



2026 Annual Training Conference

Registration Information

55th Annual MPELRA Training Conference Dates and Location

The 2026 Annual Training Conference is scheduled Wednesday, September 16 through Friday, September 18, 2026. All training sessions will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, MI.

Conference Fees

Participant Status	Early Registration (on or before 08/15/26)	Late Registration (on or after 08/16/26)
Member	\$300	\$350
Non-Member	\$350	\$400
Guest*	\$275	\$275

* Guests are family members or friends, not business associates or colleagues. Guest registration fee includes payment for all training sessions and social events, but not the conference binder or gift.

Scheduled Meals/Social Events

Food and beverages will be provided at the following events:

- Wednesday: President's Reception
- Wednesday: Dinner and An Evening of Fun
- Thursday: Breakfast, Lunch, Reception and Banquet
- Friday: Breakfast

Conference Registration

Mail the enclosed Conference Registration Form and your check, made payable to **MPELRA**, to: MPELRA, P.O. Box 235, Farmington, MI 48332-0235. Or, if you wish to register and pay at a later date, email the form to treasurer@mpelra.org. You may also register online and pay by credit/debit card or through your PayPal account at www.mpelra.org.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made directly with Grand Traverse Resort & Spa. **Reserve your room by August 15, 2026:** Hotel Guestroom **\$195.00** or Tower Guestroom **\$225.00**. Room rates are per room, per night and are based on single/double occupancy, and subject to a 6% state tax, 5% assessment fee, and \$20.95 per room, per night resort fee. Additional adults in a guest room will be charged a \$15.00 per person, per night rate. Credit card required to make reservations, and must be presented upon check-in. To ensure you receive the MPELRA group rate use this link to make your reservation online, <https://book.passkey.com/go/MPELRA1> or call the hotel directly to speak to a reservation agent at **(231) 534 – 6001**. To receive the conference discount rate, you must provide the group code **MPELRA1**, and your hotel reservations must be made by August 15, 2026. Rooms at the group rate after August 15, 2026 are based on availability.

Attire

Business casual is appropriate for all MPELRA training sessions and social events. **Note:** The heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are controlled by the on-site facility. Every effort will be made to maintain the room temperature at a level that will be comfortable for all participants. However, we encourage you to dress in layers so you can make adjustments for your personal comfort.

SHRM and HRCI Recertification Credits

MPELRA is an approved provider for SHRM and HRCI recertification credits. MPELRA will post the SHRM and HRCI Activity Nos. and available credits on a PowerPoint slide at the conclusion of the conference. If you need written verification or a certificate of attendance, please contact Barbara at treasurer@mpelra.org. You must attend all conference training sessions to be eligible for SHRM and HRCI recertification credits and a Certificate of Completion.

MPELRA Cancellation Policy

Notice of cancellation must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. No refunds or credit will be given for cancellations received after September 8, 2026. Individuals who register but do not attend and fail to provide notice of cancellation as specified by this policy must pay MPELRA the full registration fee. You can send a substitute at any time by providing written notice with the substitute's name, employer, and job title. Members who send a non-MPELRA member as substitute will incur an additional \$10.00 non-member fee. If you cannot attend, please send your cancellation or substitution notice to MPELRA at P.O. Box 235, Farmington, MI. 48332-0235, or email treasurer@mpelra.org. Note: You must call Grand Traverse Resort and Spa directly to cancel your hotel reservations.

If you have questions, please call Barbara Wise Johnson, MPELRA Treasurer, on 313 460-1613.