



## Wednesday, September 11, 2019

- 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**                    **Pre-Conference Registration Open**  
Conference Center Lobby
- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**                **AMC Executive Committee**  
Room: Board Room 2
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**                **AMC Board of Directors**  
Room: Lake Itasca
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**                **Pre-Conference Reception**  
Outdoors (weather permitting) - Dinner on your own
- 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**                **Minnesota Rural Counties**  
Room: Lake Itasca

## Thursday, September 12, 2019

- 7:00 a.m.**                            **Registration Open**  
Conference Center Lobby
- 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.**                **Breakfast Buffet**  
Tennis Center
- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.**                **Business & Partner Development Committee**  
Room: Board Room 2
- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.**                **Education & Training Committee and Research Committee**  
Room: Lake Itasca
- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.**                **Tribal Relations Forum (Open to all attendees)**  
Room: Lake Nokomis
- 9:00 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.**        **Welcome & General Session**  
**Room: Lake Osakis/Miltona**  
**Welcome:** AMC President Scott Schulte, Anoka County Commissioner
- 9:15 a.m.**                            **Immigration Across Minnesota**  
**Presenter:** Ryan Allen, Associate Professor, UM Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Ryan Allen is an associate professor of community and economic development in the urban and regional planning area. His research focuses on the community and economic development processes related to immigration. Recently, he spoke with the AMC Futures Committee about national immigration trends with a look at the history of Minnesota.

**10:15 a.m.**

**Cannabis Legalization: Lessons Learned from Counties in Other States**

**Presenters:** Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County Commissioner, Cannabis Workgroup Chair  
Eric Johnson, Executive Director, Washington State Association of Counties  
Eric Bergman, Policy Director, Colorado Counties, Inc.

Last year, AMC convened a workgroup to discuss the potential implications for Minnesota counties if the state chooses to legalize cannabis. In this session, we will hear an update from the workgroup and from experts in other states about the impact of cannabis legalization on county government services, ranging from planning & zoning, licensing and regulation, tax collection, public health, human services, and law enforcement.

**11:45 a.m.**

**Lunch & General Session**

Tennis Center

**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Policy Committee Meetings**

- [Environment & Natural Resources](#)  
Room: Lake Vermillion
- [General Government](#)  
Room: Lake Minnewaska
- [Health & Human Services](#)  
Room: Lake Osakis & Miltona
- [Public Safety](#)  
Room: Lake Itasca
- [Transportation & Infrastructure](#)  
Room: Lake Nokomis

**4:30 p.m.**

**Social Hour**

Tennis Center

**5:00 p.m.**

**Minnesota Counties Foundation Bean Bag Tournament & Wine Pull**

Tennis Center

**6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner**

Tennis Center

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast Buffet**

Tennis Center

**7:30 – 8:15 a.m.**

**Minnesota State Demographic Center**

**Presenter:** Andrew Virden, Director of Census Operations and Engagement

In 2010, Minnesota held on to its 8th Congressional seat by a mere 8,739 people. Fortunately, Minnesotans participate at a high rate, but Minnesota is once again “on the bubble” and may lose a seat. At stake is almost \$15.5B year in federal funds, that’s \$2,796/person/year or almost \$28,000/person/decade. The Census Bureau estimates that 17.7% of the population won’t self-respond to the census which is 965,000 people. Learn why a complete count is important to counties/Minnesota, what counties can/should be doing, how to create/staff complete county committee, and where members can find resources for those tasks to ensure that #WeCountMN and #beatwisconsin.

**8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Policy Committee Meetings Continue**

**11:30 a.m.**

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