



2026 MSC Annual Conference

July 8-10, 2026

The Inn on Lake Superior - Duluth, MN

**Agenda subject to change*

All sessions are in the Northern Lights Ballroom unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026	
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration & Check-In <i>The Inn on Lake Superior Hotel Lobby & Ballroom Reception Area</i>
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Conference Kick-Off Dinner with Music by The McCullough Brothers <i>The Garden Event Center</i>
Thursday, July 9, 2026	
7:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast with Music by Preston Gunderson <i>Catered breakfast by Blackwoods</i>
7:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 - 9:15 am	Conference Welcome by the NESC Team
9:15 - 10:15 am	Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break & Award Photos
10:30 - 11:45 am	Curt Slater - "Welcome to the Jungle"
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 pm	MASA, MREA, MSBA, AMC, LMC & Legislative Updates
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Susan Brower, State Demographer Update
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 - 3:35 pm	Dr. Joan Wade - AESA Opportunities
3:35 - 3:45 pm	Announcements & Dr. Les Martisko Memorial Tribute
3:45 - 7:00 pm	Free Time & Dinner on Your Own
3:45 - 4:45 pm	MSC Executive Council Meeting <i>Eagle Harbor Room</i>
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Glensheen Mansion Tours at 7:00 pm Cash Bar & Dessert After the Tours <i>No food/beverages are allowed during the tours.</i> <i>Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. Duluth has Uber, Lyft, taxis, and vehicle rentals available.</i>

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Friday, July 10, 2026

6:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast on Your Own <i>Hotel Lobby Dining Area</i>
8:00 - 8:50 am	MSC Board of Directors Meeting <i>Eagle Harbor Room</i>
9:00 - 9:45 am	MSC Executive Directors Wrap Up
9:45 - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 - 11:15 am	Joe Beckman - “Just Look Back: Building Your Road in Education — The Legacy Soundtrack”
11:15 - 11:30 am	Closing Comments