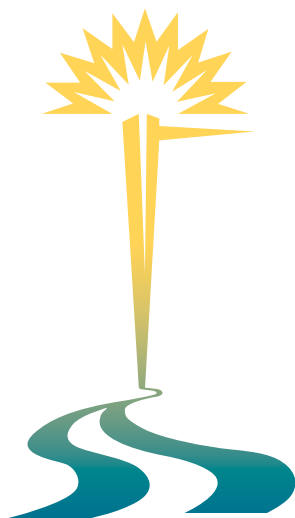


Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

68th Annual Meeting & Preference Customers Conference



December 9-11, 2025
Grand Hyatt Hotel
Denver, Colorado

Registration

Registration opens on Tuesday (December 9) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Wednesday (December 10) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The registration desk is located in *Torreys Peak* across from the *Colorado Ballroom* on the second floor.

Registration fees are \$425 for members, \$180 for spouses, and \$460 for non-members and guests. Registration includes two luncheons, the Members' Reception, one breakfast, and other meeting activities and facilities.

Special Events

Simonton - Graves Award

The Frederick G. Simonton-Thomas P. Graves Distinguished Service Award will be presented during the luncheon on Wednesday, December 10.

Members' Reception

The Members' Reception will be held on Wednesday, December 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the *Capitol Peak Ballroom* on the 38th floor of the Atrium Tower, across from the Hyatt lobby.

Friends of Mid-West Coffee

Friends of Mid-West coffee is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9 in the *Crystal Peak A* room on the 38th floor of the Atrium Tower. We have a fun cooking demo for those who attend. Coffee, tea and delightful treats will be served.

Mid-West is providing a **1-day** shopper's shuttle between the Hyatt and Cherry Creek North shopping center on **Wednesday, December 10**. The bus leaves the Hyatt from the Welton Street entrance every hour, starting at 9:30 a.m. The last run will leave Cherry Creek North at 3:30 p.m. Seating is limited; sign up with Registration to secure a seat.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank East River Electric Power Cooperative for providing and Bob Gale for managing the audio-visual portion of our meeting once again this year.

We would also like to thank the Cooperative Finance Corporation and CoBank for their sponsorship.

“Currents of Change”

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MONDAY, December 8, 2025

Noon

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board Luncheon & Meeting

Aspen Ballroom

2nd floor

Conference Program

TUESDAY, December 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:00 a.m. **Mid-West Water & Power
Committee Meeting** (*open to all members*)
Aspen Ballroom, 2nd floor

Chairman

Matt Washburn

Executive Vice President & General Manager
NIPCO

Vice Chairman

Evan Jurkovich

Vice President of Government Relations
Tri-State G&T Association

9:00 a.m. **Mid-West Resolutions Committee
Meeting** (*open to all members*)
Aspen Ballroom, 2nd floor

Chairman

Tim McCarthy

CEO & General Manager
Sioux Valley Energy

Vice Chairman

Jeff Peters

Missouri River Energy Services

10:00 a.m. **Education Session: WAPA 101**
Aspen Ballroom, 2nd floor

Erin Green

Chief of Staff

Western Area Power Administration

Parker Wicks

VP of Power Marketing

WAPA Rocky Mountain Region

10:00 a.m. **Friends of Mid-West Coffee and Cooking
Demonstration**
Crystal Peak A, 38th floor Atrium Tower

Noon **Mid-West Member Luncheon**
Invocation by Russ Bloom
Colorado Ballroom, 2nd floor

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Conference Program

TUESDAY, December 9, 2025

12:30 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Chairman

Darin Bloomquist

Mid-West Electric Board President

Chris Studer

Interim Executive Director

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

Chris Lawrence

Executive Director

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

1:00 p.m. **First Session: *Western Area
Power Administration Update***

Tracey LeBeau

WAPA Administrator

Moderated Q & A by

Darin Bloomquist

General Manager

Nebraska Electric G&T Cooperative, Inc.

1:30 p.m. **Second Session: *USACE Update***

Dave Sobczyk

Chief of Operations

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Omaha District

Moderated Q & A by

Vernell Roberts

General Manager

Detroit Lakes Public Utilities

2:00 p.m. **Third Session: *Navigating the Structural
Rise in Utility Costs***

Teri Viswanath

Lead Economist for Power,
Energy & Water

CoBank

Moderated Q & A by

Matt Van Schouwen

City Administrator

City of Orange City, IA

2:30 p.m. **COFFEE BREAK - *Sponsored by CoBank***

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TUESDAY, December 9, 2025

- 3:00 p.m. **Fourth Session: *State of the States***
Colorado – Kent Singer
Iowa – Matt Van Schouwen
Kansas – Brad Mears
Minnesota – Darrick Moe
Montana – Mark Lambrecht
Nebraska – Rick Nelson
North Dakota – Josh Kramer
South Dakota – Jerry Jongeling
Wyoming – Shawn Taylor
- 4:00 p.m. **Fifth Session: *Hydropower Threats in the Pacific Northwest***
Kurt Miller
CEO & Executive Director
Northwest Public Power Association
Moderated Q & A by
Craig Wietjes
Board of Director
Dawson Public Power District
- 4:30 p.m. ***Adjourn for the day***

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WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. **Sixth Session: *WAPA Upper Great Plains Regional Update***

Gayle Nansel

Acting SVP & Regional Manager

Western Area Power Administration

Moderated Q & A by

Mark Joffer

President

Heartland Energy

8:30 a.m. **Seventh Session: Grid Deployment Office**

Tina Francone

Director

Grid Deployment Office

U.S. Department of Energy (Invited)

Moderated Q & A by

Jeremy Mahowald

General Manager

Upper Missouri Power Cooperative

9:00 a.m. **Eighth Session: *Federal Legislative & Regulatory Update***

Jeff Genzer

Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke

Moderated Q & A by

Kory Hammerbeck

CEO

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative

9:30 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**

Sponsored by Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)

9:50 a.m. **Ninth Session: *Building Awareness & Trust with Gen Z***

Nathan Shannon

President & CEO

Smart Energy Consumer Collaborative

Moderated Q & A by

Ted Cash

General Manager

Alexandria Public Utilities

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WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

10:20 a.m. **Tenth Session: *WAPA Rocky Mountain Regional Update***

Bart Barnhart

SVP & Regional Manager

Western Area Power Administration

Moderated Q & A by

Julie Kilty

Director

Tri-State G&T Association

10:50 a.m. **Eleventh Session: *Protecting Territorial Integrity***

Shawn Taylor

Executive Director

Wyoming Rural Electric Association

Bill Mertz

General Manager

Members 1st Power Cooperative

Moderated Q & A by

David Keener

Director

Niobrara Electric Cooperative

11:20 a.m. **President's Address:**
Darin Bloomquist

11:30 a.m. – **State Caucuses – *Nomination of Mid-West Directors***

| State | Room |
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| Colorado | Mt. Harvard (3rd Fl.) |
| Iowa | Blanca Peak (2nd Fl.) |
| Minnesota | Mt. Princeton (3rd Fl.) |
| Montana | Mt. Yale (3rd Fl.) |
| Nebraska | Mt. Columbia (3rd Fl.) |
| North Dakota | Maroon Peak (2nd Fl.) |
| South Dakota | Aspen Ballroom (2nd Fl.) |
| Wyoming | Mt. Wilson (3rd Fl.) |

Noon

Luncheon & Simonton-Graves Award

Invocation by Tim Peggram

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Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

- 1:00 p.m. **Twelfth Session: *Southwest Power Pool Moving West***
 Lanny Nickell
 President & CEO
 Southwest Power Pool
 Moderated Q & A by
 Bob Sahr
 CEO & General Manager
 East River Electric Power Cooperative
- 1:30 p.m. **Thirteenth Session: *RMR-SPP West Changes***
 Pete Miller
 Acting VP of Power Operations
 WAPA, RMR, CRSP, DSW
 Parker Wicks
 VP of Power Marketing
 WAPA Rocky Mountain Region
 Moderated Q & A by
 Matt Washburn
 Executive Vice President &
 General Manager
 Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative
- 2:20 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:40 p.m. **Fourteenth Session: *Bureau of Reclamation Update***
 Brandon Hilliard
 Acting Missouri Basin Region
 Power Manager
 Bureau of Reclamation
 Moderated Q & A by
 Tim Peggram
 Director
 Morgan County REA
- 3:10 p.m. **Fifteenth Session: *Wildfire Mitigation Panel***
 Corey Parr
 Chief Operating Officer
 Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange
 Chris Colson
 Senior Vice President for Infrastructure,
 Asset Management & Planning
 Western Area Power Administration

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WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

Mark Lambrecht
CEO
Montana Rural Electric Association

Moderated Q & A by

Doug Hardy
CEO
Central Montana Power Cooperative

4:00 p.m. **BREAK**

4:20 p.m. **Mid-West Business Meeting**
Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes
Election of Directors
Review and Adoption of Mid-West
Resolutions
Other Business

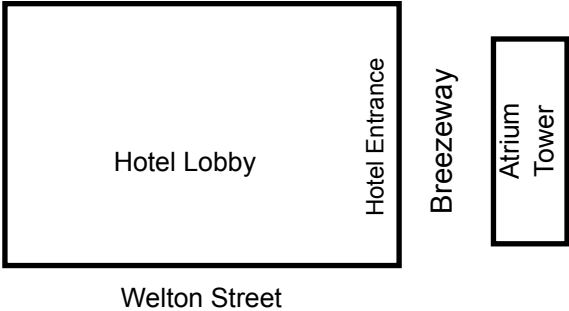
5:00 p.m. **Board of Directors Meeting**
Aspen Ballroom, 2nd Floor
Reorganization

6:00 p.m. ***Members' Reception***
38th Floor, Atrium Tower
(across from the Hyatt's Lobby entrance)

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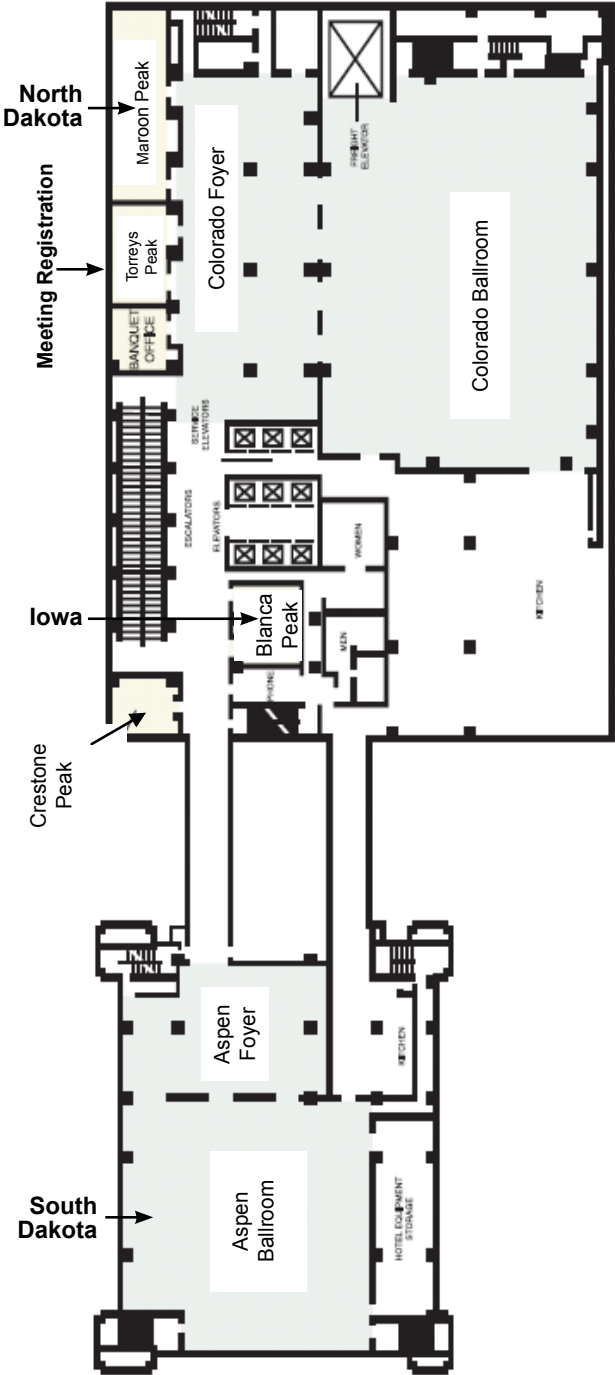
THURSDAY, December 11, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. **Members' Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Final Session: *Mid-West Annual Report and Meeting Recap***
- Chris Studer
 Interim Executive Director
 Mid-West Electric Consumers Association
- Chris Lawrence
 Executive Director
 Mid-West Electric Consumers Association
- 8:30 a.m. ***Adjourn***



Grand Hyatt Map

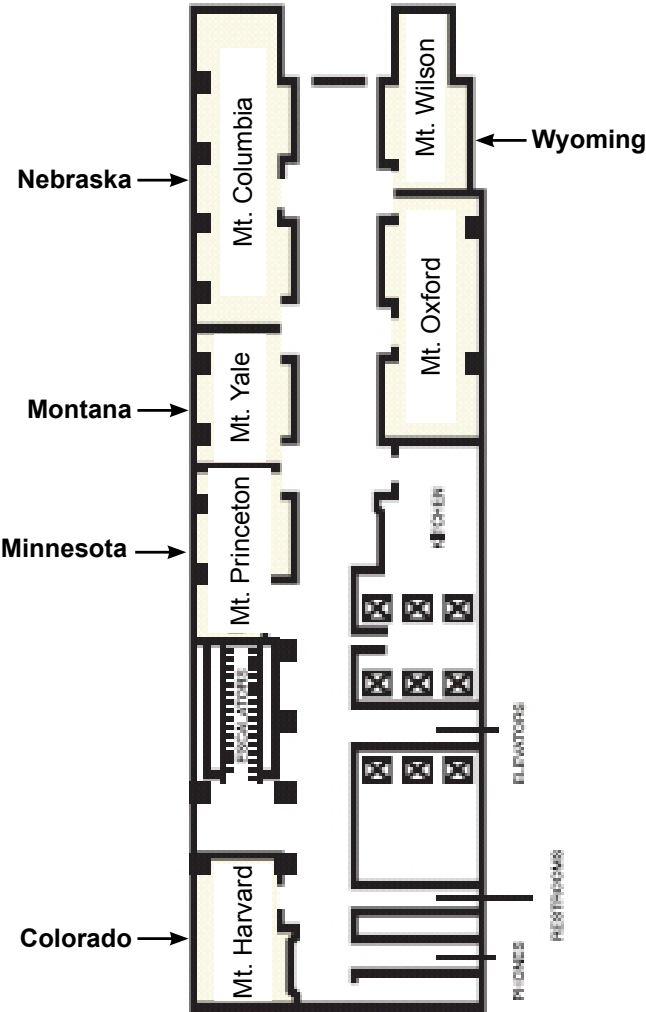
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Grand Hyatt Map

Third Floor Caucus Meeting Rooms

(CO, MN, MT, NE, WY Caucuses)



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Mission Statement

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association promotes and protects the interests of its non-profit consumer-owned utility members that purchase power and transmission at cost from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), the agency responsible for marketing power generated at federal multi-purpose projects operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) within the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program.

Annual Meeting Acronym Glossary

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| APPA | American Public Power Association |
| BA | Balancing Authority |
| CBO | Congressional Budget Office |
| CFC | Cooperative Finance Corporation |
| CFS | Cubic Feet per Second |
| CRSP | WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project |
| DOE | U.S. Department of Energy |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act |
| FERC | Federal Energy Regulatory Committee |
| GAO | Government Accountability Office |
| GBSD | Ground Based Strategic Defense |
| GDO | Grid Deployment Office (within Department of Energy) |
| GRIP | DOE's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships |
| HDC | USACE Hydropower Design Center |
| LAP | Loveland Area Projects |
| LSRD | Lower Snake River Dams |
| MISO | Midcontinent Independent System Operator |
| MRRIC | Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee |
| NDAA | National Defense Authorization Act |
| NRECA | National Rural Electric Cooperative Association |
| O&M | Operations and Maintenance |
| OATT | Open Access Transmission Tariff |
| OMB | Office of Management and Budget |
| PMA | Power Marketing Administration |
| PP&W | Purchase Power and Wheeling |
| RAX | Replacements, Additions and Extraordinary Maintenance |
| REC | Renewable Energy Credit |
| RMR | WAPA's Rocky Mountain Region |
| RPS | Renewable Portfolio Standard |
| RTO | Regional Transmission Organization |
| SMR | Small Modular Reactor |
| SPP | Southwest Power Pool |
| TIP | WAPA's Transmission Infrastructure Program |
| UGP | WAPA's Upper Great Plains Region |
| USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| USBR | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation |
| WAPA | Western Area Power Administration |
| WEIS | Western Energy Imbalance Services |
| WRDA | Water Resources Development Act |
| WSPC | Western States Power Corporation |
| USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |

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