



77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Celebrating 100 years of Farmers Union in Minnesota
#MFU2018

Tentative Agenda

Friday, November 16

- 4:30 p.m. County officer training (St. Paul Ballroom)
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, National Farmers Organization Policy Analyst and MFU member
Pledge of Allegiance – Andy Norgaard, veteran and Farmers Union Insurance Agent
City of Minneapolis welcome – Jacob Frey, Mayor of Minneapolis
Present & adopt convention rules – Markell Vogt, Rules & Bylaws Committee Chair
Present & adopt proposed bylaws changes – Markell Vogt
Present & adopt minutes of 2017 convention – Anne Schwagerl, MFU Secretary
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. Farm Service Agency report – Joe Martin, Minnesota State Executive Director for FSA
10:30 a.m. Policy discussion
11:30 a.m. Lunch (Buffet in Foyer, eat in Minneapolis Ballroom)
12 p.m. U.S. Senate report – U.S. Senator Tina Smith
Federal policy report – Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union (NFU) President
1 p.m. Reconvene (Minneapolis Ballroom)
MDA report – Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture
Life on the Farm – Bryan Klabunde, MFU Vice President
1:30 p.m. Policy discussion
2:30 p.m. Health care cooperatives – 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. Torchbearer recognition – Glen Schmidt, MFU Education Director
- 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)
- Silent auction closes 10 minutes after the conclusion of the banquet (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 8:30 p.m. MFU fundraiser live auction (Minneapolis 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:
 Health care discussion with Minnesota Sens. Tony Lourey and Scott Jensen and United States of Care Director of State Affairs Allison O’Toole (Minneapolis Ballroom)
 Renewable energy discussion (Duluth Executive Boardroom)
 Food Safety Modernization Act discussion with produce farmer Jerry Untiedt and MDA Produce Safety Program Manager Valerie Gamble (Lake Mille Lacs Room)
- 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
 Youth activities report – Jade Person, National Youth Advisory Council
 Introduction of New Leader Academy – Glen Schmidt, MFU Education Director
 Membership Education report – Jan Lundebrek, Membership Education Committee Chair
 Farmers Union Enterprises (FUE) Leadership Couple report – Tracie and Bob Berg
 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 a.m. Credentials report (final count of registered delegates) – Lisa Severson
- 11:05 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 Barnhart, Hennen & Associates, PLC
- 12:45 p.m. Policy discussion
 Special orders
 Old business
 New business
 Announcements
 NFU Convention delegate election results (if available)
 Door prizes
 Grand door prize drawing for a drone
 Adjournment

Most agenda times are subject to change.

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