



Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

2018

DATE

Thursday, Nov. 15 - Friday, Nov. 16

Location

*Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center
2100 Arrowwood Lane, Alexandria, MN*

Registration

*Register online at [greatermncities.org/
FallConf18](http://greatermncities.org/FallConf18). Cost is \$170. Attendees can pay
online now or receive an invoice later.*

Accommodations

*The CGMC has reserved a block of rooms
at Arrowwood for the night of Nov. 15 for a
discounted rate of \$94. Call (320) 762-1124 to
make a reservation. Block closes Nov. 1.*

*NOTE: There are plenty of rooms available for
CGMC members at Arrowwood on Nov. 15,
but only limited number available on Nov. 14.
We have reserved a small block of rooms at
Hampton Inn & Suites for those who wish to
stay Wednesday night but are unable to get a
room at Arrowwood. Cost is \$94. Call Hampton
Inn at 320-763-3360 to make a reservation.
Block closes Oct. 29.*

- 10:00 a.m.** Board of Directors meeting
- 11:00 a.m.** Check-in and registration begins
- 12:00 p.m.** Welcome and Introductions - CGMC President Ron Johnson
- 12:05 p.m.** Luncheon Presentation: **Myron Frans, Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget**
Frans has been a leader in Governor Dayton's Administration since 2011, when he first served as Commissioner of Revenue before being named MMB Commissioner in 2015. He will share reflections on his eight years in the Dayton Administration, insights on how our state's fiscal situation is positioned for the future and give his take on what opportunities and challenges may be on the horizon.
- 1:15 p.m.** Panel Discussion: **"The Rural/Urban Divide: Should We Build Bridges or Catapults?"**
A panel of metro and Greater Minnesota city officials will discuss their efforts to address Minnesota's rural/urban divide — while still recognizing the unique challenges faced by different regions — and work together to advance issues that impact all cities across the state. Attendees will also participate in small and large-group discussions on this topic.
- 2:30 p.m.** BREAK
- 2:45 p.m.** Presentation: **"Election 2018: Winners, Losers and What It All Means for Greater Minnesota Cities" - CGMC Executive Director Bradley Peterson**
Peterson will share his take on the 2018 election, particularly the election of Minnesota's next governor and the fight for control of the Minnesota House, and how the election results could impact your community and the CGMC's legislative strategy heading into the 2019 session.
- 3:30 p.m.** Panel Discussion: **"What is the Legislature's Role in Solving Minnesota's Child Care Shortage?"**
A panel of state legislators will discuss whether the state government should play a role in developing solutions to Minnesota's child care shortage, and if so, what legislative ideas may be in store for 2019. Topics will include infrastructure needs, regulations, provider training and incentives, and more.
- 4:30 p.m.** Presentation: **"Annexation: The Gathering Storm" - Elizabeth Wefel, CGMC Lobbyist**
The Legislature has been fairly quiet on the annexation front on recent years, but it is shaping up to be a bigger issue this session. This presentation will provide background on annexation laws, explore why this topic is poised to get more attention at the Capitol, and share strategies for how cities and the CGMC can be proactive in preventing bad legislation from becoming law.
- 5:00 p.m.** BREAK and hotel check-in
- 5:30 p.m.** Cocktail Reception
- 6:30 p.m.** Dinner with Speaker: **Tom Hauser, Chief Political Reporter for ABC5 EYEWITNESS NEWS**
A veteran reporter who has won numerous awards during his career, including multiple Emmy Awards, Hauser has been covering Minnesota's political scene for ABC5 EYEWITNESS NEWS since 1997. He will share his perspectives on the 2018 election, the past and future of Minnesota politics, and the challenges and joys of covering all of the action at the State Legislature.

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m.

Labor & Employee Relations Update - Brandon Fitzsimmons, Flaherty & Hood Labor Attorney

Fitzsimmons will provide a labor relations update focusing on recent settlement negotiations and discuss the CGMC's annual labor seminars.

9:15 a.m.

CGMC Membership Meeting

- *Update on CGMC Environmental Action Fund*
- *Discussion and Adoption of 2019 Policy Positions*
 - » *Environment & Energy*
 - » *Annexation & Land Use*
 - » *Economic Development*
 - » *Transportation*
 - » *Local Government Aid/Property Taxes*
- *Messaging & Strategy for 2019*
- *Upcoming Events*

11:00 a.m.

Adjourn

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