

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, August 6, 2024:

- 8:00 a.m. Steering Committee Meeting - *Lake Erie Room*
- 11:30 a.m. Golf Tournament - *Keller Golf Course*
- 12:00 p.m. Registration Opens - *Lake Michigan Foyer*
- 5:00 p.m. Registration Closes
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome Reception - *Lake Superior Room*
- 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception Concludes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024:

- 7:00 a.m. Registration Opens - *Lake Michigan Foyer*
- 7:30 a.m. Joint Labor and Management Breakfast - *Lake Superior Room*
- 9:00 a.m. General Session Opening and Introductions - *Lake Michigan Room*
- 9:15 a.m. Mayor Jacob Frey - Welcome to Minneapolis
- 9:30 a.m. Bob Frenzel, Chairman, President, and CEO, Xcel Energy - Welcome from our Host Utility
- 10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Mental Health
Aaron Mehrtens, Blue Hat & Journeyman Lineman, IBEW Local 1439
Shawna Norton, Wellness Manager, Ameren
Brandon Shortt, Safety/Blue Hat, IBEW Local 1439
- 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break - *Lake Michigan Foyer*
- 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Federal Policy Update
Shawn Cooper, Senior Director Labor Relations, Edison Electric Institute - Moderator
Donnie Colston, Utility Director, IBEW
Matthew Forck, Vice President, Federal Legislative Affairs, Ameren
Stephen Plevniak, Senior Director, Federal Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
John Slocum, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Exelon
- 12:00 p.m. Joint Luncheon - *Lake Superior Room*
- 1:00 p.m. Brian Tulloh, Executive Director for External Affairs, MISO
- 1:45 p.m. Katie Sieben, Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Future of Energy
- 2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break - *Lake Michigan Foyer*
- 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Challenges to the Business Model
Mike Clemmons, International Vice President, IBEW 6th District
Brice Sheriff, Senior Director Regulatory Affairs and Energy Supply, Ameren Illinois
Matthew Tomc, Vice President Regulatory Policy and Energy Supply, Ameren Illinois
- 3:30 p.m. Aaron Tinjum, Director of Energy Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Data Center Coalition – Report on Data Centers
- 4:00 p.m. State Report Breakouts - *Lake Superior Room, Lake Michigan Room, Lake Erie Room, & Lake Ontario Room*
- 5:00 p.m. Approx. Adjournment
- 6:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner – Guest Speaker: Todd Rapp, Rapp Strategies - *Lake Superior Room*
- 7:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner Concludes

Thursday, August 8, 2024:

- 7:30 a.m. Separate Breakfasts: Management Breakfast - *Lake Superior Room* & Labor Breakfast - *Lake Erie Room*
- 9:00 a.m. General Session - *Lake Michigan Room*
- 9:00 a.m. IBEW 6th District and IBEW 11th District - Data Center Outlook
John Bzdawka, International Representative, IBEW 6th District
Jerry Kurimski, International Representative, IBEW 11th District
- 9:30 a.m. Donnie Colston, Director, IBEW Utility Department – Washington Report
- 10:00 a.m. State Reports
- 11:00 p.m. Approximate Adjournment