



2018 Annual Conference

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Honoring the Past

We're going back to when it all began ... the 70s!

The **Welcome Reception/Social** will be a time to honor the rich history of the MN Service Cooperatives with disco music, lava lamps, a 70's photo booth and props, a slideshow of years gone by, and much more!

Treasuring the Present & Shaping the Future

Amy Dee uses humor and storytelling to talk about **Clarity, Courage, Commitment**. Clarity to honor your past while understanding how to best support your team - Courage to step into your power to engage and contribute - Commitment to support your cooperative's goals and vision.

Luke Greiner, Regional Analyst for Central and Southwest Minnesota at the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), will answer the following question: How does our economy shape the needs of our workforce? Understanding current and future job openings and employment trends can help align educational offerings that promote post-secondary success for all students. Learn how labor market information can help inform career and educational paths during **Employment Trends and Future Needs**.

Sam Walseth and Roger Moe will once again share their wealth of knowledge and provide legislative updates during the **Legislative Lunch with Sam and Roger**.

SWWC's **Lori Dierks**, Assistant Director of Educational Learning Centers, and **Bailey Rettmann**, Principal at Cosmos Learning Center, know that in order for each of us to pursue better days at work and in life, we need to make a conscious effort to do so. We have the power to craft our own positive mindset. We have the choice to bring our best selves to work each and every day in order to perform and function at a high level. You'll leave **Workplace Wellness-Control your Destiny!** with several simple changes you can make to your work day to create more happiness and engagement for yourself and the people you work with.

Tim Gabrielson will provide entertainment for the Outstanding Service Awards Banquet. **The Magic of Positive Change** blends comedy and breathtaking magic with principles for creating a more meaningful and enthusiastic life - starting now!

Joan Wade, AESA CEO, will give attendees a "The State of AESA" address during **Breakfast with Joan**. As Executive Director for the past two years, Joan has traveled to almost 40 states to learn about members' education systems. She will share trends she is seeing as she travels the country, provide insights into how state legislatures are viewing Educational Service Agencies, the types of innovative products and services that ESAs in other states are providing, and what is new with AESA!

Courageous Leadership - Living a Life of Influence is **Dan Meer's** incredible story and the important lessons that he learned during his long road to recovery after coming within inches of losing his life while practicing a bungee jump and zip line stunt at Arrowhead Stadium ... where Dan is known as KC Wolf, the official mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs.