



Capital Conference

March 1, 2023 | Lansing



2023 Capital Conference Agenda

- 7:30 a.m. Registration / Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Session – *Banquet Room 7***
Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
Neil Sheridan – *MTA Executive Director*
William Deater – *MTA President*
- 8:30 a.m. Inside the Capitol – Legislative Update – *Banquet Room 7***
With the 102nd legislative session now underway, learn the latest from your MTA lobbyists on the issues facing township government, the shift in majority, what is on the horizon and why you need to be engaged.
Judy Allen – *Director, MTA Government Relations*
Mike Batterbee - *Legislative Associate, MTA Government Relations*
- 9:15 a.m. Implementation of Proposal 2 – *Banquet Room 7***
With its passage in November, now comes the implementation of Proposal 2. Bureau of Election experts will provide an overview of the changes to the elections process as a result of Proposal 2022-2, the implementation issues (both at state and local levels), the changes that may be needed and options for local units to consider—as well as helping members navigate these changes.
Lori Bourbonais - *Director, Election Administrative Division, Bureau of Elections*
Adam Fracassi – *Manager, Regulatory Division, Bureau of Elections*
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. Townships Prepare: Renewables are on the Way – *Banquet Room 7***
Introduction to Planning & Zoning for Renewable Energy that will provide members with what they need to know, what they should consider and when they should act on renewable energy ordinances for their township.
Sarah Banas Mills, PhD – *Senior Project Manager, Graham Sustainability Institute, Lecturer, School for Environment and Sustainability, U of M*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch with Legislators – *Banquet Room 3***
Take this opportunity to foster the relationship with your legislators and their staff and discuss legislative and other issues impacting your township.
- 1:00 p.m. Expo with State and Federal Government Programs – *East Hallway***
Take this opportunity to talk with representatives of various state and federal agencies to get the latest on grants and programs that may benefit your township.

- 2:00 p.m. Breakout sessions**
- Achieving Accessible and Affordable Digital Connectivity – Room 101-102**
Learn what the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office is doing to prepare for greater accessibility and connectivity, funding programs available, timelines and how you can participate, provide input and what you should be doing to prepare and when.
Jessica Randall – *Data & Policy Program Manager, MI High Speed Internet Office*
Ben Fineman – *Federal Program Officer, Michigan, U.S. Dept of Commerce, NTIA*
- Changes to Solid Waste Management Laws – Now What – Rooms 103-104**
Legislation revitalizing Michigan’s solid waste law, or Part 115, was signed into law last year that will take effect on March 29, 2023. Passed in the early 1990s, changes to the law address how we manage our solid waste and provide a framework for local governments to divert more waste to recycling and composting. Learn how these changes protect local control and oversight, what implementation might look like and why it is important for your community to be involved in the process.
Kerrin O’Brien – *Executive Director, Michigan Recycling Coalition*
- 2:50 p.m. Break**
- 3:00 p.m. Breakout sessions**
- The Latest on Marijuana Regulation - Rooms 101-102**
From medical marijuana to recreational marijuana, get the information you need to know regarding the enforcement, rules and taxation of the medical and adult-use regulatory programs.
Brian Hanna – *Executive Director, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, LARA*
- Overview of Transportation Funding in Michigan – Room 103-104**
Gain a better understanding of how the Michigan Transportation Fund is distributed to local road agencies and funding for state roads as well as the recent study about tolls on state roads and the funding impact of increased electric vehicles.
William E. Hamilton – *Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency*
- 4:00 p.m. Township Office to the State Legislature – Banquet Room 7**
Join four former township officials as they share their experiences – both as a local official and now as a legislator – and how you can best engage with legislators as well any advice they may impart to township officials who may aspire to a higher office.
Sen. Kevin Daley – 26th Senate District, Michigan Senate
Sen. Sue Shink – 14th Senate District, Michigan Senate
Rep. Julie Brixie – 73rd State House District, Michigan House of Representatives
Rep. Donni Steele – 54th State House District, Michigan House of Representatives
- 5:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns**

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