

CONFERENCE AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE 76TH 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 9

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9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Eagle Ballroom G

12 to 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Eagle Ballroom Foyer

1:30 to 8 p.m.

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Offsite Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

Participants will visit a variety of Wichita-area locations, including a new city water treatment plant, an aquifer storage and recovery project, and farms where alternative crops are being grown. Dinner will be provided.

A bus will depart from the Hyatt Regency at 1:30 p.m. and return by 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

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REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Eagle Ballroom Foyer

10 to 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom C | Open to All Attendees

It's time to hear from you. Every state/province will be allocated time during a structured roundtable discussion to update the committee on issues and legislation related to agriculture, natural resources and rural communities. Time will be reserved for committee business as well.

OFFICERS OF THE MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Minnesota Rep.
Paul Anderson,
Co-Chair*



*Illinois Rep.
Norine Hammond,
Co-Chair*



*Saskatchewan MLA
Steven Bonk,
Co-Vice Chair*



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

MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom D | Open to All Attendees

For more than 15 years, The Council of State Governments Justice Center has helped policymakers nationwide advance public safety and strengthen communities. This session will look at the Justice Center's recent activity in the Midwest, as well as provide an overview of emerging mental health strategies for justice-involved individuals. Following the presentation, participants will take part in a roundtable discussion of policy developments in the region's states and provinces.

Presenter:

- » **Carl Reynolds**, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, The Council of State Governments Justice Center

OFFICERS OF THE MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

*Illinois Sen.
Robert Peters,
Co-Chair*



*North Dakota Rep.
Shannon Roers
Jones, Co-Chair*



*Nebraska Sen.
John McCollister,
Vice Chair*

AGENDA CONTINUED (SUNDAY, JULY 10)

10 to 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

MLC FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom F | Open to All Attendees

Participants will discuss state preparedness for future economic downturns and strategies and best practices related to the deployment of federal funds for transportation and other infrastructure improvements. The committee and guests will also engage in a roundtable discussion of key fiscal issues and recent developments in the region's states and provinces.

Presenters:

- » Ms. Airlie Loiaconi, Associate Manager, Fiscal and Economic Policy, State Fiscal Health, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- » Ms. Emily Brock, Director, Federal Liaison Center, Government Finance Officers Association

OFFICERS OF THE MLC FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



*Minnesota Rep.
Fue Lee,
Co-Chair*



*Kansas Rep.
Troy Waymaster,
Co-Chair*

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

MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Cyprus Ballroom | Century II | Lunch Will Be Provided for Executive Committee Members

12 to 1:30 p.m.

MLC POLICY COMMITTEES' LUNCH

Riverview Ballroom

3 to 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom D | Open to All Attendees

This session will feature presentations on the importance of technology-led economic development, as well as strategies for promoting and facilitating innovation and commercialization in this sector. Participants will also engage in a roundtable discussion of challenges and opportunities for technology-based growth in their states and provinces.

Presenters:

- » Trent Armbrust, Chief Strategy Officer, Kansas Department of Commerce
- » Andrew Schlapp, Executive Director, Government Relations and Strategy, Innovation Campus, Wichita State University

OFFICERS OF THE MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



*Illinois Sen.
Linda Holmes,
Co-Chair*



*Wisconsin Rep.
Robert Wittke,
Co-Chair*



*Indiana Rep.
Ethan Manning,
Vice Chair*

MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom E | Open to All Attendees

Along with discussions among legislators and other participants, this session will feature presentations on state-supported, evidence-based, high-impact tutoring to improve student performance and achievement, particularly in the wake of learning disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenters:

- » **Lindsay Dolce**, Chief Advancement Officer, ServeMinnesota
- » **Wendy Wallace**, Director of Engagement and Development, National Student Support Accelerator, Annenberg Institute, Brown University

OFFICERS OF THE MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE



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



*Ohio Sen.
Hearcel Craig,
Co-Chair*

MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom F | Open to All Attendees

This session will feature a presentation on Kansas' Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program, particularly as it has been implemented in Wichita Public Schools. Participants will hear from the district's leaders in delivering mental health services, as well as engage in a roundtable discussion.

Presenters:

- » **Stephanie Anderson**, Program Specialist for School Counselors, Wichita Public Schools
- » **Holly Yager**, Program Specialist for School Psychologists, Wichita Public Schools
- » **Melissa Zieammermann**, Director of Behavior, Wichita Public Schools

OFFICERS OF THE MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



*Minnesota Rep.
Jennifer Schultz,
Co-Chair*



*Michigan Rep.
Bronna Kahle,
Co-Chair*

AGENDA CONTINUED (SUNDAY, JULY 10)

3 to 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Eagle Ballroom C | Open to All Attendees

Attendees will hear a presentation on the state of the U.S.-Canada border over the past year from two leading experts on the binational relationship. Topics may include technological innovations to ease crossings, binational cooperation, vaccine mandates, COVID-19 testing, human trafficking concerns and others. After the presentation, there will be time for a discussion of committee business and a consideration of proposed resolutions.

Presenters:

- » **Dr. Christopher Sands**, Director, Canada Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- » **Laurie Tannous**, Cross Border Attorney, Cross Border Institute

OFFICERS OF THE MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE



*Ohio Speaker
Bob Cupp,
Co-Chair*



*Manitoba Minister
Kelvin Goertzen,
Co-Chair*



*Michigan Sen.
Jim Stamas,
Vice Chair*

4:30 to 5 p.m.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Redbud Ballroom A | Century II

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.

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Birch Room | Century II

If this is your first time attending the MLC Annual Meeting, come and enjoy refreshments with other first-time attendees while also meeting MLC Executive Committee members.

5 to 6 p.m.

BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Riverview Ballroom

6 to 9:30 p.m.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT BOTANICA AND LIGHTING CEREMONY AT KEEPER OF THE PLAINS | CASUAL ATTIRE

A feast for the senses, Botanica, a botanical garden and regional horticultural center, is nestled in the heart of Wichita. It features more than 30 themed gardens designed to emphasize collections in display settings particularly well-suited to south-central Kansas. In addition, Botanica features a



carousel pavilion and children's garden. During the reception, Wichita War Dancer Greg Victors, a Native American who specializes in the education and preservation of cultural dance, will perform on the grand lawn. Following dinner, attendees will have the chance to stop at Exploration Place to see the Keeper of the Plains sculpture and lighting of the Ring of Fire at 9 p.m., as well as enjoy additional desserts and beverages.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 5:45 p.m. and will loop between the hotel and Botanica every 30 minutes. Starting at 8:15 p.m., buses will make a brief stop to drop off guests at Exploration Place for the Keeper of the Plains lighting ceremony. Buses will then continue to the Hyatt. The last bus will depart Botanica at 9:30 p.m., picking up remaining guests at Exploration Place and returning to the Hyatt.

MONDAY, JULY 11

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

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Eagle Ballroom Foyer

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

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

- » **NextGen Under 30: How a Public-Private Partnership in Kansas is Working to Honor, and Retain, Talented Young Adults**
Maple Room | Century II
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Tom Hawk, Kansas
- » **Midwest Clean Energy Buildout: Wind, Solar, Battery Storage & Grid Planning Overview**
Cedar Room | Century II
Discussion facilitator: Sen. John McCollister, Nebraska
- » **Farm to School Movement: What's Happening in Your State to Make This a Win-Win-Win for Community Health, Economic Development and Education**
Oak Room | Century II
Discussion facilitators: Sen. Marci Francisco, Kansas; and Sen. Mary Ware, Kansas

BREAKFAST

Redbud Ballroom | Century II

BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION | COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY (BREAKFAST INCLUDED)

Birch Room | Century II

AGENDA CONTINUED (MONDAY, JULY 11)

9 to 10:30 a.m.

OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION

Eagle Ballroom

MLC ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME

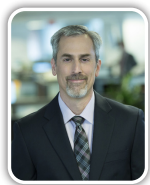
Sen. Carolyn McGinn, Kansas, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

WELCOME TO WICHITA

Mayor Brandon Whipple

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: LENS ON THE MIDWEST: THE SOCIOECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FORCES SHAPING THE REGION AND ITS COMMUNITIES

Through a unique blend of data and reporting, Dante Chinni and his team at the American Communities Project study the cultural, socioeconomic and political changes remaking U.S. communities. During this keynote session, he will share his insights on the Midwest, as well as the challenges and opportunities ahead for the region's various communities.



Presenter:

- » Dante Chinni, Director and Founder, American Communities Project

10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

LENS ON THE MIDWEST BREAKOUT SESSIONS

FROM THE GROUND UP: STRATEGIES FOR RURAL COMMUNITY LEADERS

Cyprus Ballroom A | Century II

The latest U.S. Census once again revealed challenges of population stagnation or decline in many rural areas of the Midwest. But amid this changing landscape, many communities can still thrive. This session will provide a broad overview of the state of rural economic development, as well as tested strategies for local and state leaders.

Presenters:

- » Dr. Christopher Merrett, Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University
- » Kara Harders, Community Vitality Field Specialist, South Dakota State University-Extension

CLOSE TO HOME: POLICIES TO SUPPORT FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE

Cyprus Ballroom B | Century II

As a region, the Midwest will be increasingly challenged to deal with an aging population. What can states do today to prepare for the growing needs for home- and community-based care systems, and to build long-term services and supports for tomorrow?

Presenter:

- » Dr. Nicole Rogers, Professor and Chair, Department of Public Health Sciences, Wichita State University's College of Health Professions

POSTSECONDARY ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY: POLICY OPTIONS FOR STATES

Birch Room | Century II

Led by a respected national expert on issues such as the cost of college, financial aid and student debt, participants will explore promising new laws along with state-led initiatives, investments and legislative proposals on postsecondary access and affordability.

Presenter:

- » Dr. Sandy Baum, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Urban Institute Center on Education Data and Policy

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

BOOK SALE & SIGNING

Outside Redbud Ballroom | Century II

Today's luncheon featured presenter, H.W. Brands, is the author of many highly regarded, bestselling books, including the book he will be speaking to us about today, "The Zealot and the Emancipator: John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, and the Struggle for American Freedom." Several of Brands' books will be available for sale from Watermark Books. He also will be available to sign his books from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

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

LUNCHEON

Redbud Ballroom | Century II

WELCOME TO KANSAS

Gov. Laura Kelly, Kansas, Past CSG National President

CSG REPORT

Sen. Sam Hunt, Washington, CSG National Chair

THE ZEALOT AND THE EMANCIPATOR: JOHN BROWN, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR AMERICAN FREEDOM

The nation's epic fight over slavery was embodied in many ways by two men: John Brown, the abolitionist who came to the Kansas Territory to assist anti-slavery forces; and Abraham Lincoln, the Illinois lawyer and politician who emancipated the slaves as the nation's 16th president. H.W. Brands, twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, wrote a much-acclaimed book about these two men, the era in which they lived, and the role they played in the struggle for American freedom. He will share his insights this afternoon.

- » H.W. Brands, Jack S. Blanton Sr. Chair in History, University of Texas at Austin



2 to 4 p.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATORS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Maple Room | Century II

AGENDA CONTINUED (MONDAY, JULY 11)

2 to 5:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SITE VISITS

BOMBARDIER U.S. HEADQUARTERS SITE TOUR

SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS AND WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY NIAR WERX'S MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OVERHAUL FACILITY TOUR

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY NIAR AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER TOUR | LIMITED TO U.S. CITIZENS

Some of the top aircraft facilities in the world are hosting this afternoon's meeting site visits. Participants should have pre-registered to tour one of the three options above. Due to security requirements, no on-site registration is allowed. (An email about the site visits was sent in advance to all MLC Annual Meeting attendees.) For all tours:

- No sandals, clogs, spike heels, platform, open-toe, open-heel or loosely woven material, cloth or knit shoes are allowed in factory areas. Footwear must have flat heels less than two inches high.
- No photos are allowed inside the facilities.
- You will need to display a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, upon entrance to the facilities.

For all site visits, buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 1:45 p.m. and will depart at 2 p.m. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:15 p.m.

6 to 9 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT AT SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO | CASUAL ATTIRE

It's the seventh-largest zoo in the United States, and all ours for the evening! Sedgwick County Zoo is home to more than 3,000 animals, with exhibits that immerse guests in these animals' worlds and inspire thoughts of respect and conservation for wild animals and places. These exhibits also provide maximum opportunity for the animals' natural behavior, and feature components that allow visitors to walk freely among the animals. Named one of the best attractions in Kansas, this award-winning zoo is fun for the whole family.

Buses will start loading at the Hyatt Regency at 5:30 p.m. and will loop between the hotel and the zoo every 30 minutes. The last bus will depart the zoo at 9 p.m.



9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

CSG ASSOCIATES RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Riverview Terrace

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TUESDAY, JULY 12

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

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Eagle Ballroom Foyer

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

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

- » **What Types of Laws Can States Pass Regulating Railroads?**
Maple Room | Century II
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Dinah Sykes, Kansas
- » **Hydrogen Energy in the Midwest: Its Potential as a Power Source and Economic Driver, and Related State Policies**
Oak Room | Century II
Discussion facilitator: Sen. Laura Ellman, Illinois

BREAKFAST

Redbud Ballroom | Century II

BILL BREAKFAST | BY INVITATION ONLY

Birch Room | Century II

MLC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (BREAKFAST INCLUDED)

Cedar Room | Century II

9 to 10:15 a.m.

MLC CHAIR'S INITIATIVE SESSION ON WATER

Eagle Ballroom

The Ogallala Aquifer is one of the world's largest groundwater sources. Its water supports more than \$40 billion in crop production each year. But we are pulling water out of the Ogallala faster than rain and snow can recharge it. As landowners strive to conserve what's left, they face a tug-of-war between economic growth and declining natural resources. This session will focus on the challenge of how to manage human demands and make the most of opportunities from new technologies.

This session is part of the 2022 MLC Chair's Initiative of Kansas Sen. Carolyn McGinn.

Presenter:

- » **Dr. Lucas Bessire**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma and Author of "Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains"

Panelists:

- » **Dr. Burke Griggs**, Associate Professor of Law, Washburn University
- » **Rep. Ron Highland**, Kansas

MLC Chair's Initiative on Water Policy



AGENDA CONTINUED (TUESDAY, JULY 12)

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION | FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE HEARTLAND

Eagle Ballroom

This expert-session will focus on the future direction of innovations in transportation and related state policies. How can leaders balance priorities such as accessibility, affordability and equity? How can we connect communities and economies while minimizing land use and environment impacts? These and other questions will be explored.

Presenter:

- » Julie Lorenz, Director, Kansas Department of Transportation

Panelists:

- » Dan Bowerson, Senior Director of Energy and Environment, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- » Amanda Graor, Chief Innovation Officer, Mid-America Regional Council

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

BOOK SALE & SIGNING

Outside Redbud Ballroom | Century II

Today's luncheon featured presenter, presidential historian Nancy Gibbs, explored the remarkable bond among U.S presidents in her bestselling book "The Presidents Club." This book will be for sale from Watermark Books. After her luncheon address, Gibbs will be available to sign her book from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

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

LUNCHEON

Redbud Ballroom | Century II

BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) REPORT

Rep. Jarrod Ousley, Kansas, MLC BILLD Steering Committee Co-Vice Chair

FEATURED LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: THE PRESIDENTS CLUB

Only those who have served in the Oval Office can fully understand what the job does to you. That simple truth helps account for the remarkable bond among American presidents, who belong to the world's most exclusive fraternity. Behind the scenes, the most unlikely political partners have reached out to one another for help with problems no one else could solve. Presidential historian Nancy Gibbs explored these remarkable private relationships in her bestselling book "The Presidents Club," and during her luncheon address, she will share stories on how the most powerful men in the world put country before party and gave each other the support they needed to do the world's hardest job.

Presenter:

- » Nancy Gibbs, Historian and Former Editor in Chief, TIME Magazine



1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

BOOK SIGNING

Outside Redbud Ballroom | Century II

Today's luncheon featured presenter, Nancy Gibbs, will be available to sign copies of her book "The Presidents Club," which will also be for sale.

ANALYZING THE ROLE OF MENTAL HEALTH COURTS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION

Birch Room | Century II

When individuals struggling with mental illness find themselves behind bars, their path to recovery can be severely disrupted, both during incarceration and post-release. In this session, participants will explore an alternative rehabilitative approach offered by specialized mental health courts and learn how to expand the reach of these courts, as well as other wrap-around mental health services for justice-involved people.

This session is being presented jointly by the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety and Health & Human Services committees.

Presenters:

- » Flor Alvarado, Mental Health Court Clinician, Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program, Kansas
- » Wenhan “Chris” Cheok, Mental Health Programmer, Sedgwick County COMCARE, Kansas
- » Kimberly Nelson, Regional Administrator (Region 7), U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- » Megan Quattlebaum, Director, The Council of State Governments Justice Center
- » The Honorable Evelyn Stratton, Former Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

Facilitator:

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

HOW THE SUPPLY CHAIN CRUNCH IS AFFECTING THE AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY SECTORS

Cypress Ballroom A | Century II

Farming profits are getting squeezed from every side, with higher costs for inputs, labor challenges and adverse spring weather. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine dealt another blow and impacted an already stressed supply chain. During this session, expert presenters will give an economic outlook of the Midwest’s agriculture and energy industries and describe the supply chain challenges.

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

Presenter:

- » Dr. Courtney Cowley, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Facilitator:

- » Rep. Norine Hammond, Illinois, MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Co-Chair

THE CHANGING ECONOMY AND THE FISCAL CONDITIONS OF STATES

Cyprus Ballroom B | Century II

Guest experts will present an overview of the forces and trends shaping the future of the American economy and their impact on the Midwest, followed by an analysis of the latest data on state fiscal conditions and a preview of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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

Presenters:

- » Shelby Kerns, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
- » Chad Wilkerson, Oklahoma City Branch Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Facilitators:

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

3:45 to 5:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HOW SMALLER FIRMS ENGAGE IN THE CANADA-UNITED STATES SUPPLY CHAIN

Cyprus Ballroom A | Century II

Hear examples from both sides of the border on how companies throughout the region, not just those in border states, are part of Canada-U.S. trade. Additionally, the session's expert presenters will discuss how smaller firms can get the tools and knowledge they need to export — including via the assistance of states and provinces.

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

Presenters:

- » April Chiang, International Project Manager, Kansas Department of Commerce
- » Corinne Pohlmann, Senior Vice President, National Affairs and Partnerships, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- » Bob Rebori, President, BioMicrobics, Inc.

Facilitator:

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

THE STEM PIPELINE: HOW AND WHY TO CREATE NEW CAREER PATHWAYS IN THESE FIELDS

Birch Room | Century II

In every Midwestern state, the career prospects appear bright for individuals who pursue postsecondary degrees, certificates or other credentials in fields related to science, technology, engineering and math. Meeting the demand for more STEM workers also can help state economies. In this session, participants will learn about policies that can open new STEM career pathways, particularly among traditionally underrepresented groups.

This session is being presented jointly by the MLC Economic Development and Education committees.

Presenters:

- » Jessica Rodas, Program Manager, K-12 Initiative in Kansas
- » Dr. Jeff Weld, Executive Director, Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Facilitators:

- » Sen. Hearcel Craig, Ohio, MLC Education Committee Co-Chair
- » Rep. Robert Wittke, Wisconsin, MLC Economic Development Committee Co-Chair

5 to 6 p.m.

CONTRIBUTORS RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Riverview Ballroom

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

MICHIGAN 2023 RECEPTION

Redbud Ballroom BC | Century II

Members of the Michigan Legislature invite you to a reception highlighting plans for the Midwestern Legislative Conference's 77th Annual Meeting, which will be held in Detroit next summer.

7 to 10 p.m.

STATE DINNER

Eagle Ballroom

Enjoy the traditional State Dinner with your Kansas hosts in the elegant Grand Eagle Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The evening will include music from the Aerotones Big Band, featuring arrangements from the Roaring Twenties through today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

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8:30 to 10 a.m.

MLC INFORMATION

CSG Staff Office | Chisholm Trail/Stimpson Trail

BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION

Eagle Ballroom DE

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLOSING SESSION: DEALING WITH DIFFERENCE — COLLABORATION AND CONFLICT-RESOLUTION SKILLS FOR TODAY'S LAWMAKER

Redbud Ballroom B | Century II

Through participation in interactive exercises and discussions, participants will explore common assumptions they might make when seeking to influence others. They will also develop strategies to collaborate with others with whom they disagree.

Presenter:

- » **Naseem Khuri**, Facilitator and Consultant; Faculty, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy



In this section, the photos of meeting venues and events, as well as other Kansas landmarks, are courtesy of Greg Victors (page 10), Sedgwick County Zoo (page 14) and the Kansas Historical Society (page 19).