This is a milestone year for the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, and we are going to commemorate our 75th year with four days devoted to learning, deepening cross-state and cross-border friendships, forging new bonds with legislative colleagues, and advancing public policy.

Fittingly, the city of Detroit — one of the Midwest’s great, historic cities — is serving as host for this 75-year celebration. The MLC Annual Meeting will be held July 19-22 in the city’s bustling downtown district.

The family-friendly MLC Annual Meeting is the only event of its kind designed by and for legislators from the Midwest’s state and provinces. This brochure provides a glimpse of what we have planned for you — informative sessions with leading experts in public policy, site visits, highly renowned speakers, special evening events at some of Detroit’s top venues, and fun activities for guests of all ages.

My colleagues in the Michigan Legislature and I look forward to welcoming you. We plan to make this a memorable, enjoyable and worthwhile meeting for everyone in this landmark year for the MLC.

### Registering for the MLC Annual Meeting

- Registration can be completed at csgmidwest.org.
- The registration deadline is June 15.
- The cost of registration covers all meals and admittance to all meeting-related events. (All registration fees are in U.S. dollars.)
- 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 questions: csgm@csg.org or 630.925.1922.

### Things to Know Before You Go

**Driving**

Hertz and Avis are offering special rates for MLC Annual Meeting attendees for pickups and drop-offs between July 14 and 31. For Hertz reservations, call 800.654.2240 and use convention discount number CV#03SM0014. For Avis reservations, call 800.331.1600 and use discount number J626839.

**Traveling by Plane**

Detroit Metropolitan Airport serves the area with flights on all major airlines. The airport is 23 miles from the meeting’s host hotel, the Westin Book Cadillac.

**Traveling by Train**

Three round-trip Amtrak passenger trains are available each day between Chicago and Detroit (the state-supported Wolverine route). From the city’s train station (11 W. Baltimore Ave.), Detroit’s QLine provides service to within a few blocks of the Westin Book Cadillac.

**Parking Information**

Valet parking is available at the entrance of the Westin Book Cadillac; it costs $25 per day. A self-parking garage is located nearby (201 Michigan Ave.); prices range between $20 and $25 per day.

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 & Session Highlights

INNOVATION & THE STATES
Monday | July 20
Best-selling author Steven Johnson will deliver the keynote address on the history of innovation. He is the author of “How We Got to Now,” which spawned an Emmy-nominated, six-part PBS series. Following Johnson’s presentation, an expert panel will discuss the future of innovation and the role of state policy.

MLC CHAIRMAN’S INITIATIVE ON LITERACY
Tuesday | July 21
Michigan Sen. Ken Horn is focusing his Midwestern Legislative Conference Chairman’s Initiative on how states can effectively promote literacy. This year’s meeting will include a plenary session that covers policy options for states.

A POLICY PATH TO IMPROVING THE STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH
Tuesday | July 21
With the help of a leading national authority — Debbie Plotnick, vice president of Mental Health America — attendees will examine the “state of mental health,” explore some of the underlying factors in mental and emotional well-being, and learn about promising state laws and programs.

MANAGING LEGISLATIVE STRESS
Wednesday | July 22
In this interactive workshop, participants will explore the new science of stress management and learn how to apply it to their work inside and outside the legislature. This workshop will be led by a former state legislator: J. Scott Raecker, director of The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University.

Contributor OPPORTUNITIES
The Contributor Program gives organizations the opportunity to support the MLC Annual Meeting. For information on contributing, please contact Ilene Grossman: igrossman@csg.org or 630.925.1922. The MLC appreciates the early commitment of support (as of Feb. 10) for this year’s Annual Meeting from the following organizations.

MLC’s Midwestern Legislative Conference
The Council of State Governments is a regionally based national organization that serves all three branches of government in the 50 states. CSG Midwest serves legislators and other state officials from the nation’s heartland. It provides staff support to the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) and events such as the MLC Annual Meeting. The MLC has 12 member jurisdictions: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Three Canadian provinces are affiliate members of the MLC: Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.
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Spouse, Guest & Youth Program/Evening Events

SUNDAY, JULY 19

5 to 9:45 p.m.
For Children and Teens
Youth Meet & Greet at Allegiant Nonstop Family Entertainment Center (closed-toe shoes required)

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests
Opening Night Reception at The Fillmore Detroit

MONDAY, JULY 20

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
For Children and Teens
River Boat Tour and Detroit Zoo

9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
For Spouses and Adult Guests
Detroit History, Architecture and Food Bus Tour

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
For All Attendees and Guests
Family Night at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
For Spouses, Guests, Children and Teens
Greenfield Village

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests
South Dakota 2021 Reception at the Detroit Institute of Arts (attire is business casual)

5:45 to 11 p.m.
For Children and Teens
Youth Farewell Event — Dinner, Movies, Games and Ice Cream Bar

7 to 10:30 p.m.
For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests
State Dinner at the Detroit Institute of Arts (attire is business casual)

Attendee Checklist

- Registration can be completed at csgmidwest.org.
- The registration deadline is June 15; separate registration is required for spouses, adult guests and children.
- You must be 21 to attend adult and guest events.
- 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: @CSGovts
- “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
COME EARLY, STAY LATE: Amazing adventures are waiting for you in Michigan!

**Frankenmuth**
A short hour-and-a-half ride north of Detroit, Frankenmuth — known as Michigan’s “Little Bavaria” — has been listed by VacationRenter.com as the top U.S. city for holiday vibes. Experience the German heritage in this tiny town through its food, architecture and festivals. Must-see attractions include the nation’s largest Medal of Honor collection and the world’s largest Christmas store; you can also learn how to make German pretzels and so much more. Your experience in “Little Bavaria” will be anything but small! (frankenmuth.org)

**Mackinac Island**
Visiting Mackinac Island — voted one of the best islands in the United States by Conde Nast — is like stepping back in time. In fact, the award-winning movie “Somewhere in Time” was filmed there! Travel by foot, bike or horse-drawn carriage through the quaint town of Mackinac and its surrounding, breath-taking vistas (no cars are allowed on the island). Enjoy the views, historic hotels, carriage rides, craft food and homemade fudge on this fairy-tale island. (mackinacisland.org)

**Traverse City**
Named the “Greatest Town in the Midwest” by Midwest Living, Traverse City is a year-round location to visit. For the wine enthusiast, experience some of the best wines in the nation at more than 40 different wineries, vineyards and tasting rooms. The city has also been listed among “America’s Best Beer Towns” by CWN Money. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore offers an unmatched view overlooking Lake Michigan, as well as picturesque trails for hikers and bikers. Also, try one of the area’s many restaurants that feature locally grown, farm-to-table entrees. (traversecity.com)

**Grand Rapids**
One of the world’s most significant botanic and sculpture experiences, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids has been a destination for artists since the 19th century. A more recent attraction in Grand Rapids is the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, the presidential museum and burial site of Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty, located along the west bank of the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids. In addition, Grand Rapids has more than 100 live music venues and restaurants to enjoy, along with world-class beaches, bars, breweries and coffee tours. (www.experiencegr.com)

**State Capitol (Lansing)**
Take the “LAN150 Challenge” and see how many of the 150 things you can do on this bucket list! There are museums, art galleries, theaters, breweries, wineries, distilleries, cooking schools, parks, the Malcolm X homesite marker, and, of course, the State Capitol building — just to name a few of the 150 things to do. Several of Lansing’s restaurants also have been featured on The Food Network. (lansing.org)