

# Cooperative Business Issues Conference

JW Marriott at the Mall of America, Bloomington, Minn. | March 20, 2017

## WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR YOUR COOPERATIVE?

This conference is held in conjunction with the 2017 Minneapolis-based CoBank Customer Meeting. It is intended for managers, key staff, and directors from electric, communications, agricultural, and energy cooperatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as those who work with cooperatives.

## AGENDA

8:45 a.m. **Registration**

9:15 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions**

9:30 a.m. **ACA and Benefit Developments: 2017 So Far and What to Expect**

The Affordable Care Act affects employer health plans from plan design to taxes and reporting requirements. The Trump Administration and Congress have indicated that the ACA will be a top priority for repeal and reform this year. This session will look at what actions have occurred with respect to the ACA so far, what to expect and how this impacts your organization's health plan and your members. It will also review other benefit developments and how these affect benefits offered by cooperatives.

**Tim Goodman**, Partner, Dorsey Whitney LLP (Minneapolis, Minn.)

10:45 a.m. **Break**

11 a.m. **Trade Agreement Overhauls**

How will trade policies impact energy and commodity markets, interest rates as well as the value of the dollar? Gain perspectives on where trade policy is moving today and how it will impact your cooperative business.

**Christopher K. Moss**, Principal and Senior Portfolio Manager, CliftonLarsonAllen

Noon **Lunch**

1 p.m. **Developing a Plan to Deploy Broadband in Your Community**

This multi-presenter segment will explore how cooperatives can and have successfully deployed broadband in members in rural areas. Current projects, cooperative partnerships and funding mechanisms that make these projects possible will be highlighted.

**Jonathan Chambers**, Partner, Conexon (Fayetteville, Ark.)

**Darren Farnan**, Chief Development Officer, United Electric Cooperative (Maryville, Mo.)

**Cliff Bolstad**, R.V.P., CoBank-Electric Distribution (Minneapolis, Minn.)

2 p.m. **Break**

2:15 p.m. **Business Impact Session**

Federal regulatory reform measures have and will continue to take place this year. Presenters will focus on bringing attendees up to speed on which regulations have been taken off the table and which regulatory issues are still of interest for cooperatives to monitor and take action on.

**Nick Loris**, Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

## REGISTRATION

	By March 16
Members	\$255
Nonmembers	\$375

Mail completed registration form with payment to:

### Cooperative Network

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## LOCATION

### JW Marriott at the Mall of America

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.cooperativenetwork.coop](http://www.cooperativenetwork.coop) for up-to-date speaker, session, and general workshop information.

### Questions?

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## Early registrations due Friday, March 16

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Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES *Include meal, breaks, instructor fees, and conference materials.*

ATTENDEE INFORMATION	Received by March 16	
	Member \$255 each	Nonmember \$375 each
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<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		

Please specify any necessary dietary or physical accommodations and for which attendee(s):\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please note that special requests can only be guaranteed if made at least one month prior to event.*

**CANCELLATIONS.** Notice must be received by March 16, 2017, for a full refund. No refunds will be issued for late requests.

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