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MCCE MINI INSTITUTE | June 4 | [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Mini Institute provides an outstanding training and networking opportunity for chamber professionals from across Minnesota. This one day conference attracts staff members at all levels to learn, share and reenergize. Don't miss this opportunity! Mini Institute will be held, Thursday, June 4, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites St. Cloud. An excellent agenda is being developed for this one-day conference with a series of break-out sessions covering a variety of topics. Don't miss this opportunity; plan now to attend Mini Institute! Four conference scholarships are available for Mini Institute. [Click here](#) to download the scholarship application.

Keynote Speaker - Living Above and Below the Line; Discovering the Power of Choice

Willow Sweeney is co-founder of Top 20 Training that provides training and materials to empower leaders, teachers, parents and students to develop their potential. She and her Top 20 team have trained over 400,000 leaders throughout the United States. Her work with businesses and companies focuses on developing more effective workplace teams and cultures. [View full agenda.](#)

In addition, for those that choose to travel to St. Cloud the day prior to the conference, we are planning a reception at the St. Cloud Area Chamber's new offices followed by dinner. A block of room is reserved under MCCE at the [Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites St. Cloud](#). Call 320.253.9000 to reserve a room.

U.S. CHAMBER SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT | June 8-10 | [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Annually, Minnesota business and local chamber leaders participate in the U.S. Chamber Small Business Summit to ensure the voice of Minnesota business is part of the federal policy discussion. The event provides access to national speakers, unprecedented networking opportunities and the chance to meet with members of Minnesota's congressional delegation. Join us in 2014! This event is coordinated through MCCE. The 11th Annual [U.S. Chamber Small Business Summit](#) will be held in Washington D.C., June 8 – 10, 2015. Scholarships are available for this event. [Click here](#) to download the scholarship application.

UPCOMING WEBINAR | [REGISTER NOW!](#)

The 2015 Legislative Wrap-up webinar will be held on May 20 from Noon – 1:00 p.m. Receive an immediate analysis from our policy team on how the actions of the 2015 Legislature will affect your bottom line, and an early preview of what issues are

anticipated for the 2016 Legislature.

SAVE THE DATE!

2015 Fall Conference | September 23–25 | Best Western Premier Lodge on Lake Detroit, Detroit Lakes

ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES (ACCE)

[Click here](#) to view the ACCE's 11th Annual Edition - Trends in Chamber Operations 2014. The Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) uniquely serves individuals who manage chambers of commerce. (What is a Chamber of Commerce?) ACCE's mission is to support and develop chamber professionals to lead businesses and their communities. Chamber executives hold positions requiring leadership, vision and strong management skills. ACCE helps chamber executives and their staffs play a significant leadership role in their communities.

U.S. CHAMBER INSTITUTE PROGRAM

The US Chamber is excited to unveil a new program that is specifically targeted toward the association/chamber professional who has graduated from our US Chamber Institute Program and has attained the status of IOM. The "[Graduate Elective Program](#)" (GEP) is designed to build upon what we learned and the relationships that we each created to further the career of the Chamber or Association Professional. This new course offering will supply participants with many opportunities to learn and forge new relationships with professionals who are living in the business of non-profit management. Also, this is an opportunity to bring former classmates back together to build upon your career knowledge together. The first year of our new GEP will be held at the Southeast Institute. Each year the program will rotate between all of our Institute sites.

[Click here](#) for GEP talking points, and contact Karyn MacRae at KMacRae@USChamber.com for additional information.

OUTGOING EXECUTIVES

[Kemmer - Burke wasn't looking to leave Crookston Chamber](#)

Corby Kemmer, 2015 chair of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, echoed outgoing Chamber Executive Director Mackenzie Burke when asked by the Times for his reaction to Burke's Friday announcement that she's resigning after less than a year on the job...

NEW EXECUTIVES

[New president for Richfield Chamber of Commerce](#)

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce has found its new leader. Lori Nelson, an attorney with a background in conservation work, replaced Angie Schaeffbauer April 9 as the chamber's president...

[Midway Chamber of Commerce](#)

Wendy Helgeson is the new Interim Executive Director as the board-lead search for a new, permanent Executive Director continues...

JOB OPENINGS

[Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism | Bookkeeping and Membership Coordinator](#)

Please send your resume and salary requirements to: Mary Hodson, 2 Main Street South, Hutchinson, MN 55350 or mary@explorehutchinson.com.

[Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism | Director of Conventions & Tourism](#)

Interested applicants should direct any questions to Katie Godfrey, Director of Conventions & Tourism; kgodfrey@owatonna.org.

IN THE NEWS

[Chamber kicks off new accessibility program](#)

The Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce is starting out on a new mission: helping local businesses become more accessible for people with disabilities. It's something that's not just a good business decision, Chamber Director Cal Brink said Friday. "It's the right thing to do," he said...

[Chamber calls for changes in tax climate](#)

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sandy Forstner said the system of taxing business people at a higher rate is handicapping them and making it harder for them to invest in their business by adding staff, new equipment or expanding...

[Chamber designated as a Blue Zones worksite](#)

The Blue Zones Project of Albert Lea recently announced another designated Blue Zones Worksite. Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce joins three Albert Lea worksites in achieving the Blue Zones worksite designation...

[Chamber to move from Northbridge to Skyline](#)

The Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce will move from Northbridge Mall to Skyline Plaza at the end of June, according to chamber officials...

[Faribault EDA, Chamber to update community profile for state database](#)

The Faribault Economic Development Authority and the Faribault Chamber of Commerce are working to update the city's community profile viewed by new and expanding businesses looking to set up shop in Minnesota...

[Commentary, Ed Lee, St. Peter Chamber: St. Peter Chamber promotes, celebrates community](#)

The St. Peter Area Chamber of Commerce has several committees and task forces. You can get involved with any of them...

[Lakes Area Tourism Road Trip arrives Thursday](#)

Tourism trends, market research and a preview of the economically vital summer season are all part of the Lakes Area Tourism Road Trip arriving Thursday. In partnership with Grand View Lodge, the Brainerd Lakes Chamber, Crosslake Chamber and Pequot Lakes Chamber invite members and the public to the summer tourism season preview...

[... Letter: Vicki Stute, Dakota County Regional Chamber: Pipeline: an opportunity](#)

We applaud Administrative Law Judge Eric Lipman for recommending a certificate of need to the Public Utilities Commission for Enbridge's proposed Sand- piper pipeline...

[Rochester chamber office undergoing makeover](#)

The Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce is buzzing with activity these days, even though none of the staff are there. The offices on the ground floor of the downtown Holiday Inn building at 220 S. Broadway closed last week for an extensive renovation to upgrade the facilities...

