



Minnesota Sister Cities International Annual Conference 2008 - Bloomington

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
BLOOMINGTON CIVIC PLAZA
1800 WEST OLD SHAKOPEE ROAD
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431
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THEME: TOOLS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

AGENDA

- 7:45 - 8:30 am Registration, Networking & Exhibitor Booths
- 8:30 - 9:15 am Welcome - Mayor Gene Winstead, City of Bloomington
Bloomington Sesquicentennial: Celebrating 150 Years of Success
- 9:15 - 10:15 am Sherri Mullery, Vice President of Partnerships,
Bloomington Convention & Visitors Bureau - Destination Bloomington,
and Paul Sherburne, Minnesota Office of Tourism - Explore Minnesota
- 10:15 - 10:30 am LuAnn Paulet, Insurance by Design, LLC
Are You Covered?
- 10:30 - 10:45 am Break & Exhibitor Booths
- 10:45 - 11:30 am Keynote Presentations: Bloomington District 41B Representative Neil Peterson
Building Community - Sister City Partnerships
Bloomington Sister City Organization Historical Video
Larry Yazzie and son, Jessup, Native Pride Dancers
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Buffet Lunch, Networking & Exhibitor Booths
- 12:30 - 1:15 pm Mary Jo Stangl, State Programs Administrator, International Business
Education, MN Department of Employment & Economic Development
International Market Research: Where in the World Do I Look?
- 1:15 - 2:00 pm Omar Merhi, Executive Director
Council on American Islamic Relations
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm Break & Exhibitor Booths
- 2:15 - 2:45 pm Haven Hawley, Program Director
Immigration History Research Center
- 2:45 - 3:15 pm Dr. Ghafar Lakanwal, Executive Director
MultiCultural Development Center
- 3:15 - 3:30 pm Door Prizes Drawing (Must be present to win door prizes)
- 3:30 pm Optional Tour - Bloomington Center for the Arts

Minnesota Sister Cities State Coordinators will be accepting applications to host next year's Annual Minnesota Sister Cities International Conference. If interested, please send a letter of interest to Dolores Strand at dpstrand@usfamily.net or Gerry Wenner at gerald.wenner@state.mn.us