



77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Celebrating 100 years of Farmers Union in Minnesota
#MFU2018

Tentative Agenda

Friday, November 16

- 4:30 p.m. County officer training (Room TBD)
6:30 p.m. Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) & Farmers Union Insurance Agency (FUIA) Joint Reception (Minneapolis Ballroom)

Saturday, November 17

- 6:30 a.m. Free farm-fresh breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Ballroom)
8 a.m. Registration opens (Foyer)
Auction item check-in begins (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
8:45 a.m. Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
Convention convenes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
Prayer – Gene Paul
Pledge of Allegiance – Andy Norgaard, veteran and Farmers Union Insurance Agent
Present & adopt proposed convention rules – Markell Vogt, Rules & Bylaws Committee Chair
Present & adopt proposed new bylaws – Markell Vogt
Adopt minutes of 2017 convention
9:15 a.m. Welcome – Gary Wertish, MFU President
Greeting – Eunice Biel, MFU Executive Committee Chair
Social media – Brita Moore, MFU Public Relations & Communications Director
Policy – Thom Petersen, MFU Government Relations Director
Insurance update – Rodney Allebach, FUIA President & General Manager
10 a.m. FSA update – Joe Martin, USDA Farm Service Agency Director for Minnesota
10:30 a.m. Policy discussion
11:30 a.m. Lunch break with Minnesota grown food (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
12 p.m. State elections report – Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State (invited)
Federal policy report – Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union (NFU) President
1 p.m. Reconvene (Minneapolis Ballroom)
Life on the Farm – Bryan Klabunde, MFU Vice President
1:30 p.m. Policy discussion
2:30 p.m. Health care cooperatives presentation – Char Vrieze, 40 Square Cooperative Solutions
2:40 p.m. Rural mental health resources – Meg Moynihan, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
2:50 p.m. Policy discussion
3:25 p.m. Credentials report – Lisa Severson, Credentials Committee Chair
(3:30 registration closes; re-opens Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.)
3:45 p.m. Torchbearers ceremony
4 p.m. NFU Convention delegate election caucusing (**time certain**) (Minneapolis Ballroom)

- 4:30 p.m. MFUPAC reception (St. Paul Ballroom)
- 6 p.m. Banquet (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 8 p.m. Silent auction closes (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction (Ballroom)

Sunday, November 18

- 6:30 a.m. Free omelet breakfast for MFU members (ends 8 a.m.) (St. Paul Ballroom)
- 7:30 a.m. Informational breakout sessions: Renewable energy, Food Safety Modernization Act, health care (rooms TBD)
- 8:30 a.m. Registration (Foyer)
Door prizes (Minneapolis Ballroom)
Call to order (Ballroom)
- 8:45 a.m. Green View Report – Don Knutson, Green View Executive Director
Farmers Union Industries (FUI) report – Dan Hildebrandt, FUI CEO
Membership Education report – Jan Lundebrek, Membership Education Committee Chair
Youth activities report – Jade Person, National Youth Advisory Council
Introduction of New Leader Academy – Glen Schmidt, MFU Education Director
Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership Couple report – Bob and Tracie Berg, Minnesota’s FUE Leadership Couple
Membership & Outreach report – Bruce Miller, MFU Membership, Outreach and Minnesota Cooks Director

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

- 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**) (Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12 p.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
- 12:30 p.m. Reconvene (Minneapolis Ballroom)
2017 audit and financial report – Russ Barnhardt
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
Special orders
Old business
New business
Announcements
NFU Convention delegate election results
Door prizes
Grand door prize drawing for a drone
Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change

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