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73rd Annual Meeting Midwestern Legislative Conference

Winnipeg, Manitoba | July 15-18, 2018



DR. BRIAN TENNYSON

Author of "Canada's Great War, 1914-1918: How Canada Helped Save the British Empire and Became a North American Nation"



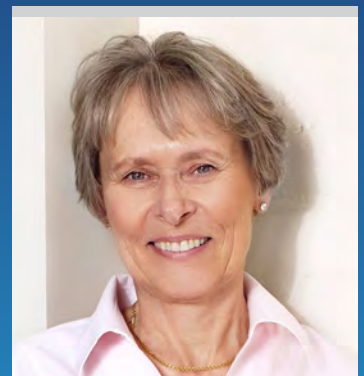
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First Canadian Woman and Neurologist to Fly in Space as Part of NASA Crew on Space Shuttle *Discovery*

An Invitation from the MLC Chair and Meeting Hosts



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Speaker, Legislative
Assembly of Manitoba,
and MLC Host
Committee Chair

We hope you join us this summer in Winnipeg, the culturally vibrant capital city of Manitoba, for the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting. The nonpartisan, family-friendly event will be held July 15-18.

The building of cross-border relationships has become a hallmark of the MLC Annual Meeting, where you have the chance to learn from and develop lasting bonds with legislative colleagues – not only from other states, but from the provinces that make up our North American heartland.

The states and provinces of the Midwest share much more than a border. We have many common policy interests, as well as invaluable economic and cultural ties that bind us. The MLC Annual Meeting reflects these important bonds, while also giving us the chance to strengthen them.

As you'll see in this brochure, we have some renowned speakers lined up to complement the 2018 meeting's many sessions on public policy. We also have special events planned for attendees' guests of all ages, along with three exciting evening events at different sites in Winnipeg.

Registering for the MLC Annual Meeting

- Registration can be completed at csgmidwest.org (click on the Annual Meeting tab).
- The registration deadline is June 11 (all registration fees are in U.S. dollars).
- The cost of registration covers all meals and admittance to all meeting-related events.
- Separate registration is required for the spouses, adult guests and children of attendees.
- The registration fee for adult guests is \$175; there is no charge for children (under 18) to take part in the meeting's youth events.
- Hotel reservations must be made separately (see below).
- Please contact CSG Midwest if you have any questions: csgm@csg.org or 630.925.1922.

REGISTRATION FEES (ATTENDEES REGISTERING BY MAY 14 WILL RECEIVE A \$50 DISCOUNT)

Government	\$425
Government First-Time Attendee	\$375
Nonprofit Organization	\$575
Private Sector	\$1,000
Contributor (\$3,500 or more)	\$0
CSG Associate	\$1,000*

* CSG Associate designees and Leadership Circle members can call 859.244.8116 or email Margaret Ridley (mridley@csg.org) to receive their discount code.



About the Meeting Site

The Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting will be held July 15–18 in downtown Winnipeg at the **RBC Convention Centre** and **Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg**. A skywalk connects the convention center (375 York Ave.) and hotel (350 St. Mary Ave.).

Reservations for the hotel can be made by calling 844.294.7309. Please mention the Midwestern Legislative Conference to receive the group rate (\$146 per night in Canadian dollars; taxes not included). June 11 is the deadline to register for the meeting and book your accommodations.

Things to Know Before You Go

Driving

Hertz and Avis are offering special deals for MLC Annual Meeting attendees. These rates are available for pickups and drop-offs between July 13 and 20. For Hertz reservations, call 800.654.2240 and use discount number CV#03SM0013. For Avis reservations, call 800.331.1600 and use discount number J626839.

Parking Information

Self-parking at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg costs \$18 per night (Canadian dollars). Valet parking costs \$24 per night (Canadian dollars). These rates do not include taxes and are subject to change.

Transportation from the Airport

Unicity Taxi services the Winnipeg airport. Rates are priced by meter (not by flat rate). The average cost of this approximately 25-minute trip to the downtown area is \$20 (Canadian dollars), depending on traffic conditions. Cabs are available outside Exit 3 of the airport's terminal building. London Limo offers private cars for \$65 (Canadian dollars; tax not included in this price). Call London Limos at 204.488.9590 for more information.



Please note: Photographers will be present during MLC Annual Meeting sessions. Photographs of MLC Annual Meeting attendees may appear in CSG publications and in printed and online promotional materials.

Speaker Highlights



MR. GARY DOER

Keynote Presentation | Monday, July 16

One of the foremost experts on the importance and uniqueness of the relationship between Canada and the United States will kick off this year's Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting. Gary Doer served as Canada's ambassador to the United States from 2009 to 2016. Between 1999 and 2009, he was Manitoba's premier; in that position, Mr. Doer worked with the governors of the United States and Mexico to improve trade and energy cooperation across North America. In his presentation, Mr. Doer will provide insights on the U.S.-Canada relationship and explore cross-border policies to strengthen it.



DR. ROBERTA BONDAR

Luncheon Presentation | Monday, July 16

The first Canadian woman and neurologist to fly in space will speak on "The Art of Leading Through Continuous Change." Roberta Bondar expanded the horizons of millions when she joined the space shuttle Discovery for its 1992 mission. For more than 12 years at NASA, Dr. Bondar headed an international research team that helped make new connections between astronauts recovering from the microgravity of space and neurological illnesses right here on Earth. She also is a co-founder of The Roberta Bondar Foundation, which is dedicated to helping people reconnect with the natural environment.



DR. BRIAN TENNYSON

Luncheon Presentation | Tuesday, July 17

Brian Tennyson is the author of the 2014 book "Canada's Great War, 1914-1918: How Canada Helped Save the British Empire and Became a North American Nation." His meeting presentation will focus on the lasting impact that World War I had on the relationship between Canada and the United States. An emeritus professor at Cape Breton University in Nova Scotia, Dr. Tennyson is a specialist in early-20th-century Canadian political history. He has taught courses on the history of Canadian foreign policy and Canadian-American relations. Dr. Tennyson has published 17 books and more than 70 articles and book reviews.



MS. AMY WALTER

Featured Presentation | Tuesday, July 17

During a session that previews this year's elections in the United States, meeting attendees will hear and learn from one of the nation's best political journalists. Amy Walter is the national editor of the *Cook Political Report* and the former political director of ABC News. She has built a reputation as an accurate, objective and knowledgeable political analyst with unparalleled access to campaign insiders and decision-makers. Ms. Walter will explore what's at stake this November—including partisan control of the U.S. Congress, state legislatures and governors' offices—as well as the key factors likely to determine electoral outcomes.

Contributor OPPORTUNITIES



The Contributor Program provides an opportunity for participating companies and organizations to support the MLC Annual Meeting. The MLC appreciates the early commitment of support for this year's meeting from the following sponsors:

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For more information about the Contributor Program, please contact CSG Midwest assistant director Ilene Grossman at 630.925.1922 or igrossman@csg.org.

All contributors will be recognized in the meeting program, and those contributing at the \$3,500 level or above will receive one or more complimentary registrations.

Preliminary Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 13	SUNDAY (CONT'D)	TUESDAY, JULY 17	TUESDAY (CONT'D)
<p>7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MLC Midwest-Canada Energy Subcommittee Site Visit to Wuskwatim Hydroelectric Generating Station (Separate pre-registration is required and limited)</p>	<p>6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Opening Night Reception at the Manitoba Legislative Building</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p>	<p>3:30 to 5 p.m. » Fiscal Leaders Roundtable » Site Visits</p>
MONDAY, JULY 16		<p>7:30 to 8:45 a.m. » Buffet Breakfast » Breakfast Table Topic Discussions » BILLD Breakfast (Invitation Only) » MLC Resolutions Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 to 6 p.m. Contributors Reception (Invitation Only)</p>
SATURDAY, JULY 14	<p>7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p>	<p>9 to 10:15 a.m. <u>Plenary Session</u> » Renewable Energy</p>	<p>5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Illinois 2019 Reception</p>
<p>9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MLC Midwest-Canada Energy Subcommittee Meeting</p>	<p>7:30 to 8:45 a.m. » Buffet Breakfast » Breakfast Table Topic Discussions » BILLD Steering Committee Business Session and Breakfast (Committee Members Only)</p>	<p>10:30 to 11:45 a.m. <u>Plenary Session</u> » Transportation</p>	<p>7:15 to 10 p.m. State Dinner at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights</p>
<p>12:30 to 6 p.m. Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p>	<p>9 to 10:30 a.m. <u>Opening and Keynote Session</u> » Welcome to Manitoba » Keynote presentation by Former Manitoba Premier and Former Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Gary Doer (see speaker highlights)</p>	<p>11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. <u>Luncheon</u> » Presentation by Historian and Author Brian Tennyson (see speaker highlights)</p>	WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
<p>1:30 to 7:30 p.m. MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Site Visit (Separate pre-registration required)</p>	<p>10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. <u>Plenary Session</u> » Shared Border, Shared Policy Challenges: Big Issues in State, Provincial Legislatures</p>	<p>2 to 3:15 p.m. <u>Featured Presentation</u> » Presentation by <i>Cook Political Report</i> National Editor Amy Walter (see speaker highlights)</p>	<p>8:30 to 10 a.m. Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p>
SUNDAY, JULY 15	<p>12 to 2 p.m. <u>Luncheon</u> » Presentation by Astronaut and Neurologist Roberta Bondar (see speaker highlights)</p>		<p>8:30 to 10 a.m. Breakfast and MLC Business Session</p>
<p>9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p>	<p>2:15 to 3:45 p.m. <u>MLC Committee-Sponsored Sessions</u> » Economic Development » Health & Human Services » Midwest-Canada Relations</p>		<p>10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Closing Session: Professional Development Workshop</p>
<p>10 to 11:30 a.m. <u>MLC Policy Committee Meetings</u> » Agriculture & Natural Resources » Education » Midwest-Canada Relations</p>	<p>4 to 5:30 p.m. <u>MLC Committee-Sponsored Sessions</u> » Agriculture & Natural Resources » Criminal Justice & Public Safety » Education</p>		
<p>11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. MLC Executive Committee Meeting (lunch will be provided)</p>	<p>6 to 9:30 p.m. Family Night at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Journey to Churchill Exhibit</p>		
<p>12 to 1:30 p.m. MLC Policy Committees' Lunch</p>			
<p>3 to 4:30 p.m. <u>MLC Policy Committee Meetings</u> » Criminal Justice & Public Safety » Economic Development » Health & Human Services</p>			
<p>4:30 to 5 p.m. Newcomers Orientation</p>			
<p>5 to 6 p.m. Newcomers Reception</p>			
<p>5 to 6 p.m. BILLD Alumni Reception (Invitation Only)</p>			



Sign Up to Lead a Breakfast Table Topic

On Monday and Tuesday mornings, legislators are welcome to facilitate a breakfast Table Topic conversation on an issue of interest to them. These roundtable discussions help lawmakers share policy ideas in an informal setting.

If you would like to lead a discussion, sign up online (csgmidwest.org) or contact Tim Anderson: 630.925.1922 or tanderson@csg.org. The deadline to register is June 11. Space is limited; opportunities to facilitate a discussion are made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spouse, Guest & Youth Program/Evening Events



Manitoba Legislative Building



Assiniboine Park Zoo



Canadian Museum for Human Rights

SUNDAY, JULY 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For Children and Teens

Youth Meet and Greet at the Manitoba Museum's Science Gallery and Planetarium

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

Opening Night Reception at the Manitoba Legislative Building (Business Casual Attire)

MONDAY, JULY 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For Children and Teens

Be a "Voyageur for the Day" at Historic Fort Gibraltar

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For Spouses and Adult Guests

Tour the Manitoba Museum and visit DeLuca's Cooking Studio & Market

6 to 9:30 p.m.

For All Ages

Family Night at the Assiniboine Park Zoo's Journey to Churchill Exhibit

TUESDAY, JULY 17

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

For Children and Teens

Take part in an outdoor adventure while escaping to the peaceful wilderness of Oak Hammock Marsh

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

For Spouses and Adult Guests

Visit the Royal Canadian Mint, then get into the Manitoba "spirit" by touring local breweries and distilleries

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

Illinois 2019 Reception

7 to 10 p.m.

For Children and Teens

Youth Farewell Event

7:15 to 10 p.m.

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

State Dinner at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (Business Casual Attire/Comfortable Shoes)

Attendee Checklist

- Registration can be completed at csgmidwest.org.
- The registration deadline is June 11; separate registration is required for spouses, adult guests and children.
- A valid passport is required for U.S. attendees and guests of all ages traveling to Canada.
- An adult must accompany children ages 5 and under.
- Adults can only attend youth activities if they are accompanying a child and have paid the \$175 fee.
- Event times are subject to change.
- Unless otherwise indicated, attire for guest and social events is casual; attire for meeting's business sessions is business casual.
- Meals will be provided at all events.

Staying in Touch: How to Keep Up to Date on This Year's MLC Annual Meeting

- Visit the CSG Midwest website: csgmidwest.org
- Follow us on **Twitter**: #CSGMidwest and #2018MLC
- "Like" **The Council of State Governments** on **Facebook** and follow its Upcoming Events section
- Contact CSG Midwest at **630.925.1922** or csgm@csg.org



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Summer Arctic Safari in Churchill

Fly 2 hours 

Kayak with beluga whales, walk with polar bears, admire the beauty of the aurora borealis in Northern Manitoba.



Life's Grand at Grand Beach

Drive 1.25 hours 

Dig your toes into the soft white sand at one of the finest beaches in North America.



Reel in a Master Angler

Various locations 

Manitoba is a year-round angling destination and one of the best places to catch world-class trophy fish.



Hit the Links at Hecla

Drive 2 hours 

Play a championship golf course at a luxurious resort located down the shoreline from the scenic lighthouse on Lake Winnipeg.



Sing with the Birds at Oak Hammock Marsh

Drive 40 minutes 

Paddle through this restored wetland, home to 300 species of birds. Join a naturalist on a bird banding expedition.



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