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GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

Well...Harvest is complete. There were surely highs and lows depending on your region.

The days are defiantly getting shorter and colder. As the darkness approaches ever so much earlier every evening. Where did the time go we say? Seems like there is truly never enough time.

As the end of the 2024 is near, ask yourself have you been naughty or nice? Santa is coming. What list are you on this year? I believe I'm on the nice list but not holding my breath! I look forward to watching some old classic Christmas movies. That usually gets me in the Christmas spirit. Home Alone is one of my favorites.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the rest of our season by Merry and Bright!

Sincerely, Dallas Loken, MN LICA President

A DAD JOKE! WHAT DID THE SALT SAY TO THE PEPPER ON CHRISTMAS? "SEASON GREETINGS"

<u>NOTICE!</u> <u>MN LICA ANNUAL MEETING</u> JANUARY 10, 2025, 8:30 AM BEST WESTERN PLUS NEW ULM, MN

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JULY 8-12, 2025 DULUTH, MN

DO YOU OR AN EMPLOYEE OF YOUR COMPANY HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE GRADUATING IN 2025? NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBMIT A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

A scholarship opportunity for MNLICA members/employees families in their high school senior year.

MNLICA offers a scholarship for advanced education to a qualified high school senior. Candidates will be considered and the recipients selected based on applicants' ability to achieve their highest aspirations' through personal advancement, education and philanthropic service.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP ARE DUE MARCH 1ST, 2025

See the full application on the MNLICA website (mnlica.org) or email: mnlica2@gmail.com to receive an application.

Scholarship opportunity also available through National LICA! Applicants are eligible to apply for both scholarships. Information on the National LICA Scholarship can be found at: www.licanational.com

ENVIRONMENTAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER HITCH HITC	MNLICA CONVENTION REGISTRATION JANUARY 9-10, 2025 BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL 2101 South Broadway Street, New Ulm, MN 56073 Phone: 507-359-2941
Company:	
Contact Name:	
Address:	

Phone Day: (_____) _____

Phone Evening: (_____) _

REGISTRATION			
Discount Registration - Must be			After
Postmarked by Dec. 20, 2024			Dec. 20th
Members, Associates & Others		\$175.00	\$200.00
Member Spouse		\$150.00	\$175.00
Non-Members		\$250.00	\$275.00
Childred under 12 years of age		Free	Free
	Totals		

Attending on January 9th – 10th, 2025 Includes all Thursday and Friday events & meals at the MNLICA Convention.

Members attending the SSTS Class on Wednesday, January 8th, there will be an additional charge, <u>see SSTS form</u>.

Names of Attendees: (Please print legibly)

Also, join us Wednesday evening for a VERY friendly Bean Bag Tournament! Hospitality Room opens at 5:30 in Room #205 and then we will move down to the Pre-Function area at 7:00 for the Tournament. Sign up your teams with Mark Morreim or Jenny Breberg. Everyone always has a great time!

MNLICA'S Annual Auction will be held on Thursday, January 9th, to raise money for our Political Action Fund and Scholarship Fund, please provide an auction item that has a suggested minimum value of \$25.00 or more or a cash donation if you wish.

Registration Policy: Only individuals registered and with a badge may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registered member need not register to share hotel accommodations but must register to participate in convention programs or functions. **No registration** will be processed without payment. A \$30.00 processing fee will be incurred on cancellations postmarked before December 20th, 2024. Cancellations postmarked after December 20th, 2024 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. All requests must be in writing. Meals will be on an "availability basis" for on-site registration.

2025 WINTER CONVENTION AGENDA - January 8th, 9th and 10th, 2025 All Presentations and Educational session will be in Galleries 1 & 2

Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM SSTS Continuing Education Class - Presented by Dave Gustafson, U of M & MPCA

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Hospitality Room #205

7:00 PM - Bean Bag Tournament in Pre-Function Area – Sign up your teams with Mark Morreim or Jenny.

Thursday, January 9th, 2025

<u>Women's Program</u> – Lakota Made - Group will travel to Mankato. Lakota Made is an Indigenous woman-owned company celebrated for its eco-friendly, plant-based products. You will hear a presentation about the company and its owner and her heritage. You will also make a suave for you to take with you. Afterwards, the group will have noon lunch. Meet at the Registration Desk 9:00 AM. (Paid for by the Women's Program)

- 8:30 AM 9:30 AM United Fire Group Trends in the Insurance Industry Managing Risk
- 9:45 AM 10:45 AM ADMC Presentation by Keegan Kult, Executive Director of ADMC. Keegan will update LICA members on ADMC's new strategic vision to become the leading coalition of information for Agricultural water management while acting as the voice of the industry. He will also present on the basics of automated drainage management, saturated buffers and opportunities that exist in Minnesota for financial and technical assistance.
- 11:00 AM to Noon BWSR Tom Wenzel, Senior Water Resources Engineer; Presentation will provide an overview of wetland restorations and other related programs administered and funded by BWSR. Included will be discussion of the types of construction work often associated with these types of projects.
- 11:00 AM Noon Lunch for the Associates Schells Room 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Lunch for Members - Hallway
- Noon 4:30 PM TRADE SHOW Pre-Function Area
- 5:00 PM 6:00 PM Banquet Gallery 1, 2, & 3
- 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Live Auction: Funds raised help support the Scholarship Program and Legislative efforts.
- 7:00 PM 8:30 "Tanner Stark Band" Playing easy listening Country Music.

Friday, January 10th, 2025

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Devotions

- 8:30 AM 9:45 AM MNLICA Annual Meeting All business to come before the board and election of officers.
- 10:00 AM 11:00 AM Pipeline Safety and Gopher State One Call.

Pat Donovan, Senior Engineering Specialist from Pipeline Safety will speak on what they do and how it affects you. Kelly Connolley, CCO of Gopher State One Call, will provide an overview of the process for clicking or calling before you dig and will walk through recent changes to the state's one call law, 216D.

- 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Attorney John Kolb, Rinke Noonan Law Firm. New Laws affecting Minnesota's Wetland Conservation Act & other Drainage Activities.
- 12:00 1:00 PM Lunch Gallery 3
- 1:00 PM 2:00 PM Attorney John Kolb, will continue his presentation.
- 2:00 PM 3:00 PM DOT Regulations; State Patrol Officer Patrick Fay. Over width, overweight, load securement, everything you need to know!



Best Western Plus Hotel, 2101 South Broadway Street, New Ulm MN 56073

MNLICA will offer a Septic Continuing Education Class at the state convention on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of the class will be \$185.00 per person including breaks and lunch. If you sign up for the convention, the cost will be \$160.00 per person. Forms and payment must be postmarked no later than *December 20, 2024*. Payment must be received with this form, if not, you will not be registered until payment is received. (Please write legibly.)

MPCA has agreed to 6 Direct Continuing Education Credits for this Class.

Company:		
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Names of Attendees (Print legibly):		
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Executive Director's Report

This year is coming to an end very quickly. Please make sure to check out the Agenda for the MNLICA Winter Convention. We have a great Convention planned and hope to see many of you there. If you have a Onsite Sewer Certification, make sure to check out the Accredited training on Wednesday. Join us Wednesday Evening for the always competitive, but friendly Bean Bag Tournament. Thursday we start with educational and informational sessions. The afternoon is the Trade Show with many of the wonderful Associates that support MN LICA. Thursday evening will be the Banquet, Award presentation, Live Auction and the Tanner Stark Band will finish the evening. Our annual meeting is Friday morning. It is very important that you participate, this is your organization. We have education and informational sessions the rest of the day Friday. I really hope that you will consider attending the Convention. I know you will learn a lot and enjoy your time.

As always, if you know of a contractor that is not a member, send me their information and I will contact them and tell them all about this great organization!

Jennifer Breberg, Executive Director





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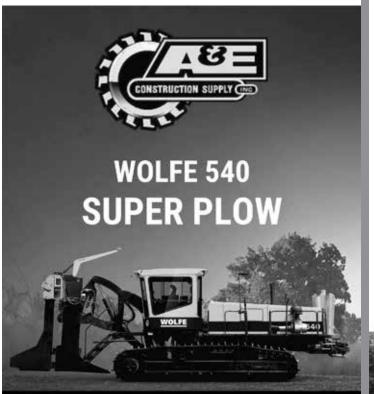
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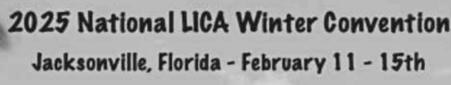
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Agenda & Convention Information

Tuesday, February 11

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Land & Sea Tour

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 am - 4:30 pm St. Augustine Experience 6:00 pm -10:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, February 13

7:00 am -5:00 pm

12:00 pm

Committee Meetings Opening Lunch

Friday, February 14

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am -12:00 pm	Educational Seminars
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Executive Directors' Meeting
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Associates' Night

Saturday, February 15



Caterpillar Grab & Go Breakfast (Continental)

Delegates' Meeting

9:00 am -10:00 am

10:00 am - 11:00 am

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Reception

Awards Banquet

Board Meeting

What does Registration Include?

Winter Convention registration includes all meal functions, Associates' Night, Educational Seminars, Committee Meetings, and the Board & Delegates' Meetings. All registered members will receive a name badge, and a program when they check-in on site and are welcome to attend any of the Committee Meetings and the Board Meeting. For a list of committees and their functions, visit LICANational.org.

Name Badges

Your name badge serves as your "ticket" for all meals, seminars, and tours. Please remember to wear it for the entire duration of the convention.

Tours

Those who pre-register for any of the tours, it will be indicated on name badges. Tours leave promptly at the listed time.

Attire

The attire for our Winter Convention is mostly casual. Members do wear "dressier" attire for the Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Slacks, dresses, and nice shoes are often worn, but not required.

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we thank them for their ongoing trust and support.

*The availability of dividends is declared from surplus funds and are not guaranteed.

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About Prins Insurance Inc. of Sanborn, Iowa

Prins Insurance has partnered with LICA contractors for more than 25 years to provide an insurance product that gives the opportunity to work with your independent agent while taking advantage of a comprehensive insurance program that focuses on the unique needs of your industry. If you have questions about the State LICA Insurance Program, contact Prins at 800-831-8545.

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This is the 22nd fatality reported in 2024, and the third classified as "Slip or Fall of Person."

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ATTENTION!

MSHA Pt. 46 Refresher MN LICA will be offering this training again this year! Location: VFW Owatonna, January 28, 2025, 8:00 - 4:30



DID YOU KNOW?

As of January 1, 2024, most businesses will be required to report information to the federal government pursuant to the **Corporate Transparency Act CTA**). The necessary report will be about (i) the company (ii) individuals or entities that own or exercise control over the entity (iii) individual(s) involved in registering the company to do business in the U.S.

Pursuant to the CTA entities register with the Secretary of State **before** January 1, 2024, have until January 1, 2025, to file initial Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) with the Federal Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN, www.fincen.gov). Entities register on or after January 1, 2024, will have 90 days to file an initial beneficial ownership with FinCEN. Entities register on or after January 1, 2025, will have 30 days to file.

What is the CTA?

The Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) was adopted by Congress to combat financial crimes such as money laundering, terrorism, trafficking, and other unlawful corporate activities. As such, most small privately held businesses will be required to report BOI information to the federal government (FinCEN).

Who is subject to the CTA?

The CTA requires every "reporting company" to file beneficial ownership identifying each beneficial owner of a company. A "reporting company" includes corporations, limited Liability companies, and other similar entities that register to do business in the U.S. by filing with the secretary of state. This does not include general partnerships or sole proprietorships. There are 24 narrow exceptions to the CTA. Most businesses do not fall under an exception and are categorized as a "reporting company." The primary exception is for entities that:

- Employ more than 20 full-time employees in the U.S., and
- Operate from a physical office located in the U.S., and
- Generate more than \$5,000,000 in gross receipts or sales in the prior year.

Each reporting company will be required to provide a BOI report to FinCEN. After an initial report designating beneficial ownership, updates should be submitted to FinCEN within 30 days. Violations of the CTA will result in civil penalties of not more than \$500 per day, capped at \$10,000, or imprisionment of not more than two years, or both.

How often does BOI need updating?

Reporting information needs updated when:

- The company relocates and changes address;
- An officer or manager leaves, joins, or is replaced;
- An officer or owner moves homes and changes their primary residence;
- A new investor purchases more than 25% of the company;
- A divorce leads to a change in ownership;
- Or any other activity resulting in the change of address or ownership.

ALL THE INFORAMTION NEEDED CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.FINCEN.GOV

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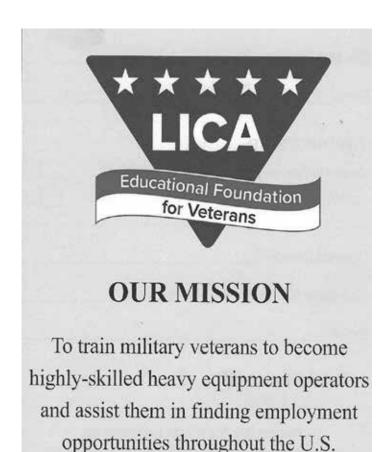
January 10, 2025, MN LICA Annual Meeting, Best Western Plus, New Ulm

January 28, 2025, MSHA Pt. 46 Refresher, VFW, Owatonna, MN

February 11-15, 2025, National LICA Winter Convention, Jacksonville, FL

JULY 8-12, 2025, NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING, DULUTH, MN

2024 Board Member Meeting Attendance						
A = Absent P = Present		C = Cancelled Meet				
Area/Director	Jan	Mar June A		Aug	ug Nov	
Pres Dallas Loken	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	
VP Jesse James	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	
Tres Mark Olsen	Α	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	
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Mark Morreim	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	
Karlen Nelson	Ρ	Α	Р	Ρ	Ρ	
Everett Garlisch	Р	Ρ	Р	Α	Ρ	
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Mike Lehmann	Р	Ρ	Р	Α	Α	
Doug Breberg	Р	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Α	
Dee Ann Larson	Р	Ρ	Α	Ρ	Ρ	
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