Got a question about the 2024 MMA Fall Conference?

Here are some answers to some of the most commonly asked.

NEW! 2 Conferences but the same content. Only the dates and timing of the sessions are different.

Conference dates:

#1 Monday, October 14th – Tuesday, October 15th #2 Tuesday, October 15th – Wednesday, October 16th

Where will the conference take place?

Holiday Inn & Suites, 75 S. 37th Ave., St. Cloud, MN

How do I show interest in attending the conference?

- 1. Talk with your supervisor and get approval to attend.
- 2. Email Juli Schneider jschneider@mmamn.org at MMA.
 - 1. Confirm that you have received your supervisors' approval.
 - 2. Provide your name and agency
 - 3. Which conference you'd like to attend (Conference #1 or Conference #2)
 - **4.** Do you need a hotel room single or double. (for members living over 35 miles from conference venue)

How many people will attend the conference?

There is space for 150 MMA members at each conference. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do I need to be a full member to attend?

Yes, this is one of many benefits of being a full dues-paying member of MMA. To become a full member, please <u>click here to join</u>.

Is there an agenda available?

Please find the agenda here.

Will MMA pay for my travel expenses to attend the conference?

Mileage, gas, travel meals, etc. are not covered by MMA. Please ask your agency about being reimbursed for it.

Will I need to take vacation time to attend this conference?

MMB has approved the conferences under Paid Educational Leave. You will **not** have to take vacation days.

When will I be notified if I will be attending the conference AND which one?

MMA will send you a confirmation of your attendance and which one, within a couple days of your registration.

What costs will MMA cover?

- 1. Registration:
 - 1. Conference #1: Monday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 15.
 - 2. Conference #2: Tuesday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 16.
- 2. Lunch:

- 1. Conference #1: Monday, October 14
- 2. Conference #2: Wednesday, October 16
- 3. Overnight accommodation (for members living over 35 miles from the conference venue)
 - 1. Conference #1: Monday, October 14
 - 2. Conference #2: Tuesday, October 15

What costs will MMA NOT cover?

- 1. **Travel expenses** mileage, meals, gas, etc. while in transit. Check with your supervisor to see if your agency will cover travel expenses.
- 2. **Sunday or Wednesday night accommodation**. If you wish to stay, we'll send you a link to make those reservations. MMA will not pay for additional nights.
- 3. **Incidental expenses -** expenses while staying at the hotel room services, bar charges, in room entertainment, parking to name a few.
- 4. **Spouse attendance** you must pay for their meals separately. We'll share a link to purchase the meals.

Can I attend the conference without staying overnight?

Yes, you can attend the conference and MMA will cover your registration, and lunch on Monday or Wednesday (depending on the conference) as well as refreshments during conference breaks. RSVP to Juli and note that you won't be staying overnight.

What if I need to cancel and cannot attend the conference?

Contact Juli Schneider at the MMA office before 12:00 PM on September 14, 2024. If you cancel after September 14, 2024 or do not show up for the conference, you will be responsible for your costs associated with the conference including meals and overnight accommodations.

What is the dress code?

Conference attire is business casual. We recommend that you <u>dress in layers</u> because it is difficult to control the temperature of the meeting rooms to accommodate everyone's comfort level.

Additional questions?

Contact Juli Schneider at MMA. jschneider@mmamn.org or 651-783-2399.