



2009 Annual Meeting

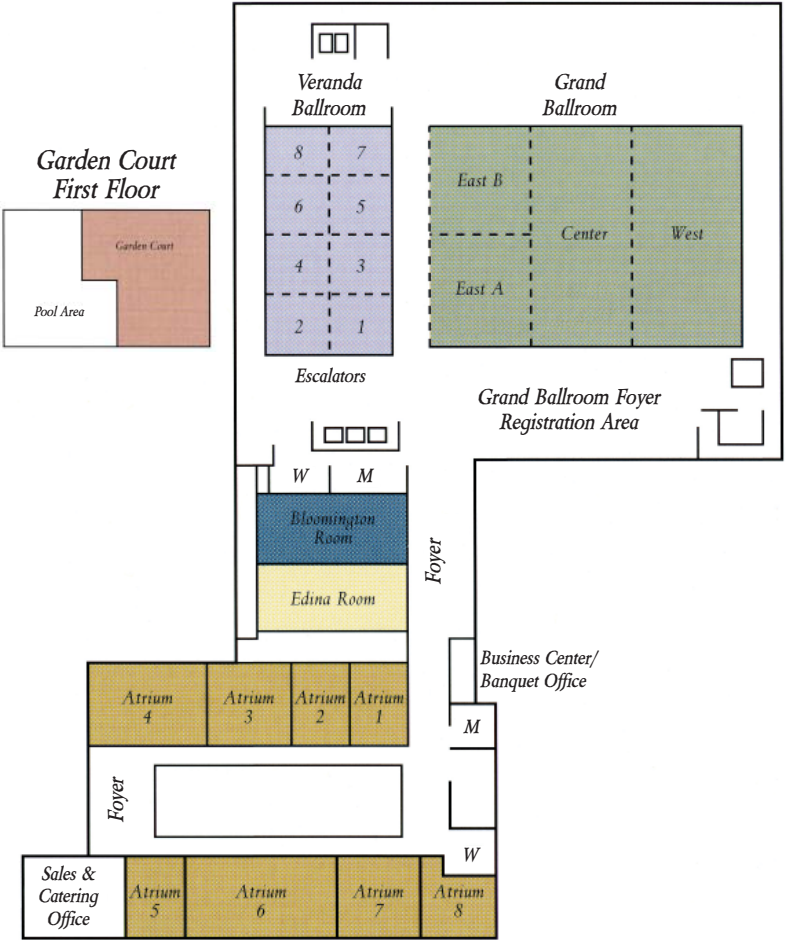


November 16–18, 2009
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
Minneapolis, Minn.

**STRONGER
TOGETHER**

Hotel Meeting Rooms

Second Floor Meeting Rooms



*First Floor Plaza Rooms
(directly below Atrium Rooms)*

8:00 a.m.–
6:00 p.m. **Registration**
Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m.–
6:00 p.m. **Political Action Auction Room Open**
Bloomington Room

1:00–3:00 p.m. **Minnesota Cooperative Education
Foundation Meeting**
Atrium 8

2:00–2:30 p.m. **COOP Committee Meeting**
Atrium 3

2:00–3:30 p.m. **Dairy Choices: Free Market or
Government Programs**
Atrium 6

Given the current depressed dairy prices, a panel will look at government solutions and free-market solutions to help the dairy industry get back on its feet.

Dr. Scott Brown, program director of livestock and dairy, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Bill Bruins, president, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Waupun, Wis.

Larry Tande, president, Holstein Association USA, Inc., Medford, Minn.

Moderator: Paul Kent, board member, Land O'Lakes, Mora, Minn.

3:15–4:00 p.m. **Credentials Committee Meeting**
Atrium 3

3:30–4:15 p.m. **General Session—Ralph K. Morris Foundation
Cooperative Leadership Symposium**
Grand Ballroom Center

The Health Care Conundrum

Senator David Durenberger (R-MN) 1978-95 and chair, National Institute of Health Policy, Opus College of Business, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minn.

4:30–5:45 p.m.

The Great Debate

Grand Ballroom West and Center

Too big, too small, or just right? The subprime mortgage meltdown, chaos in financial markets, bankrupt automakers becoming wards of the state; the past year has brought unprecedented expansion of government's role in the economy and our daily lives. Do these developments—and even bigger initiatives waiting in the wings—pave the way to a secure future or pave over our fundamental freedoms? Two skilled advocates will make the case for both sides of this question.

Todd Berry, president, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, Madison, Wis.

Tom Rukavina, Minnesota State Representative, Virginia, Minn.

Moderator: David Hoopman, director of regulatory affairs-electric, Cooperative Network, Madison, Wis.

5:45–7:15 p.m.

Social followed by Political Action Live Auction

Veranda Ballroom

Auctioneer: Doug Peterson, president, Minnesota Farmers Union, Saint Paul, Minn.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

7:00–8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:00–8:00 a.m.

Federated Youth Foundation Annual Meeting

Edina Room

7:00 a.m.–

6:00 p.m.

Registration

Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:00 a.m.–

6:00 p.m.

Political Action Silent Auction Room Open

Bloomington Room

8:00–10:00 a.m.

Opening Business Session

Grand Ballroom West and Center

Call to Order

Sam Skemp, chairman



8:00–10:00 a.m.

Opening Business Session (cont.)

Welcome & Introductions

Bill Oemichen, president and CEO

Pledge of Allegiance

Cooperative Network Youth Board Members

America the Beautiful

Cathy Statz, education director, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Year in Review

President & CEO's Address

Bill Oemichen, president and CEO

9:00 a.m.–noon
& 1:00–4:30 p.m.

Free Massages

Quintessential Massage LLC, Bloomer, Wis.
Grand Ballroom Foyer

10:00–10:15 a.m.

Break

Grand Ballroom Foyer

10:15 a.m.–
12:00 p.m.

Opening Business Session (cont.)

Grand Ballroom West and Center

Chairman's Report

Sam Skemp, chairman

Governance Committee Report and
Election Procedure Announcement

Bob Topel, chairman, Governance Committee

Secretary's Report

Bob Topel, secretary

Credentials Report

Treasurer's Report

Jim Drogue, treasurer

Presentation of the Budget

Bill Oemichen, president and CEO

Review of Resolutions Process

12:00–1:30 p.m.

Lunch, Legislative Award, and Guest Speaker

Grand Ballroom East

Speaker: Lori Swanson, Minnesota Attorney General, Saint Paul, Minn.

Concurrent Sessions

Credit Markets

Veranda 1–4

This session will explore the current status of accessing credit in these trying times—with an eye to the future and a glance back to “lessons learned.” Panelists will forecast what the near future may hold for borrowers and lenders.

Ross Anderson, senior vice president & chief credit officer, AgriBank, Saint Paul, Minn.

Bob Doane, vice president & relationship manager, CoBank, Minneapolis, Minn.

Brian Legried, president, Cofina Financial, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Bill Raker, CEO, US Federal Credit Union, Burnsville, Minn.

Moderator: Diane Cole, CEO, Badgerland Financial, and director, Cooperative Network, Baraboo, Wis.

Building Beyond Theory—Creating a New Biomass Energy Market in the Midwest

Veranda 5–8

This panel of industry leaders brings together the supply, demand, and policy perspectives of this emerging market. Panelists will provide their justifications for moving into this marketplace, challenges to growing the industry, and how state and federal policies are likely to shape it.

David Donovan, manager of regulatory policy, Xcel Energy, Madison, Wis.

Gary Radloff, Midwest energy research director, Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative, Madison, Wis.

Matt Severson, energy division manager, Premier Cooperative, Mount Horeb, Wis.

Moderator: David Jenkins, director of commercialization and market development, Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence, Madison, Wis.

3:30–4:15 p.m.

Social Media: Friend or Foe?

Grand Ballroom West and Center

Becca Yaklich will delve into social media and help you decide whether they're right for promoting your cooperative, communicating with your members, and reaching out to a younger generation of potential cooperators.

Becca Yaklich, communications manager, AgriBank, FCB, Saint Paul, Minn.

4:30–5:00 p.m.

Government Affairs / Resolutions Committee Meeting

Atrium 4

(Committee will meet only if amendments or new resolutions are introduced.)

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Social and Cash Bar

Garden Court

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet

Grand Ballroom East

Master of Ceremonies: Bob Bass, first vice chair, CHS Inc., and director, Cooperative Network, Reedsburg, Wis.

Cooperative Builder Award Recipients



*Mark Furth
New Ulm, Minn.*



*Dan Kanack
Lena, Wis.*



*Tim Kavanaugh
Elk River, Minn.*

7:30–8:15 a.m. **Complimentary Breakfast**
Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30–10:30 a.m. **Political Action Silent Auction Room Open**
Bloomington Room

7:30 a.m.–noon **Free Massages**
Quintessential Massage LLC, Bloomer, Wis.
Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:15–9:15 a.m. **Guest Speaker Charlie Cook**
Grand Ballroom West and Center

Washington, D.C., swarms with political analysts, pundits, and gurus, but you could count on one hand—with fingers to spare—those who can play in the same league with Charlie Cook. He's been recognized for more than two decades as Washington's most trusted and consistently accurate voice on national, state, and even local elections and on where the votes are lining up on issues before Congress. The *Washington Post's* David Broder has called Cook "perhaps the best non-partisan tracker of congressional races," and he has been frequently featured as an expert political analyst by every major U.S. broadcasting network.

Charlie Cook, publisher, The Cook Political Report, and political analyst, National Journal Group, Washington, D.C.

9:15–10:15 a.m. **Business Session**
Grand Ballroom West and Center

Action on Resolutions (Minnesota and Wisconsin)

10:15–10:30 a.m. **Break**
Grand Ballroom Foyer

10:30 a.m. **Close of Silent Auction**

10:30–11:00 a.m. **Sector Elections**

Credit Union

Veranda 2

Dairy

Atrium 7

Farm Credit

Plaza 4

Health Care

Veranda 3

Housing

Veranda 4

Local Supply

Atrium 2

Marketing and Processing

Veranda 1

Mutual Insurance

Veranda 5

Regional Supply

Atrium 2

Service

Veranda 6

Telecommunications

Veranda 7

Utility Distribution and RESCO Election

Atrium 1

Utility Generation and Transmission

Veranda 8

WECA

Atrium 6

11:15 a.m.–
12:30 p.m.

Closing Business Session

Grand Ballroom West and Center

Call to Order

Sam Skemp, chairman

Director-At-Large Elections**

(4 elections: 2 Minnesota and 2 Wisconsin)

****Voting delegates for at-large elections please
sit at the front of the room.**

Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

Confirmation of Directors

12:30–2:30 p.m.

Board Reorganization Meeting

Edina Room





Notes:

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