

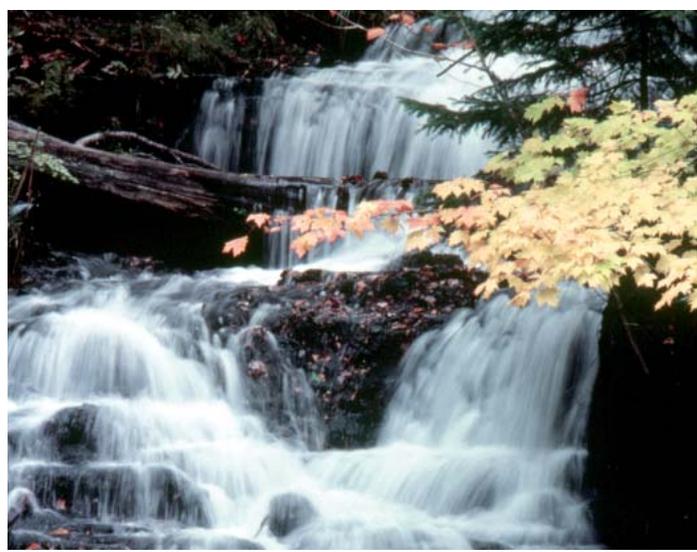
Join fellow officials from across the state June 8-9 at the Island Resort & Conference Center—located in Harris, just west of Escanaba—for MTA's **UP North Summit**. This event offers excellent networking opportunities and premier educational programming.

Practical techniques and valuable resources

The program is packed with informative sessions featuring topics relevant to the entire township board, and some tailored to the duties specific to your township board position. Take advantage of this learning opportunity and connect with others who can help make your role as a township official more fulfilling. It's an investment worth making.

Exceptional value

Officials are encouraged to register for the full program to get the most out of this educational experience. The full-program fee includes all meals and workshop materials. Single-day (and even single-session!) rates are also available.



Educational breakout sessions include:

Tribal Relations & Revenue Sharing

Examine the working relationship between township and tribal officials and gain a better understanding of how to work with a tribe's sovereign status. Learn strategies to overcome revenue and other communication hurdles and forge new partnerships for the betterment of your community.

Speaker: Dave Nyberg, Director, Governor's Office for Northern Michigan, Associate Legal Counsel and Tribal Liaison

Partnering with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Building relationships that grow tourism, natural resource-based businesses and recreational opportunities for citizens is an important part of DNR's mission. Get an overview of examples of partnerships with local government associated with park management, trail development and management, and land use that will get you thinking about opportunities in your own region.

Speaker: Jon Spieles, Acting U.P. Regional Coordinator, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Why Can't We Get Along? How to Avoid Legal Issues by Working Together

Not all board members agree, which often leads to lively discussions at board meetings. Sometimes the disagreement results in legal problems for the township. Delve into common legal issues, including how "split" boards may find themselves in Open Meetings Act problems. Ethical and fiduciary duty issues will be addressed, along with how email communications between board members may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Speaker: Michael Homier, Attorney, Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC

Don't Take This for 'Granted'

This session explores what every township needs to know about grants—from what to where and how. Discuss potential grant opportunities including where to find grants, how to apply once you identify one that fits and what to consider when you do apply.

Speaker: Michael Selden, MTA Member Information Services Director

Sensible Parliamentary Procedure

Every township board conducts its meeting with some variation on the venerable *Robert's Rules of Order*, but often without the benefit of knowing the shortcuts and simplified rules for small groups that can make any board meeting run smoother, faster and more fair to everyone. This interactive session will give even the most experienced board member a number of "a-ha!" revelations that will make your board meetings more sensible and (gasp!) maybe even more fun!

Speaker: Larry Merrill, MTA Executive Director

How Boards Can Speak through Administrative Policies

The township board is the "owner, operator and employer" for the township, but you can't handle every administrative decision at the board level—there just aren't enough hours in a board meeting! But your board can give directions and delegate through written administrative policies. Find out more about required policies, best practices, sample policies, and approaches to internal administration that townships of any size can use.

Speaker: Catherine Mullhaupt, MTA Staff Attorney

Avoiding Meeting Missteps

How do you schedule regular and special meetings? How many types of meetings are there, anyway? What notice is required?

What goes on the agenda? When can a township board go into closed session? How should we handle public comment? Get your meeting questions answered and discuss how to have more productive meetings.

Speaker: Catherine Mullhaupt

Hot Topics in Zoning & Land Use

From commercial forests to nonconforming resorts, from rock blasting to resource preservation, and from industrial development to mining, life in northern Michigan presents some unique and developing land use issues. Here's your chance to dig into emerging trends and walk away with strategies to effectively address today's challenges.

Speaker: William Fabey, Attorney, Fabey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

Elections Update: Are You Ready?

Get an update on a variety of election issues and ensure your township is ready for the August primary and November general election. What did we learn from the March presidential primary? Get an update on the status of replacing voting systems, tips on managing your precinct on Election Day, AV ballot issuance and tracking, E-Pollbook preparation and more.

Speaker: Bureau of Elections Representative, Michigan Department of State

Bidding Requirements—RFP vs. RFQ: What's Right for You?

Review bidding requirements for public works projects and best practices for purchasing equipment and supplies. Explore the differences between a Request for Proposal (RFP) and a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including when to consider which approach. Examine sample bid policies and identify efficient methods of selling unwanted township equipment or property.

Speaker: Michael Selden