage. This session will look at cybersecurity threats and how to address them as the agriculture industry relies more heavily on digital technologies and automation. Participants also will take part in a roundtable discussion on developments in their states and provinces related to agriculture, natural resources and rural areas. Time will also be reserved for committee business.

**Presenter:** Dr. Doug Jacobson, Director, Iowa State Center for Cybersecurity Innovation and Outreach

### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Minnesota Rep.  
Paul Anderson,  
Co-Chair*



*Illinois Rep.  
Norine Hammond,  
Co-Chair*



*Saskatchewan MLA  
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*Kansas Sen.  
Marci Francisco,  
Co-Vice Chair*

## MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall G | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

Participants will learn about recent initiatives on juvenile justice reinvestment and reform in the Midwest, including this year's North Dakota Juvenile Court Act. There will also be time for committee

members and participants to discuss other criminal justice and public safety issues important to them, such as prison overcrowding, record sealing and expungement, cash bail reform and more.

**Presenters:**

- » Lisa Bjergaard, Director, North Dakota Division of Juvenile Services
- » Rebecca Brown, Director of Policy, Innocence Project

### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Illinois Sen.  
Robert Peters,  
Co-Chair*



*North Dakota Rep.  
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*Nebraska Sen. John  
McCollister,  
Vice Chair*

## MLC FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall F | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

Participants will explore the issues, strategies and best practices related to the allocation and expenditure of federal funds dispersed to the states under recently enacted and proposed federal legislation. The committee will also take part in a roundtable discussion of key fiscal issues and recent developments in the region's states and provinces, including the impact of federal infrastructure spending on capital investment strategies.

**Presenters:**

- » Christina Gordley, Senior Policy Analyst, Center of Innovation, CSG
- » Carl Sims, Special Project Manager, Center of Innovation, CSG

### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Minnesota Rep.  
Fue Lee,  
Co-Chair*



*Kansas Rep.  
Troy Waymaster,  
Co-Chair*

# AGENDA CONTINUED (SUNDAY, JULY 11)

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

## MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall D | Ground Level | Lunch Will Be Provided for Executive Committee Members Only

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## MLC POLICY COMMITTEES' LUNCH

Alpine/Ponderosa | Upper Level

3 to 4:30 p.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall E | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

The Canada-U.S. border was closed in March 2020 to all but essential trade and travel. Participants will discuss the impact on businesses and supply chains, next steps to safely reopen the border for business and tourism, and efforts to ensure that both nations share in the prosperity of an economic rebound. The meeting will conclude with a business session and discussion of proposed policy resolutions.

- » Maryscott (Scotty) Greenwood, CEO, Canadian American Business Council
- » Jon Sohn, Director of U.S. Government Relations, United States Capital Power
- » Greg Webb, Vice President, State Government Relations, Archer Daniels Midland

#### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Ohio Speaker  
Bob Cupp,  
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Kelvin Goertzen,  
Co-Chair*



*Ontario MPP  
Percy Hatfield,  
Co-Vice Chair*



*Michigan Sen.  
Jim Stamas,  
Co-Vice Chair*

### MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall F | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

A robust economy requires investment in essential community needs such as housing, child care, internet access, community services and quality-of-life amenities. This session will explore strategies for addressing these issues in a way that fosters growth and prosperity for the region's communities and families. A facilitated roundtable discussion will follow the presentation.

Presenter:

- » Michael Horrigan, President, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

#### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Illinois Sen.  
Linda Holmes,  
Co-Chair*



*Wisconsin Rep.  
Robert Wittke,  
Co-Chair*



*Indiana Rep.  
Ethan Manning,  
Vice Chair*

3 to 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT'D)

### MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall G | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

Committee members and other participants will learn about and take part in a discussion of noteworthy education-related developments in the Midwest, including new state laws, investments and programs. They also will explore new policy and funding opportunities for states as a result of recent federal actions, including passage of the American Rescue Plan Act and its various education-related provisions.

» Phillip Lovell, Associate Executive Director, Alliance for Excellent Education

#### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*South Dakota Sen.  
Jim Bolin,  
Co-Chair*



*Ohio Sen.  
Hearcel Craig,  
Co-Chair*

### MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Rushmore Hall H | Upper Level | Open to All Attendees

With the COVID-19 pandemic having dominated health and human service systems since early 2020, this committee meeting will be mostly devoted to a roundtable discussion of pandemic-related measures and HHS-related activities in the states and provinces since the committee last met in person. A brief business session will also be held to discuss the committee's agenda and goals for the biennium.

#### COMMITTEE OFFICERS



*Iowa Rep.  
Shannon Lundgren,  
Co-Chair*



*Minnesota Rep.  
Jennifer Schultz,  
Co-Chair*



*Michigan Rep.  
Bronna Kahle,  
Vice Chair*

#### Facilitators:

- » Rep. Jennifer Schultz, Minnesota, MLC HHS Committee Co-Chair
- » Rep. Bronna Kahle, Michigan, MLC HHS Committee Vice Chair

4:30 to 5 p.m.

### NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

LaCroix Hall B | Ground 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 a chance to win a \$50 gift card.

5 to 6 p.m.

### BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

LaCroix Hall D | Ground Level

### CSG ASSOCIATES RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

LaCroix Hall A | Ground Level

SUNDAY, JULY 11

# AGENDA CONTINUED (SUNDAY, JULY 11)

6 to 9 p.m.

OFFSITE EVENT

## OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT REPTILE GARDENS | CASUAL ATTIRE

Spend the evening making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones while enjoying Reptile Gardens, the world's largest reptile zoo. Established in 1937, Reptile Gardens is a unique animal park on the outskirts of Rapid City. Famous for its animals, Reptile Gardens is also set in beautiful botanical gardens where more than 40,000 flowering plants are planted each year.

Buses will load and depart from The Monument/Holiday Inn and the Rushmore and Alex Johnson hotels starting at 5:45 p.m. Buses will cycle between these three locations and Reptile Gardens every 15 minutes for pick-up and drop-off, with the last buses departing Reptile Gardens at 9:15 p.m.

## MONDAY, JULY 12

### MLC ANNUAL MEETING APP

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7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

North Concourse | Ground Level

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

Please join your colleagues for a legislator-initiated and -led discussions over breakfast.

- » Blockchain and Agriculture: The Potential Impact of This Technology on Food Safety and Transparency, Productivity and Sustainability  
LaCroix Hall A | Ground Level  
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Carol Blood, Nebraska
- » The Road to Criminal Justice Reform: Lessons from Illinois  
LaCroix Hall B | Ground Level  
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Kam Buckner, Illinois
- » Ideas To Address the Epidemic of Chronic Disease, Improve Health and Reduce Costs  
LaCroix Hall C | Ground Level  
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Marvin Nelson, North Dakota

### BUFFET BREAKFAST

Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

### BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION

Alpine Room | Upper Level | Breakfast Included

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

## BOOK SALE

Outside Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

Today's featured luncheon presenter, Ronald C. White, is best-selling author of the presidential biographies "A. Lincoln: A Biography" and "American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant." He also is the author of "Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural" and "The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words." His latest book, released in May, is "Lincoln in Private: What His Most Personal Reflections Tell Us About Our Greatest President." White's books will be available for purchase from Bird Cage Book Store this morning; he will be available for signing his books from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

9 to 10:30 a.m.

## OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION

Rushmore Hall AB | Ground Level

### MLC ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME

Sen. Gary Cammack, South Dakota, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

### WELCOME TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, South Dakota

### WELCOME TO RAPID CITY

Mayor Steve Allender, Rapid City

### TRIBAL WELCOME

Secretary Dave Flute, South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE POST-PANDEMIC MIDWEST

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the world in which we live. How has the experience shaped health care, education, work, and our social and institutional structures? And will the impacts be permanent or short-lived? Futurist Ben Hammersley will share his insights on how we've been altered by the pandemic and the lasting impacts we can expect.

Presenter:

- » Ben Hammersley, Futurist, Journalist and Technologist



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

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### BREAKOUT SESSION: POST-PANDEMIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN K-12 EDUCATION

Rushmore Hall G | Upper Level

The COVID-19 pandemic upended the delivery of K-12 education, and its impact will last for years to come. In this expert-led policy session, legislators will explore the lessons learned over the past two school years, some of the challenges ahead for state and provincial school systems, and some of the opportunities being explored by policy leaders to improve education delivery and student outcomes.

*This session is being presented by the MLC Education Committee.*

Presenters:

- » Phillip Lovell, Associate Executive Director, Alliance for Excellent Education
- » Tiffany Sanderson, Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education

Facilitator: Sen. Jim Bolin, South Dakota, MLC Education Committee Co-Chair

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

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT'D)

## **BREAKOUT SESSION: THE FUTURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT IN A POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY**

Rushmore Hall E | Upper Level

The COVID-19 pandemic caused major economic and labor force disruptions in our communities and states, while also shining a new spotlight on long-standing challenges to growth and prosperity for all. What lessons have we learned in the past 18 months, and what post-pandemic challenges lie ahead? This session will explore the future of work, persistent workforce challenges, prospects for a post-pandemic recovery, and public policies and practices that promote opportunities for growth.

*This session is being presented by the MLC Economic Development Committee.*

Presenters:

- » Ben Hammersley, Futurist, Journalist and Technologist
- » Michael Horrigan, President, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

Facilitator:

- » Sen. Linda Holmes, Illinois, MLC Economic Development Committee Co-Chair

## **BREAKOUT SESSION: PANDEMIC POST-OP —WHAT'S AHEAD FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS**

Rushmore Hall F | Upper Level

The COVID-19 pandemic put tremendous pressure on public and mental health systems, and is poised to put even more stress on mental health systems as people continue processing their experiences. What public and mental health gaps has the pandemic exposed, and what will be needed to help those systems rebuild and recover, and prepare for the next emergency?

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

Presenters:

- » Sandra Melstad, Owner, SLM Consulting, LLC
- » Debbie Plotnik, Vice President for State and Federal Advocacy, Mental Health America

Facilitator:

- » Rep. Shannon Lundgren, Iowa, MLC Health & Human Services Committee Co-Chair

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## **BOOK SIGNING**

Outside Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

Today's featured luncheon presenter, Ronald C. White, will be available to sign his books. A variety of his books, including his latest, "Lincoln in Private: What His Most Personal Reflections Tell Us About Our Greatest President," will also be for available for purchase from Bird Cage Book Store.

12 to 2 p.m.

## LUNCHEON

Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

### NATIONAL CSG REPORT

Sen. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin, CSG Chair

### FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: WISDOM FOR TODAY FROM ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Join in the discovery of Abraham Lincoln's artistry with words and learn how, for our divided nation, Lincoln's inclusive words offer a powerful contemporary call for reconciliation. Through excerpts from Lincoln's speeches, letters and notes to himself, famed Lincoln historian Ronald C. White will show how Lincoln's wisdom — as a lawyer, politician, president and commander in chief — can still speak to us today.

» Ronald C. White, Award-Winning Abraham Lincoln Biographer



2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

### FEATURED PRESENTATION: FACILITATING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION THROUGH EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Rushmore Hall AB | Ground Level

The Center for Economic Inclusion is the nation's first organization dedicated exclusively to creating inclusive regional economies. In this session, participants will learn from the center's leader about data-driven promising practices, inclusive policies, community-driven development, and strategies that truly close gaps.

Presenter:

» Tawanna Black, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Center for Economic Inclusion



3:30 to 10:30 p.m.

OFFSITE EVENT

### FAMILY NIGHT AT CRAZY HORSE AND MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIALS | CASUAL ATTIRE

Behold the magnificence of mountain sculptures as you visit Crazy Horse, the world's largest sculpture, and Mount Rushmore, the epic sculpture of four U.S. presidents. After dining at Crazy Horse, attendees will be bused to Mount Rushmore for dessert and a spectacular lighting ceremony.

Buses will load and depart ONLY from The Monument/Holiday Inn beginning promptly at 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be held in three different seating schedules, with those on the first buses eating in the first seating. Families with young children are encouraged to take the first buses to enable an earlier dinner seating.

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MONDAY, JULY 12

## TUESDAY, JULY 13

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

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

North Concourse | Ground Level

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

Please join your colleagues for a legislator-initiated and -led discussion over breakfast.

- » The Aftermath of Police Officer Derek Chauvin's Murder Trial: Lessons from Minnesota and the Path Forward on Public Safety

LaCroix Hall B | Ground Level

Discussion facilitator: Rep. Donald Raleigh, Minnesota

- » Closing the Loopholes That Allow Child Marriage

LaCroix Hall C | Ground Level

Discussion facilitator: Sen. Sandy Pappas, Minnesota

#### MLC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Ponderosa Room | Upper Level | Breakfast Included

#### BUFFET BREAKFAST

Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

#### BILLD BREAKFAST | BY INVITATION ONLY

Alpine Room | Upper Level | Breakfast Included

9 to 10:15 a.m.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Kristi Noem, South Dakota

#### MLC CHAIR'S INITIATIVE: INNOVATIONS IN LAND CONSERVATION

Rushmore Hall AB | Ground Level

The working lands of the American Midwest are one of the most intense areas of agriculture in the world. This region contains fertile and productive land as well as abundant water sources. It is important that we protect the health of our soils and water supplies from nutrient losses and make them more resilient to extreme weather conditions. This session will look at efforts to protect these resources as private industry, the federal government and states collaborate with landowners to protect our region's rivers, ranches, fields and forests.

*This session is part of the 2021 MLC Chair's Initiative of South Dakota Sen. Gary Cammack.*

Presenters:

- » Sen. Gary Cammack, South Dakota, MLC Chair
- » Kevin McAleese, President and CEO, Sand County Foundation
- » Dorothy Pelanda, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture
- » Rod Snyder, President, Field to Market



10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

## TRENDS IN ELECTION REFORM: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Rushmore Hall AB | Ground Level

The 2020 elections were marked by unprecedented transformations in election administration — from protocols to protect public health to an expansion of absentee voting. A panel of election experts will discuss the impact of these changes as well as trends in election reform. What lessons can we learn from 2020, and what steps can states take to improve the process and bolster voter confidence while ensuring election security and integrity?

Presenters:

- » Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
- » Tammy Patrick, Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Policy
- » Matthew Weil, Director, Elections Project, Bipartisan Policy Center

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

## LUNCHEON

Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

### BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) REPORT

Sen. Amy Sinclair, Iowa, MLC BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

### FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: CREATING HEALING PATHWAYS TOWARD LIBERATION — A GRASS-ROOTS, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT

The Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation seeks to improve the health, culture and environment of Lakota youth and families on the Pine Ridge Reservation through a whole-community approach to healing, hope and liberation that includes economic development, social services and housing initiatives. Hear from the executive director about how this organization is collaborating with and empowering the community in a way that heals and strengthens its identity, creating lasting impacts for future generations.



Presenter:

- » Tatewin Means, Executive Director, Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

2 to 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: PREPARING TALENT FOR HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE 21ST-CENTURY CAREERS

Rushmore Hall E | Upper Level

Participants will learn about policies and innovative models that foster greater collaboration among education and workforce systems, with a goal of helping residents become prepared to take advantage of promising careers in emerging and high-demand economic sectors.

*This session is being presented jointly by three MLC committees: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Economic Development and Education*

Presenters:

- » Deni Amundson, Program Manager, Build Dakota Scholarship
- » Laura Hasselquist, Assistant Professor, South Dakota State University
- » Mark Pogliano, Principal, Jackson Area Career Center

Facilitator:

- » Sen. Marci Francisco, Kansas, MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Vice Chair

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2 to 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT'D)

## **"ALLY-SHORING": A PATH TO REWORK SUPPLY CHAINS AND REBUILD ECONOMIES**

Rushmore Hall F | Upper Level

Ally-shoring is a plan to rebuild and rework critical supply chains, post-pandemic — not by "on-shoring", but by working with trusted friends. The goals of ally-shoring include addressing the need to disengage from countries seeking to undermine the interests of the U.S., Canada and other democratic countries; strengthening alliances; and rebuilding stronger economies together. This session will take an in-depth look at this idea of ally-shoring.

***This session is being presented by the MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee.***

Presenters:

- » John Austin, Director, Michigan Economic Center
- » Elaine Dezenski, Senior Advisor, Center on Economic and Financial Power, Foundation for Defense of Democracies

Facilitator:

- » Speaker Bob Cupp, Ohio, MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee Co-Chair

3:45 to 5 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## **REMOVING STRUCTURAL BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, POST-CONVICTION**

Rushmore Hall E | Upper Level

The collateral consequences of a criminal conviction include its negative impact on finding work. In this session, participants will explore regional trends as well as learn best practices and strategies that help remove structural barriers to post-conviction employment and success.

***This session is being presented by the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.***

Presenters:

- » Adam Diersing, Research Associate, CSG
- » Josh Gaines, Project Manager, Corrections & Reentry, CSG Justice Center
- » Korey Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst, CSG Justice Center

Facilitator:

- » Sen. John McCollister, Nebraska, MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Vice Chair

## **THE CHANGING FISCAL LANDSCAPE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Rushmore Hall F | Upper Level

Hear an expert analysis of the latest fiscal trends shaping state budgets at the national level and across the Midwest. Participants will also learn about the resources and opportunities available to states under the American Rescue Plan Act.

***This session is being presented by the MLC Fiscal Affairs Committee.***

Presenters:

- » Christina Gordley, Senior Policy Analyst, Center of Innovation, CSG
- » Shelby Kerns, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
- » Carl Sims, Special Project Manager, Center of Innovation, CSG

Facilitators:

- » Rep. Fue Lee, Minnesota, MLC Fiscal Affairs Committee Co-Chair
- » Rep. Troy Waymaster, Kansas, MLC Fiscal Affairs Committee Co-Chair

5 to 6 p.m.

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LaCroix C | Ground Level

6 to 7 p.m.

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Room 101 | Ground Level

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North Concourse | Ground Level

### **BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION**

Rushmore Hall CD | Ground Level

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 MANAGING LEGISLATIVE STRESS**

LaCroix C | Ground Level

Research indicates that our inability to identify and manage stress has a significant impact on workplace culture and optimal performance. This interactive workshop, led by a former state legislator, will review the new science of stress management, with a focus on awareness, mindset, actions and reflection of personal stress management. Participants will learn how to apply this information to work inside and outside the legislature, and develop a personal stress-management plan to assist in reaching their desired outcome for day-to-day success.

Presenter:

» J. Scott Raecker, Executive Director, The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center, Drake University



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

# 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 for the day trips on Monday and Tuesday. Adults can only attend 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 11

6 to 9 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

### OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT REPTILE GARDENS

Spend the evening making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones while enjoying Reptile Gardens, the world's largest reptile zoo.

Established in 1937, Reptile Gardens is a unique animal park on the outskirts of Rapid City. While famous for its animals, Reptile Gardens is also set in beautiful botanical gardens where 40,000 flowering plants are planted each year.

Buses will load and depart from The Monument/Holiday Inn and the Rushmore and Alex Johnson hotels starting at 5:45 p.m. Buses will cycle between these three locations and Reptile Gardens every 15 minutes for pick-up and drop-off, with the last buses departing Reptile Gardens at 9:15 p.m.



6:30 to 9 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

### YOUTH MEET AND GREET AT REPTILE GARDENS

Enjoy meeting other kids whose parents are attending the MLC Annual Meeting and get up close and personal with reptiles and other animal friends! Dinner will be served, and volunteers will guide you around the world's largest reptile zoo.

**Parents:** Upon arriving at Reptile Gardens, drop off your child(ren) at the designated youth area by the Green Parrot Café starting at 6:30 p.m. Please pick up your child in the same area at no later than 9 p.m.

## MONDAY, JULY 12

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES, GUESTS, CHILDREN AND TEENS

### A JOURNEY TO THE JOURNEY MUSEUM

Via exhibits at the Journey Museum and Learning Center, travel through time — from the formation of the Black Hills and the age of dinosaurs to the western frontier and Native American history. Participate in scavenger hunts, play traditional Lakota games, make (and eat) your own ice cream and roast s'mores in solar ovens.

Everyone: Meet in the Black Hills Ballroom on the lobby level of the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza starting at 9:30 a.m. Buses will shuttle participants to the Journey Museum starting at 9:45 a.m. Buses will start shuttling back to The Monument/Holiday Inn at 1:45 p.m. All unaccompanied children will return to The Monument/Holiday Inn to be picked up from the Black Hills Ballroom (see note below). Buses will also drop off adults and children accompanied with parents at the Alex Johnson and Rushmore hotels.

Parents: If you are not attending today's trip, please pick up your child from the Black Hills Ballroom in the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza no later than 2:15 p.m.

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

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES, ADULT GUESTS AND YOUTHS ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS

### CITY OF PRESIDENTS GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Life-size and life-like bronze statues of our nation's past presidents greet you along Downtown Rapid City's streets and sidewalks. Participate in this guided walking tour to learn about the history of our nation's presidents. We will end with lunch in the Lincoln Room at the historic Alex Johnson Hotel.

Everyone: Walk or take the shuttle to meet by 10:30 a.m. at Rapid City's Main Street Square (corner of 6th and Main streets, about one block away from the Alex Johnson Hotel and two blocks from the Rushmore Hotel). A shuttle will be available from The Monument/Holiday Inn to Main Street Square at 10:15 a.m. Shuttles back to the Rushmore Hotel and Monument/Holiday Inn will be available following lunch.

3:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 13

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES, ADULT GUESTS, CHILDREN & TEENS

### CUSTER STATE PARK

Open-air jeep rides will take you on an adventure through the wilderness in search of bison, while Custer State Park guides tell you all about the park and its amazing wildlife. Learn about the park's wildlife and history with additional activities and a guided hike at the historic State Game Lodge, also known as the "Summer White House" for President Calvin Coolidge.

Everyone: Meet in the Black Hills Ballroom on the lobby level of the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza starting at 8 a.m. Buses will depart at 8:30 a.m. Buses will return to the Holiday Inn at approximately 3 p.m. All unaccompanied children will return to The Monument/Holiday Inn to be picked up from the Black Hills Ballroom (see note below). Buses will also drop off adults and children accompanied with parents at the Alex Johnson and Rushmore hotels.



Parents: If you are not attending today's trip, in order for your child to participate in the jeep rides, you must complete a waiver. Please drop off your child(ren) between 8 and 8:25 a.m. at the Holiday Inn's Black Hills Ballroom (lobby level) and pick up your child from the Black Hills Ballroom no later than 3:30 p.m.

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6 to 7 p.m.

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6 to 10:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

### DINNER AND FUN AT THE HOLIDAY INN RUSHMORE PLAZA

Salons ABCD | Lobby Level

We have a great evening planned just for you! Phil Baker — known for his signature style, red guitar, catchy tunes and heartfelt lyrics — will provide entertainment. Games and movies will follow the performance.

Parents: Please drop off and pick up your children in Salons ABCD on the lobby level of the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza starting at 6 p.m. Please pick up your child no later than 10:30 p.m.

7 to 10:30 p.m.

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Indiana Sen. **Ed Charbonneau**, Chair  
Manitoba Speaker **Myrna Driedger**,  
Host Committee Chair

## 2017

Des Moines, Iowa  
Sen. **Janet Petersen**, Chair

## 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  
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**,  
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## 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

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## 2004

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

## 2003

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Rep. **Suzanne Jeskewitz**, Chair

## 2002

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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  
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September 24-25 | Québec City, Québec

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October 1-5 | Minneapolis, Minnesota

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October 13-15 | Detroit, Michigan

### **CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

December 1-4 | Santa Fe, New Mexico

2022



### **76TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

July 10-13 | Wichita, Kansas

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