

# Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting



# Wichita

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JULY 10-13, 2022



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# An Invitation from the MLC Chair and Meeting Hosts



**CAROLYN MCGINN**

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2022 Chair, CSG Midwestern  
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*Nonpartisan and welcoming. Interesting and informative. Family friendly and fun.*

Those are the words often described by legislators who take part in the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, an event now in its 76th year. This summer, my colleagues in the Kansas Legislature and I look forward to carrying on the long, successful tradition of this event – a chance for the region’s legislators to learn and collaborate, and to be better prepared to lead in their respective states and provinces.

**We invite you and your guests to join us on July 10-13 in Wichita for the MLC Annual Meeting.**

Wichita has activities for people of all ages and interests, and we look forward to showcasing the city through the meeting’s policy-focused site visits, daytime activities for guests, and special evening events. As you’ll see in this brochure, too, attendees will have many opportunities to network with legislative colleagues from across the Midwest, take part in expert-led policy sessions and hear from highly regarded speakers.

## Registration for the MLC Annual Meeting

- Registration can be completed at [csgmidwest.org](http://csgmidwest.org); the registration deadline is June 6. **Late fees will apply to all registrations received after June 6, including spouse and guest programs.**
- The cost of registration covers all meals and admittance to 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).
- By registering for and attending the meeting, attendees agree to comply with all pandemic-related health and safety protocols established by the Midwestern Legislative Conference to help ensure the safety of all event participants.
- Please contact CSG Midwest if you have any questions: [csgm@csg.org](mailto:csgm@csg.org) or 630.925.1922.

### REGISTRATION FEES (ATTENDEES REGISTERING BY MAY 9 WILL RECEIVE A \$50 DISCOUNT)

Government	\$425
Government First-Time Attendee	\$375
Nonprofit Organization	\$575
Private Sector	\$1,000
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## Things to Know Before You Go

### About the Meeting Site and Making Hotel Reservations

The Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting will be held July 10-13 in downtown Wichita at the **Hyatt Regency Wichita**. Hotel reservations can be made online at [hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WICRW/G-LEGS](http://hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/WICRW/G-LEGS) or by calling 888.591.1234. Please mention the CSG 2022 Midwestern Legislative Conference to receive the group rate of \$129 per night (taxes not included). June 6 is the deadline to book accommodations, after which reservations are subject to availability.



### Parking Information

Complimentary self parking is available in the hotel garage for all attendees (subject to availability). There are 500 spaces in this area. Overflow parking is available on the surface lot immediately across the street from the hotel.

### Transportation from the Airport

A complimentary hotel shuttle will be available for airport pickup/drop-off between 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The shuttle leaves for the airport at the top of the hour and the half-hour between 4:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Outside of these hours, to access the shuttle service, guests need to contact the hotel upon arrival to the airport: 316.293.1234, Ext. 0. Uber and taxi services also are available.

# Preliminary Conference Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 9	MONDAY, JULY 11	6 to 9 p.m. Family Night at Sedgwick County Zoo (Casual Attire)	3:45 to 5:15 p.m. <u>MLC Committee-Led Sessions</u> » How Smaller Firms Engage in the Canada-U.S. Supply Chain » The STEM Pipeline: How and Why to Create New Career Pathways in These Fields
<p><b>12 to 6 p.m.</b> Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p> <p><b>1:30 to 8:30 p.m.</b> MLC Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Committee Site Visit (Separate pre-registration required)</p>	<p><b>7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</b> Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p> <p><b>7:30 to 8:45 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Breakfast</li> <li>» Breakfast Table Topic Discussions</li> <li>» BILLD Steering Committee Business Session and Breakfast</li> </ul>	<p><b>9:30 to 10:30 p.m.</b> CSG Associates Reception (Invitation Only)</p>	<p><b>5 to 6 p.m.</b> Contributors Reception (Invitation Only)</p> <p><b>5:45 to 6:45 p.m.</b> Michigan 2023 Reception</p> <p><b>7 to 10:30 p.m.</b> State Dinner</p>
SUNDAY, JULY 10	TUESDAY, JULY 12		WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
<p><b>9 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b> Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p> <p><b>9:30 to 11 a.m.</b> <u>MLC Policy Committee Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources</li> <li>» Criminal Justice &amp; Public Safety</li> <li>» Fiscal Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b> MLC Executive Committee Meeting (Lunch will be provided)</p> <p><b>12 to 1:30 p.m.</b> MLC Policy Committees' Lunch</p> <p><b>3 to 4:30 p.m.</b> <u>MLC Policy Committee Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Economic Development</li> <li>» Education</li> <li>» Health &amp; Human Services</li> <li>» Midwest-Canada Relations</li> </ul> <p><b>4:30 to 5 p.m.</b> Newcomers Orientation</p> <p><b>5 to 6 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» BILLD Alumni Reception (Invitation Only)</li> <li>» Newcomers Reception</li> </ul> <p><b>6 to 9:30 p.m.</b> Opening Night Reception at Botanica and Lighting Ceremony at Keeper of the Plains</p>	<p><b>9 to 10:30 a.m.</b> <u>Opening and Keynote Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Welcoming Remarks</li> <li>» Keynote Address: "Lens on the Midwest: The Socioeconomic, Cultural and Political Forces Shaping the Region and Its Communities"   Dante Chinni, Founder of The American Communities Project</li> </ul> <p><b>10:45 to 11:45 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Breakout Policy Sessions</li> </ul> <p><b>11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.</b> <u>Luncheon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Presentation by Acclaimed Historian H.W. Brands on "The Zealot and the Emancipator: John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, and the Struggle for American Freedom"</li> </ul> <p><b>2 to 5:15 p.m.</b> <u>Policy-Focused Site Visits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Spirit AeroSystems</li> <li>» Wichita State Innovation Campus</li> <li>» National Institute for Aviation Research (open to U.S. citizens only)</li> </ul>	<p><b>7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</b> Meeting Registration and Information Desk</p> <p><b>7:30 to 8:45 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Breakfast</li> <li>» Breakfast Table Topic Discussions</li> <li>» BILLD Breakfast (Invitation Only)</li> <li>» MLC Resolutions Committee Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>9 to 10:15 a.m.</b> <u>Plenary Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» MLC Chair's Initiative Session on Water</li> </ul> <p><b>10:30 to 11:45 a.m.</b> <u>Plenary Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Future of Transportation</li> </ul> <p><b>11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.</b> Luncheon and Featured Presentation</p> <p><b>2 to 3:30 p.m.</b> <u>MLC Committee-Led Sessions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Mental Health Courts as an Alternative to Incarceration</li> <li>» How the Supply-Chain Crunch Is Affecting the Agriculture and Energy Sectors</li> <li>» Outlook on Fiscal Conditions and Policies for the Midwest</li> </ul>	<p><b>8:30 to 10 a.m.</b> Information Desk</p> <p><b>8:30 to 10 a.m.</b> Breakfast and MLC Business Session</p> <p><b>10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b> Closing Session: Professional Development Workshop</p>
		<p><b>Sign Up to Lead a Breakfast Table Topic</b></p> <p>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 allow lawmakers to share policy ideas in an informal setting.</p> <p>If you would like to lead a discussion, contact Tim Anderson at CSG Midwest: 630.925.1922 or <a href="mailto:tanderson@csq.org">tanderson@csq.org</a>. The deadline to register is June 6. Space is limited; approved Table Topic requests will be confirmed prior to the Annual Meeting.</p>	



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# Spouse, Guest & Youth Program/Evening Events



Photo: Greg Vicky/s

Wichita War Dancer at Botanica, site of the meeting's Opening Reception



Photo: Exploration Place

Exploration Place, a site of daytime activities for the youth guests of meeting attendees



Photo: Trevor Hawkin, Visit Wichita

Chihuly glass floor at the Wichita Art Museum, part of the meeting's downtown tour for guests

## SUNDAY JULY 10

### 6 to 9:30 p.m.

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

**Opening Reception at Botanica and Lighting Ceremony at The Keeper of the Plains**

### 6 to 8:15 p.m.

For Children and Teens

**Youth Meet and Greet at Botanica**

## MONDAY JULY 11

### 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

For Children and Teens

**Get Ready to Explore at Exploration Place**

### 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For Spouses and Adult Guests

**A Culinary Experience and Shopping in Downtown Wichita**

### 6 to 9 p.m.

For All Ages

**Family Night at Sedgwick County Zoo**

## TUESDAY JULY 12

### 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

For Children and Teens

**See the Dinosaurs at Field Station, Then Eat and Play at Chicken N Pickle**

### 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For Spouses and Adult Guests

**Tour the Museums in Historic Downtown Wichita**

### 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

**Michigan 2023 Reception at the Hyatt Regency Wichita (Business Casual Attire)**

### 5:45 to 10:45 p.m.

For Children and Teens

**Dinner and Fun at the Hyatt Regency Wichita**

### 7 to 10:30 p.m.

For Attendees, Spouses and Adult Guests

**State Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Wichita (Business Casual Attire)**

## Attendee Checklist

- Registration can be completed at [csgmidwest.org](http://csgmidwest.org).
- The registration deadline is June 6; separate registration is required for spouses, adult guests and children.
- You must be 21 to attend events for adult attendees and guests.
- 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, the attire is casual for guest and social events and business casual for the meeting's business sessions.
- 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](http://csgmidwest.org)
- Follow us on **Twitter**: #CSGMidwest and #2022MLC
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- Contact CSG Midwest at **630.925.1922** or [csgm@csg.org](mailto:csgm@csg.org)



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# Speaker & Session Overview



## FOUR DAYS OF POLICY SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR LEGISLATORS

Sunday, July 10 to Wednesday, July 13

The Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting is designed by and for the region's legislators. All seven of the MLC's binational, interstate policy committees will meet and host sessions for attendees on agriculture, criminal justice, economic development, education, fiscal policy, health and Midwest-Canada relations. Additional topics to be covered include the future of water and transportation policy. The meeting's final day will be highlighted by a professional development workshop for legislators.



## DANTE CHINNI | "THE SOCIOECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL FORCES SHAPING THE MIDWEST AND ITS COMMUNITIES"

Monday, July 11

Dante Chinni is founder and director of The American Communities Project, which uses a unique blend of data and reporting to study the cultural, socioeconomic and political changes remaking communities across the nation. In his keynote session at the MLC Annual Meeting, Chinni will share his insights on the Midwest, as well as the challenges and opportunities ahead for the region's various communities. His presentation will be followed by a series of policy sessions.



## H.W. BRANDS | "THE ZEALOT AND THE EMANCIPATOR: JOHN BROWN, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR AMERICAN FREEDOM"

Monday, July 11

Historian and bestselling author H.W. Brands will deliver a luncheon presentation based on his much-acclaimed book that tells the nation's epic struggle over slavery as embodied by John Brown and Abraham Lincoln. Brands holds the Jack S. Blanton Sr. Chair in History at the University of Texas at Austin. He twice has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist for biographies on Benjamin Franklin and Franklin Roosevelt.

## Contributor Opportunities

The Contributor Program provides an opportunity for participating companies and organizations to support the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting. For information, please contact CSG Midwest assistant director Ilene Grossman at 630.925.1922 or [igrossman@csq.org](mailto:igrossman@csq.org). The MLC appreciates the early commitment of support for this year's meeting from the following sponsors:

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### Hutchinson

Located on the beautiful Kansas prairie, "Hutch" offers unique experiences for the whole family. They include the chance to explore the history of the space race at the Cosmosphere museum and to take part in a subterranean adventure at Strataca, a one-of-its-kind salt mine museum.



### Topeka

Kansas' capital city is steeped in U.S. history. Options include visits to the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, the 119-year-old Capitol building and the Kansas Museum of History. For outdoor fun, visit historic Gage Park and the "floating playground" (Adventure Cove) at Lake Shawnee.



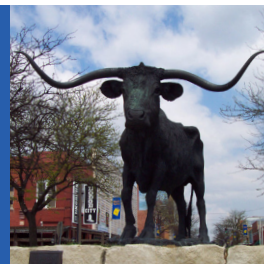
### Abilene

Visit the presidential library, museum and boyhood home of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene — named the "No. 1 True Western Town of the Year." Its Old West heritage is celebrated with special events in the summer, and visitors also can ride on a 100-year-old steam locomotive train.



### Dodge City

Dodge City celebrates its close ties to the history of the American West with summer activities for the whole family — gunfight reenactments, can-can dance lessons and cowboy lessons for children, and the longest-running seasonal theatrical show in the nation, the Long Branch Saloon Variety Show.



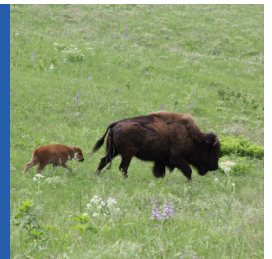
### Wichita's Old Cowtown Museum

Many cities have museums; only Wichita has the one-and-only, never-to-be-duplicated-again Cowtown Museum. The museum's dirt roads, daily demonstrations, and 10,000-piece collection of artifacts from the 1870s connects visitors with the storied past of Kansas' now-largest city.



### Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

This 11,000-acre preserve protects a nationally significant remnant of the North American tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Visitors can walk along beautiful vistas, view wildflowers and a wildlife bison herd, and visit a historic ranch and a one-room schoolhouse.



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