

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.