INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATORS' FORUM 2024

WELCOME TO DULUTH!
JUNE 16- 19, 2024

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE & TRANSITIONS IN ENERGY AND INDUSTRY

The **International Legislators' Forum (ILF)** is a nonpartisan, consensus-oriented convening of legislators from the northern plains region of North America. Legislators meet, learn, explore problems, build relationships, and develop collaborative solutions on a variety of issues affecting their jurisdictions. Since its founding, the ILF has been convened and facilitated by **Consensus Council**.

The ILF grew out of the International Flood Mitigation Initiative, which developed agreements following the 1997 Red River Basin flood. Over decades of annual meetings, delegates from Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota have identified mutual concerns and discovered that efforts originating in one jurisdiction can be pragmatically applied across borders.

Discussions during the annual Forum have transcended politics and ideology, and delegates have formed long-lasting friendships that help them respond to shared challenges. We are pleased to return to Minnesota to celebrate the 24th annual International Legislators' Forum.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16

CHECK IN: PIER B RESORT

1:00 - 4:30 PM Conference Check-In (Lobby)
2:00 - 4:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting (Pier B Pilot House)

WELCOME SOCIAL: ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPOT

5:15 PM All delegates and guests meet in Pier B Lobby
5:20 PM Bus departs Pier B Resort for Depot

5:30 - 7:30 PM Evening Welcome Social *sponsored by*

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7:10 & 7:30 PM Bus departs Depot to return to Pier B Resort

HOST SITE: PIER B RESORT

800 W Railroad St, Duluth, MN
pierbresort.com
Pier B Resort is located in the heart of Duluth, minus the congestion – so embark on adventure on the local trails, or take in the sights while enjoying peace by the harbor.

What Should I Wear?
The ILF dress code is business casual—no ties, but we recommend closed-toe shoes, collared shirts, and knee-length skirts or pants.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPOT

506 West Michigan St, Duluth, MN
experiencethedepot.org
The St. Louis County Depot was built as a union station in 1892, serving seven railroads at its peak. Rail service ceased in 1969, and the building was threatened with demolition until it reopened in 1973 as St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center.

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MONDAY, JUNE 17

MORNING AGENDA: PIER B RESORT

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE CONCERNS

8:00 - 8:50 **Breakfast in Ballroom** (conference site)
8:00 - 8:30 *Late Check-In: Lobby*

8:50 - 9:10 **Greetings and Grounding**
Ann Crews Melton, Consensus Council Executive Director
Leah Hargrove, Facilitator

9:10 - 9:15 **Welcome to Duluth**
Senator Paul Utke and Representative Dave Lislegard

9:15 - 10:05 **The Future of the Healthcare Delivery System: Innovative Solutions to Workforce Challenges**

Thad Shunkwiler *is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato. His research interests include workforce development and prevention science. His work in developing innovative and solution-orientated practices to solve healthcare workforce challenges has influenced policy at both the state and federal levels. In addition to his academic work, he is a licensed behavioral health provider with over a decade of experience in treating people with behavioral health disorders in Minnesota.*

10:05 - 10:40 **Q&A from the Floor**

10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break sponsored by** Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

11:00 - 11:50 **Rural EMS Panel**
Kelly Asche, Center for Rural Policy and Development
Mark Jones, Minnesota Rural Health Association

ILF 2023 delegates

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HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE CONCERNS

11:50 - 12:50 **Lunch sponsored by** MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES®

1:00 - 2:30 **TOUR: Gerdau Steel Grinding Ball Plant**

Iron mined in northern Minnesota is turned into steel, which is turned into cars and appliances, which are turned into scrap, which is recycled into steel, which is turned into grinding balls, which are used to mine more iron. Duluth's Gerdau Steel Grinding Ball Plant turns 100,000 tons of scrap into recycled, industry-ready materials every year.

Attendees to the steel plant tour are required by Gerdau to wear CLOSED-TOE SHOES for safety.

2:30 - 2:50 **Coffee Break**

2:50 - 3:30 **Small Group Breakouts by Population Size**
City (50,000+), Midsize (5,000+), Rural

3:30 - 4:00 **Small Group Reports**

4:00 - 4:45 **Delegate Introductions**

FREE EVENING

Please enjoy the sights and sounds of Duluth! Tomorrow's agenda starts bright and early, and will conclude with an evening cruise on Lake Superior.

Scan the QR code at right to find a list of local eateries and entertainment.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18

MORNING AGENDA: PIER B RESORT
ENERGY AND INDUSTRY TRANSITIONS

8:00 - 8:50 **Breakfast in Ballroom**

8:50 - 8:55 **Morning Greetings**
Leah Hargrove, Facilitator

8:55 - 9:20 **Reflection from Previous Day**

9:20 - 9:50 **Small Group Breakouts:** Energy Transitions

9:50 - 10:15 **Small Group Reports**

10:15 - 10:35 **Coffee Break sponsored by** U. S. Steel · Iron Ore Alliance — An alliance between the United Steelworkers and U. S. Steel · USW

10:35 - 11:25 **Energy Transition Across the Great Plains**

Louise Miltich *is Executive Vice President of the Great Plains Institute, a nonpartisan nonprofit working across the US. Prior to joining GPI, Louise served as Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Analysis at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, where she oversaw the Department's work with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on regulatory issues. Louise joined the Department in 2016 after nearly ten years in the private sector at Barr Engineering Company. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and geology from Carleton College and earned her master of science in climate change geoscience at Penn State University.*

11:25 - 12:00 **Q&A from the Floor**

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch sponsored by** Canada Consulate General Consulat général

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ENERGY AND INDUSTRY TRANSITIONS

1:00 - 2:30 **Industry and Energy Panel Discussion**
Julie Lucas*, Executive Director, MiningMinnesota*
Julie Pierce*, Vice President of Strategy and Planning, Minnesota Power*
Kristen Vake*, Executive Director, Iron Mining Association of Minnesota*
Moderator: Louise Miltich*, Great Plains Institute*

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2:30 - 2:50	**Coffee Break sponsored by** TWIN METALS MINNESOTA
2:50 - 3:20	**Special Report: BlueGreen Alliance**
3:20 - 3:50	**Reflections from the Floor**
3:50 - 3:55	**Greetings** from US Consul in Winnipeg Marilyn Gayton Hamiel
3:55	**Evening Instructions and Dismissal**

EVENING AGENDA: LAKE SUPERIOR
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BANQUET

5:15	**Meet in Pier B Lobby to take bus to Vista Fleet Dock***
	If you plan to walk, please leave Pier B no later than 5:05
5:30	**Arrive at Vista Fleet Dock, board boat**
6:00 - 8:00	**Lake and Harbor Cruise: International Friendship Banquet**
	Remarks from Beth Richardson, Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis
8:00	**Return to Pier B Resort**

***Please be on time.** If you prefer to walk, the Vista Fleet dock address is 323 Harbor Drive, a 17-minute scenic walk along the waterfront from Pier B. The bus will leave Pier B Resort by 5:25 PM, and the boat will board at 5:30 PM. The boat returns to dock at 8:00 PM, and a bus will shuttle attendees back to Pier B Resort.

What Should I Wear?
Banquet attire is business/semi-formal. Please wear shoes appropriate to boarding a boat and being on a moving vessel.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

MORNING AGENDA: PIER B RESORT
RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE & BRIDGING DIVIDES

8:00 - 8:50 **Breakfast in Ballroom**
8:50 - 8:55 **Morning Greetings:** Leah Hargrove, Facilitator
8:55 - 10:00 **Building Better Arguments**

Ann Crews Melton *is a facilitative leader, nonprofit strategist, and consensus builder. She joined Consensus Council as executive director in 2020. A Texas native, Ann holds a bachelor's degree from Austin College and a master's degree from Emerson College; she presented "Building Consensus Across Differences" at TEDxAustinCollege in 2021. Ann is an Aspen Institute Better Arguments Ambassador, former board officer of Humanities North Dakota, and a strong proponent of civic engagement, civil discourse, and participatory decision-making.*

Elizabeth Hilt *is a devoted advocate for Restorative Justice and values-based crucial conversations. For 16 years, her academic and professional efforts have focused on creating spaces for difficult discussions. Elizabeth obtained a master's degree from St. Cloud State University (MN) centered on restorative practices, and since 2018 she has proudly led North Dakota's statewide Restorative Justice program. She has found that any opportunity to build empathy and engage in healthy dialogue is vital to creating stronger relationships and safer communities.*

10:00 - 10:20 **Coffee Break** *NOTE: Pier B room check out is 11:00 AM*

10:20 - 11:10 **Table Conversations: Let's Talk About Energy Transitions**
11:10 - 11:40 **Reflections and Evaluations from 2024 Forum**

11:40 - 11:45 **Invitation to South Dakota in 2025**
Senator Liz Larson and Representative Carl Perry

11:45 - 11:55 **Closing Remarks**

11:55 - 12:45 **Lunch sponsored by** DUCKS UNLIMITED

12:45 **Thanks and Dismissal**

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