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WELCOME TO **YOUR** ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

For more than 125 years now, the Michigan Association of Counties has been a member-oriented, member-driven organization, designed to help elected county leaders be the best public officials they can. This year's event is no different.

Based on feedback from our members, the conference is once again "Up North" after a couple of years in the southern half of the state. Our home for the next couple of days, the Grand Traverse Resort, always has scored highly with members for its facilities and layout.

And the registration fee for members this year is \$415, which is \$10 LESS than what was charged for the 2019 Annual Conference, which was our last visit to the Grand Traverse Resort.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Part of the answer is before you this week, in the exhibit hall and in conference materials. There you will find the dozens of Michigan and national firms that support MAC's efforts through sponsorships and booths. Quite frankly, without their support and partnership, we would not be able to offer you so much content for such a price.

And there is much to see and do at this year's gathering:

- A Networking Reception and Strolling Dinner will give you the opportunity to catch up with colleagues and meet this year's exhibitors on Tuesday evening.
- Three Plenary sessions are centered on helping commissioners in their daily lives, whether through wellness advice from leading experts or responding to the recent trend of personal threats on elected officials.

- The 2024 President's Banquet will feature the installation of Wayne County's Melissa Daub as MAC President, followed by the "Motown" stylings of Denise Davis & the Motor City Sensations.
- An array of breakout sessions will give you every opportunity to learn the latest on key policy issues affecting counties, from how to properly use your opioid settlement dollars to the consequences of recent legal decisions on tax foreclosures.

As always, the entire MAC staff will be on hand to assist in any way we can to ensure the best possible conference experience for you and your guests. Do not hesitate to ask.

As MAC's 115th Board President and seventh Executive Director, we are proud to welcome you to the Annual Conference and, most importantly, proud to call you "colleague."

Enjoy the conference!

Jim Storey
Board President

Stephan W. Currie
Executive Director

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
12:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Registration Desk Open	Governors Prefunction
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	OPTIONAL SESSION: Women of MAC	Mackinac Room
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	MACSC Board Meeting	Tower A
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	MAC Board Meeting	Tower C
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Networking Reception and Strolling Dinner	Governors AB

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 AM	Registration Desk Opens	Governors Prefunction
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Governors CD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION: Novel Approach to Improving Health, Safety and Wellness in Employees	Governors CD
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Networking with Exhibitors	Governors AB
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Workshop - Fund a Better Way with MI Funding Hub	Peninsula A
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Sponsored Workshop - Eyes on the Water: Enbridge Straits Maritime Operations Center	Peninsula BC
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Workshop - Youth in Government	Mackinac A
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Workshop - County Parks: Doing Much More Than You Think	Mackinac BC
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch and PLENARY SESSION: FBI Election Crimes Coordinator Program and Current Threat Environment for Elected Officials	Governors CD
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Networking with Exhibitors	Governors AB
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Credentials Committee Meeting	Tower A
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop - Tax Foreclosure Litigation: Class Actions and Impact of Supreme Court Ruling On Remaining Proceeds Claims	Peninsula A
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop - 911 Systems - Cyber Threat Protection and Response	Peninsula BC
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop - Key Roles and Responsibilities of County Officials During an Emergency	Mackinac A
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop - How Can Your Local Community Foundation Assist Your County with Opioid Settlement Funds?	Mackinac BC
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	MAC Regional Caucuses	Region 1 - Peninsula A Region 2 - Peninsula BC Region 3 - Mackinac A Region 4 - Mackinac BC Region 5 - Tower A Region 6 - Tower B
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception	Governors EF
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	President's Banquet	Governors EF
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Entertainment - Denise Davis & The Motor City Sensations	Governors EF
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	President's Hospitality Suite	Guest Suite 1456

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 AM	Registration Desk Opens	Governors Prefunction
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Governors CD
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION: <i>Laughter is Medicine</i>	Governors CD
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION: <i>MAC Annual Business Meeting and MAC Legislative Update</i>	Governors CD
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Boxed Lunches To Go	Governors CD
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	MAC Board Meeting & Swearing-in of MAC Board Members	Tower C



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TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

YOUR BADGE IS YOUR FRIEND!

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EXHIBITOR BINGO

As you visit each exhibit, have the representative initial next to his/her booth name listed on the card provided in your conference registration bag. When you have visited all the exhibitors, turn in this card to the Registration Desk to be included in the prize drawing.

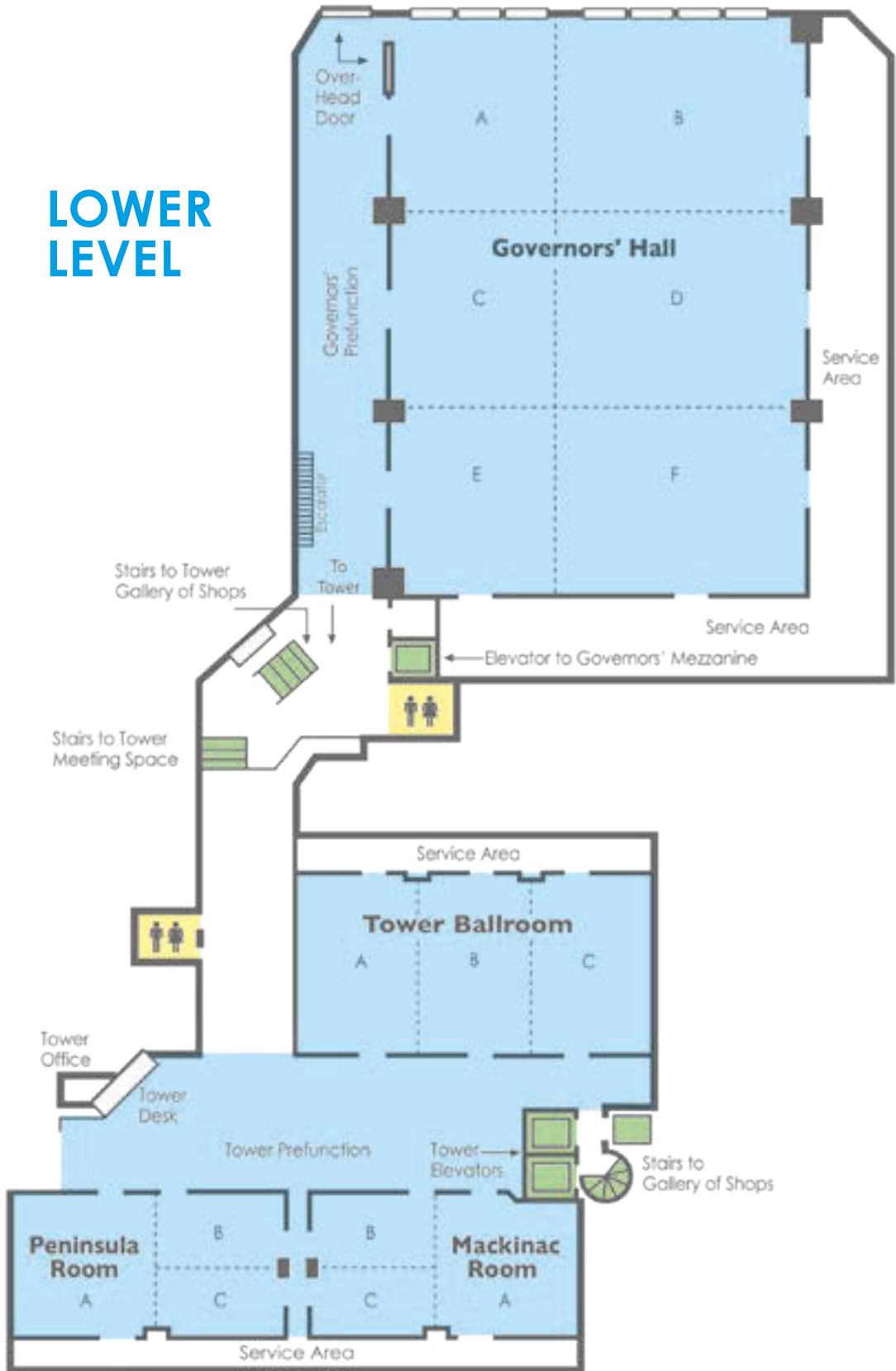
Forms are due at the Registration Desk by 2 p.m. on Sept. 25. Prizes will be handed out during the last plenary session on Sept. 26. MAC's Service Corp. is sponsoring two grand prizes of \$250 in cash at the drawing.

'100 PERCENT COUNTIES'

As a membership organization, MAC wants to take every opportunity to honor our member counties who go the extra mile to participate. Therefore, at the end of the final plenary session on Sept. 26, we will recognize those county boards that delivered 100 percent attendance at this year's event. Commissioner honorees will be mailed a \$25 gift card, courtesy of MAC Service Corp., a few weeks after the conference.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DANNY ADAMS

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In 30+ years of performance and improvisational comedy Danny has become a master of engaging, including and connecting with audiences. He is famous for his ‘Kristin and Danny’ viral lip sync videos that garnered over 500 million views and brings the same hilarity to every event in diverse and unique ways — from side-splitting appearances from special character appearances to audience-inclusive games. Danny’s ability to read the room, combined with his unique gifting of comedic timing is a rousing joy to experience.

KAYLEE BARKER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kaylee Barker is a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She is currently assigned to the Public Corruption Squad in the Detroit Division, where she works on public corruption and civil rights and serves as the election crimes coordinator. Prior to becoming a special agent, she was an intelligence analyst with the FBI. As an intelligence analyst, she worked on the Complex Financial Crimes Squad.

DEENA BOSWORTH

MAC

Deena Bosworth joined MAC in 2011 and became director of governmental affairs in December 2013. Bosworth leads an advocacy team of three that is monitoring more than 400 separate bills in the current legislative session in Lansing. Bosworth previously served as director of legislative relations for the Michigan Attorney General’s Office, as assistant county administrator with the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners in Florida and as legislative director and senior policy adviser for the Michigan House Republican Caucus. She has a B.A. in anthropology from Western Michigan University.

STEVE KEMPKER

OTTAWA COUNTY

Steve Kempker began his law enforcement career with the City of Holland Police Department in 1980. He joined the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office in October 1989 and, after serving in a variety of roles, was elected sheriff in November 2016. He has been a part of many law enforcement organizations, including the Michigan Association of Traffic Accident Investigators, Office of Highway Safety Planning and the West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium. He is a member of the state Mental Health Diversion Council and serves on the Michigan HIDTA Board under the federal Office of Drug Control and Policy. Kempker is a graduate of Muskegon Community College, Kalamazoo Valley Police Academy and the National Sheriffs Institute.

RYAN RICH

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Ryan Rich is a critical infrastructure protection specialist with the Michigan State Police’s Intelligence Operations Center. In his 20 years of experience with the Michigan State Police, he has served as an undercover narcotics officer, as a member of the Emergency Support Team and as a member of the governor’s security detail.



Stephan Currie
Executive Director

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DR. JOEL ROBERTSON **ROBERTSON HEALTH**

Dr. Joel Robertson is the founder and CEO of Robertson Health, a network of for-profit and nonprofit companies with a mission to provide precision medicine and artificial intelligence in the areas of Health, Wellness and Performance. He has written 14 books, including “Peak Performance Living” and “Natural Prozac.” He holds a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University and a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Michigan.

NISHAWN SPILLER **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Nishawn Spiller is an intelligence analyst with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She is currently assigned to the Public Corruption Squad in the Detroit Division, where she works on public corruption and civil rights and serves as the intelligence election crimes coordinator. Prior to her assignment on the Public Corruption Squad, she worked on the Complex Financial Crimes Squad.

AL VANDERBERG **KENT COUNTY**

Al Vanderberg has served as county administrator/controller of Kent County since August 2021. Previously, he served as county administrator of Ottawa County; as deputy county administrator/controller of Kent County; as city manager of South Haven; and as assistant city manager of Greenville. He was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Municipal Services Authority Board of Directors and Executive Committee and was appointed by Gov. Snyder and reappointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree in public administration from Michigan State University.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION AND STROLLING DINNER

SEPT. 24, 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

Join your fellow attendees for complimentary beverages and food as you stroll the conference Exhibit Show. Be sure to wear your conference badge to ensure quick access.

EXHIBITOR SHOW AND BINGO

SEPT. 25, 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

Visit with representatives of nearly 30 firms that specialize in products and services useful to county governments. Don't forget to have your Exhibitor Bingo card stamped to enter a drawing for one of two \$250 cash prizes provided by the MAC Service Corp. (Attendees can even get their cards stamped during the Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening.) Completed cards are due at the registration desk by 2 p.m. on Sept. 25; winners will be drawn during the last plenary session on Sept. 26.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Sept. 25, 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

After a busy day of conference sessions, attendees are invited for cocktails prior to the 2024 President's Banquet. Be sure to wear your conference badge to ensure quick access.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Sept. 25, 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

The traditional President's Banquet will feature a spectacular meal and the oath of office and inaugural address of Melissa Daub of Wayne County as MAC's 116th Board President.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sept. 25, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

Denise Davis & The Motor City Sensations

PRESIDENT'S HOSPITALITY SUITE

Sept. 25, 9:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

Join newly inaugurated President Melissa Daub in her suite for beverages and light snacks to close out the evening.

Denise Davis & The Motor City Sensations

Sept. 25, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

Denise Davis & The Motor City Sensations will help us end the evening with a bang. Davis is a dynamic singer and entertainer from Detroit whose high-energy performances excite audiences wherever she and her veteran backup musicians appear!



CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

12:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Registration Desk Opens

Room: Governors Prefunction

Keep in mind that there is only one OPTIONAL session scheduled during the day. Otherwise, we begin festivities with a Strolling Dinner and Reception at 5:00 PM.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

OPTIONAL SESSION: WOMEN OF MAC

Room: Mackinac Room

Hosted by Incoming MAC President Melissa Daub

A social gathering to bring all Women of MAC to a central location to advocate for committee attendance and build strong community networks across the state.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

MACSC BOARD MEETING

Room: Tower A

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

MAC BOARD MEETING

Room: Tower C

The MAC Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting. MAC members may attend.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND STROLLING DINNER

Room: Governors AB

Enjoy complimentary beverages and food while strolling through the 2024 Exhibitor Show.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

7:30 AM – Registration Desk Opens

Room: Governors Prefunction

7:30 AM – 9:00AM – Breakfast

Room: Governors CD

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

PLENARY: NOVEL APPROACH TO IMPROVING HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS IN EMPLOYEES

Room: Governors CD

Speakers: Dr. Joel Robertson, Robertson Health, Sheriff Steve Kempker, Ottawa County, and Al Vanderberg, Kent County

In today's challenging cultural climate, marked by political divisiveness, social inequalities, and increased violence, stress and mental health issues are on the rise, with significant impacts on both personal well-being and workplace productivity. Despite the availability of well-being programs, engagement remains low, with only 11% of employees highly engaged. Al Vanderberg, Kent County administrator, and Ottawa County Sheriff Steven Kempker have partnered with Robertson Brain Health to address these challenges. Since 2019, their initiative has projected over \$20 million in health care savings across two counties, with Robertson's personalized approach showing high participant satisfaction and significant health improvements. Dr. Robertson will present how this innovative, AI-driven program is revolutionizing employee well-being with a "one size fits one" model, leading to better health outcomes and cost savings.

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

Room: Governors AB

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

WORKSHOP: FUND A BETTER WAY WITH MI FUNDING HUB

Room: Peninsula A

Speaker: Shanna Draheim, Michigan Municipal League

It's no secret – grants can have a meaningful impact on the communities we live in. But many places lack the capacity to track and access funding. Enter MI Funding Hub: an online grant navigation tool and free technical assistance center for local leaders to help identify, plan, and apply for grants. The Michigan Municipal League's Shanna Draheim will provide information and answer questions related to the new MIFundingHub.org resource.

CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 CONTINUED

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM



SPONSORED WORKSHOP: EYES ON THE WATER: ENBRIDGE STRAITS MARITIME OPERATIONS CENTER

Room: Peninsula BC

Speakers: Paul Meneghini, Enbridge, Mike Davanzo, Enbridge, John Malnar, Delta County, and Bryce Tracy, Mackinac County

As Enbridge prepares to build the Great Lakes Tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac and move its Line 5 pipeline off the lakebed, protecting the Straits while preventing potential Line 5 anchor strikes takes priority. Staffed 24/7 and overseen by a veteran Coast Guard captain, the one-of-a-kind Enbridge Straits Maritime Operations Center (ESMOC) showcases technology that is advancing maritime traffic safety while ensuring the safe, reliable operation of Line 5, a critical pipeline that delivers light crude oil and natural gas liquids (NGL) on which our five-state region depends. Going well beyond its Enbridge purpose, the ESMOC interfaces with emergency responders of all levels to support the safety of people, ships, and infrastructure throughout the Straits region.

Join Enbridge for a virtual tour of the ESMOC's nerve center, Straits radar system and camera network – guided by our ESMOC operations director and with commentary from Delta County's John Malnar and Mackinac County 911 Coordinator Bryce Tracy.

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

WORKSHOP: YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Room: Mackinac A

Speaker: Mary Burleson, YMCA Michigan

YMCA Michigan Youth in Government (MYIG) is a model state legislative program for middle and high school students. Often run as a club at schools and YMCAs across the state, students work towards attending the Lansing Conference held at the State Capitol. The program helps teens cultivate skills in public discourse, decision making and civic participation. They also experience character development through practicing the YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Inclusion, Respect and

Responsibility. Through hands-on collaboration with diverse peers, YMCA MYIG helps teens transform classroom lessons into tangible outcomes. The program also offers a platform for teens to develop and express their opinions while contributing to their communities.

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

WORKSHOP: COUNTY PARKS: DOING MUCH MORE THAN YOU THINK

Room: Mackinac BC

Speaker: John Chase, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation

As with so much in American life, the demands on park and recreation programs and staff have changed greatly. Hear from a recreational expert on the important role parks play, how departments are leveraging community relationships, and demonstrating value to create vibrant places to live, work and play.

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

LUNCH AND PLENARY

Room: Governors CD

Session 1 - FBI Election Crimes Coordinator Program

Speaker: Kaylee Barker and Nishawn Spiller, Federal Bureau of Investigation

In this session, we will delve into the critical roles that Election Crime Coordinators play in ensuring the integrity of our election processes. Participants will gain an understanding of how these coordinators work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to detect and prevent election-related crimes. Additionally, we will explore the FBI's involvement in safeguarding elections, highlighting their collaborative efforts to address and mitigate threats. The session will also cover the important work of the Threats to Election Workers Task Force, which is dedicated to protecting those who administer our elections from intimidation and violence. Attendees will leave with a clearer perspective on the multifaceted approach taken to secure our democratic processes and the safeguards in place to protect those involved in administering elections.

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CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 CONTINUED

Session 2 - Current Threat Environment for Elected Officials

Speaker: Ryan Rich, Michigan State Police

This presentation will provide an overview of the current threat landscape for elected officials and candidates, highlighting key concerns identified by the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center (MIOC) for the upcoming November elections.

Additionally, it will explain the function of fusion centers, the mechanisms for Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), and offer contact information. Attendees will learn how to access updated information and intelligence bulletins.

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

Room: Governors AB

1:15 PM – 1:45 PM

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Room: Tower A

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WORKSHOP: TAX FORECLOSURE LITIGATION: CLASS ACTIONS AND IMPACT OF SUPREME COURT RULING ON REMAINING PROCEEDS CLAIMS

Room: Peninsula A

Speakers: Ted Seitz, Dykema Gossett

Ted Seitz from Dykema Gossett PPLC will discuss the recent Michigan Supreme Court Ruling in the Schafer v. Kent County and Hathon v State of Michigan cases and how that ruling, along with pending class actions and other cases, will impact the financial exposures counties face. The two Michigan Supreme Court cases address the retroactive application of the Supreme Court's earlier Rafaeli decision regarding surplus proceeds on tax foreclosed properties, the statutory claim process, and class action liability.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WORKSHOP: 911 SYSTEMS – CYBER THREAT PROTECTION AND RESPONSE

Room: Mackinac BC

Speakers: Jeffery Troyer, Michigan State 911 Committee, and Jon Moored, Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority

Local 911 systems are information hubs and the essential link for residents and visitors to access emergency services. This critical infrastructure is being targeted by cybersecurity threats at unprecedented levels and the time is now to prepare and implement prevention solutions! This session will discuss

best practices for preventing or mitigating the impact of a cybersecurity event and prepare your governmental unit's response.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WORKSHOP: KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS DURING AN EMERGENCY

Room: Mackinac A

Speakers: Jenifer Boyer, Midland County Emergency Management, and Gregg Bird, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management

Get an in-depth look at the core of Emergency Management at the county level and the role and responsibilities of elected officials. This session will review the current process within Michigan of emergency declarations and how to advocate for your community within that system to meet your unique needs brought on by a disaster.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WORKSHOP: HOW CAN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSIST YOUR COUNTY WITH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS?

Room: Mackinac BC

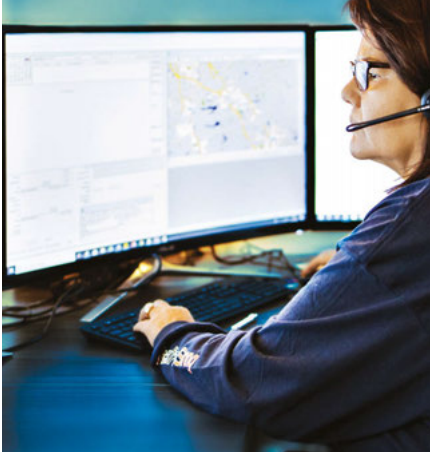
Speakers: Katelyn Videto, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, and Marissa Natske, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan

Community foundations, also known as community trusts or funds, are grantmaking public charities that are dedicated to improving the lives of people in a defined local geographic area, often defined by county borders. They bring together the financial resources in their communities to support nonprofits, and they play a key role in identifying and solving community problems. Often, a key focus of a community foundation is on building a permanent, endowment fund, which occurs when money received from the community is invested and managed to assure a steady stream of income for grants and other charitable activities.

Community foundations are expert grant makers and have established infrastructure to bring in and grant out dollars from various sources. They are trusted entities and hold strong relationships with nonprofits throughout their regions. These skills and functions can be an asset to counties on any day, but especially now as opioid settlement funds are flowing into communities. During this session, we will discuss how to approach your local community foundation, what services they often provide, and how they might be able to assist with local planning and distribution of opioid settlement funds.



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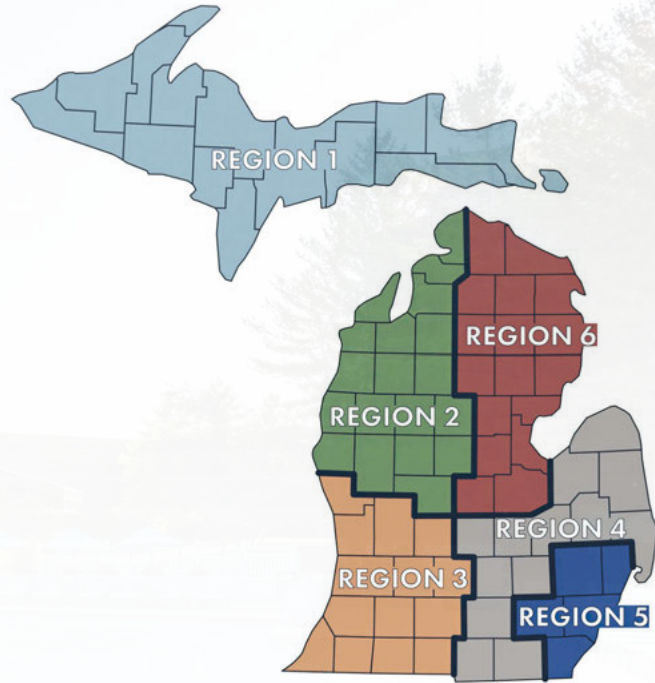
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CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 CONTINUED

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

MAC REGIONAL CAUCUSES

- Region 1 – Peninsula A
- Region 2 – Peninsula BC
- Region 3 – Mackinac A
- Region 4 – Mackinac BC
- Region 5 – Tower A
- Region 6 – Tower B

County commissioners attending the conference may participate in their regional caucuses to fill five seats on the MAC Board of Directors. For more information on the elections, see page 27.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Room: Governors EF

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PRESIDENT’S BANQUET

Room: Governors EF

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7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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Room: Governors EF

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9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

PRESIDENT’S HOSPITALITY SUITE

Room: Guest Suite 1456

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

7:30 AM – Registration Desk Opens
Room: Governors Prefunction

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM – Breakfast
Room: Governors CD

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

PLENARY: LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE

Room: Governors CD

Speaker: Danny Adams, “The Facilitator of Fun”

This presentation will leave you filled with laughter! The interactive session speaks to the importance of laughter, and how it is a strong contributor to productivity in the workplace, not to mention your overall health. All of us have stress in our jobs and personal lives, and it is good to be reminded to take a break and laugh!

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

PLENARY: MAC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Room: Governors CD

Speakers: MAC Board President Jim Storey, Allegan County, and Deena Bosworth, MAC Director of Governmental Affairs

The Annual Business Meeting will review and approve the 2024-25 MAC Policy Platforms. Only county commissioners registered for the conference may vote on the platforms.

Following the Business Meeting, Director of Governmental Affairs Deena Bosworth will present a Legislative Update.

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

BOXED LUNCHES TO GO

Room: Governors CD

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

MAC BOARD MEETING & SWEARING-IN OF MAC BOARD MEMBERS

Room: Tower C

EXHIBITORS

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DTE Energy will host a booth highlighting the importance of renewable energy across the state. Handouts will be provided on these topics, along with DTE's commitment to job creation and improving communities. Moreover, attendees will receive complimentary swag during the event.

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The Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation (MACSC) was established in 1986 to provide services to Michigan Association of Counties members through the development and maintenance of a variety of programs and services. Our services are not limited to counties but are available to the various county entities and other agencies within counties.

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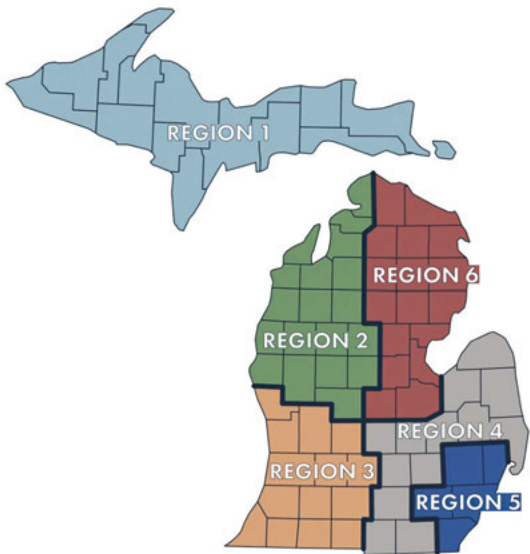
ELECTIONS & PLATFORMS

BOARD ELECTIONS WILL FILL 5 SEATS

Five seats on the MAC Board of Directors will be filled on Sept. 25 at the 2024 Annual Conference.

The commissioners who filed for seats in this cycle are:

- Region I, Seat A - John Malnar, Delta County; Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County
- Region II, Seat A - Bryan Kolk, Newaygo County (I)
- Region III, Seat A - Rick Shaffer, St. Joseph County (I)
- Region V, Seat B - Sarah Lucido, Macomb County (I)
- At-large, Seat C - Melissa Daub, Wayne County (I)



Although only one candidate filed for some of the seats, regional caucuses must be held, per MAC By-laws, to elect the candidate.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Only commissioners who register for the Annual Conference may participate in the regional caucuses that fill these seats.
2. Regional Board seats are filled by elections in which each COUNTY gets ONE vote. At-large seats are filled with each attending commissioner casting one vote in each caucus; the winning at-large candidate must have majorities in at least four of the six caucuses.

POLICY PLATFORM VOTES

MAC’s Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 9:45 a.m. in the ballroom. County commissioners who are registered for the conference may participate as voting members in the business meeting, which includes review and approval of MAC’s 2024-25 policy platforms. Drafts were posted to MAC’s website in August.

According to MAC’s By-laws (Article III, Section 6): “An amendment to the MAC Platform may be presented from the floor during the annual meeting. Such amendment will require a 2/3 majority vote of the members at the meeting at which a quorum is initially established to be adopted.”

Each commissioner may cast one vote per platform. Passage is by a majority vote of eligible commissioners in the Business Meeting.



County Commissioner Academy is a professional development program for commissioners incorporating a series of events and workshops focused on the day-to-day responsibilities of a Michigan county commissioner. Participants earn continuing education “hours” by attending designated events and workshops. “Certification” is offered at two different levels: “Certified” is reached at 10 hours over a two-year cycle, while “Advanced” is reached with 20 hours over a four-year period.

Commissioners attending the 2024 Annual Conference earn 3 credit hours for CCA.

MAC honors an annual graduating “class” of commissioners at the Legislative Conference each year.

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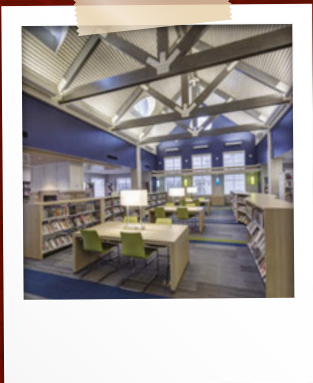
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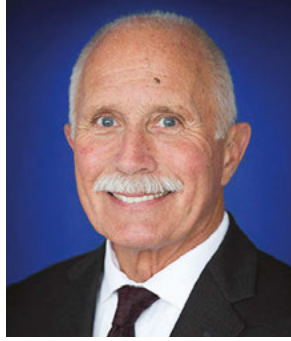
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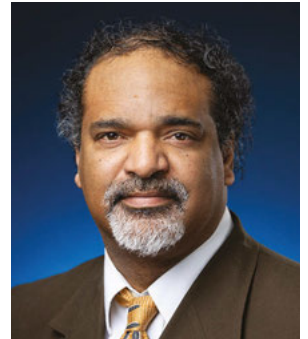
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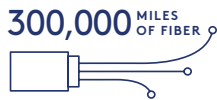
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