



## 76TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

### Tentative Agenda

#### Friday, November 17

6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Insurance Agency (FUIA) Joint Reception (Ballroom)

#### Saturday, November 18

6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Ballroom)

8 a.m. Registration opens (Foyer)  
Auction item check-in begins (St. Paul Room)

8:30 a.m. Parliamentary procedure refresher course (Ballroom)

8:45 a.m. Door prizes (Ballroom)  
Convention convenes (Ballroom)  
Prayer – Gene Paul  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Present & adopt proposed convention rules and bylaws – Markell Vogt  
Adopt minutes of 2016 convention

9:15 a.m. Gary Wertish, MFU President – welcome  
Brita Moore, MFU Public Relations Director – social media  
Thom Petersen, MFU Government Relations Director – policy  
Rodney Allebach, FUIA President

10 a.m. Rob Larew, National Farmers Union Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Communications  
Anne Steckel, NFU Biofuels Advisor

10:30 a.m. Policy discussion

11:15 a.m. Sen. Amy Klobuchar

11:30 a.m. Lunch break with Minnesota grown food (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Ballroom)

12 p.m. Gubernatorial candidates (Ballroom)

1 p.m. Reconvene (Ballroom)  
Minnesota Lt. Gov. Tina Smith  
Bryan Klabunde, MFU Vice President

1:30 p.m. Policy discussion

2:30 p.m. Char Vrieze, 40 Square Cooperative Solutions – Health care cooperatives presentation

2:40 p.m. Jim Ennis, Vocation of Ag Leader

2:50 p.m. Policy discussion

3:25 p.m. Credentials report – Lisa Severson

3:30 p.m. President and Vice President nominations

**(3:30 registration closes; opens Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.)**

3:45 p.m. Torchbearers ceremony

4 p.m. NFU Convention delegate election caucusing (**time certain**) (Ballroom)

- 4:30 p.m. MFUPAC reception (Foyer)  
 6 p.m. Banquet (Ballroom)  
 Paul Douglas, meteorologist – keynote address: “A Rapidly Changing Climate: Threat – and Opportunity”  
 8 p.m. Silent auction closes (St. Paul Room)  
 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction (Ballroom)

**Sunday, November 19**

- 6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Ballroom)  
 7:30 a.m. Informational breakout sessions – Food Safety Modernization Act (Ballroom), Energy (Natchez/New Orleans Room), Dairy (Vicksburg Room)  
 8:30 a.m. Registration (Foyer)  
 Door prizes (Ballroom)  
 Interactive survey – Young Farmers Advocacy Council (Ballroom)  
 Call to order (Ballroom)  
 8:45 a.m. Don Knutson, Green View Executive Director  
 Jan Lundebrek, Membership Education Committee Chair – Membership Education Committee report  
 Kirsten VanDerPol and Hunter Cardinal, National Youth Advisory Council  
 Aaron & Jill Chervestad, FUE Leadership Couple  
 Bruce Miller, MFU Membership and Outreach Director – membership and outreach report  
 Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson

**(9:30 a.m. registration closes – time certain)**

- 9:55 a.m. President and Vice President Elections  
 10 a.m. Policy discussion  
 11:10 a.m. Credentials report (final count of registered delegates) – Lisa Severson  
 11:15 a.m. Introduction of NFU convention delegate nominees  
 11:45 a.m. Election of delegates to NFU convention (**time certain**) (Ballroom)  
 12 p.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Ballroom)  
 Sen. Al Franken video greeting  
 12:30 p.m. Reconvene (Ballroom)  
 2016 audit and financial report – Ron Hennen  
 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion  
 Special orders  
 Election results  
 Old business  
 New business  
 Announcements  
 Door prizes  
 Grand door prize drawing for a drone  
 Adjournment

*Most agenda times are subject to change*

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