Vote for the 2018-2019 NLA Board of Directors

Ballots were emailed or mailed to NLA member headquarters to vote for your 2018-2019 Board of Directors. Please complete your ballot by August 31, 2018.

Events Season Continues!

We all want to get in plenty of fun before the weather turns. Join us for one or all the following:

2nd Annual Fishing Outing
8/15/2018
Location: Isle, Minnesota

Paula Siewert Memorial 5K
9/29/2018
Location: Monticello, Minnesota

Nebraska Clay Shoot
10/24/2018
Location: Grand Island, Nebraska

Iowa Wine and Whiskey Tour
10/27/2018
Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Register for all events by clicking on the event names above. Sponsor all events HERE.

For more information, contact Brett or Lindsay.

2nd Annual Fishing Outing

Join us for a guided launch from McQuoid’s Inn on Lake Mille Lacs in Isle, MN for the 2018 NLA Fishing Outing. This is an excellent opportunity to network with suppliers and dealers while enjoying a day away from the office on the lake! Bring your own gear or use the resort's - it's up to you! Click HERE to register. Sponsorships available HERE.

When: Wednesday, August 15, 2018
McQuoid’s Inn
1325 State Hwy 47
Isle, Minnesota 56342
United States

Brett Brokaw
Contact: bbrokaw@nlassn.org
763-595-4057

Paula Siewert Memorial Walk - September 29, 2018
NLA members and employees are helping raise money to end Breast Cancer! Join us for the walk, donate and sleep in, or both! The group can walk or run at each person's own pace. Each person who donates $25 or more will receive a gift. All registration fees for the walk will go to Party for a Purpose. All proceeds from direct donations will go to American Cancer Society.

Party for a Purpose: Timber Trotters
(click title to register with NLA and we will add you to our team!)
$30 registration gets you a shirt and dinner at the 5K
Walk Check-in: 2:00pm
Party for a Purpose is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to raise money for area cancer patients that might need a little extra boost. The best part is that all the proceeds raised stay local, so you can be sure that when you support Party for a Purpose that you are truly helping your friends and neighbors!

Paula was very active in the outdoors as well as the community, so marrying cancer-fundraising and fitness seemed only fitting.

For more information, contact Lindsay at ldutcher@nlassn.org or 763-595-4053.

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Attention Suppliers - Trade Show Booth Registration Is Almost Ready!

The 2019 Exhibitor Prospectus has been sent off to the printer and will be mailed out within a week, hitting mailboxes by mid-August! Show registration and details will also be posted under the Conventions tab at www.nlassn.org by that time as well. Make sure to page through the Prospectus carefully, as we have added several new ways for exhibitors to become involved and promote their companies at the 2019 conventions.

Remember - booth locations are sold on a first-come, first-served basis so keep your eye out for the registration materials and send in your registration forms with your deposit as soon as you’re able.

For questions about exhibiting, sponsoring, or anything else regarding the upcoming 2019 conventions, contact Jodie at 763-595-4058 or jfleck@nlassn.org.

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Minnesota Bonds & Liens - Get from Q to A in Just One Day

NLA members are invited to get the answers you need for more effective credit practices at the Central Region Credit Conference/Fall Forum, presented by NACM North Central and NACM National. This full day of education and networking will feature a keynote on wire transfer fraud, as well as education sessions on liens and bonds, automation efficiencies, credit card surcharging, and managing international credit teams. Attendees will also have plenty of time to make valuable connections and “talk shop” with fellow commercial credit professionals during breakfast, lunch, the roundtable forum, and a networking reception.

When you register for this event, your ticket includes everything listed above! Please be sure to select one education session for the morning and afternoon. Click HERE to register (Use PROMO CODE “NLA” to receive the discounted price $199).

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NLA is Looking for Associate Members to Host/Sponsor Training Classes

NLA Associate members can show off their business and share information on their products and services with prospective customers by hosting or sponsoring a LumberTech class.

Host a Class - Do you have a private meeting room that can seat 12-15 people or more? Consider holding one of the LumberTech classes at your office.

Sponsor a Lunch ’n Learn - For $200, you can give a 20-minute pitch on your products & services over lunch at a LumberTech class.

If you are interested in hosting a class this fall/winter or sponsoring a Lunch ’n Learn, please contact NLA Director of Professional Development, Connie Johnson at 763-595-4045 or cjohnson@nlassn.org.

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Coming Soon......LumberTech 2018-2019

Watch your mailbox and email in-box for information on this fall’s LumberTech training classes and certificate program. Click HERE to view the class dates for 2018-2019. A full schedule will be posted on the NLA website in the next month along with class details and registration information.

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HR TIPS From Knowledge Central - Biggest Mistakes You Can Make in Your Employee Handbook/Policy Manual

A poorly written, outdated or inconsistent handbook can hurt your company. By far the biggest mistake employers make is including language that wipes out their right to fire employees at will. Here are the 10 most common handbook mistakes to avoid:

Click HERE for the rest of the story.

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Federated Insurance Question of the Month: Investigatory Suspension: Paid or Unpaid?

**Question**

We have a full time employee who will be suspended pending the outcome of a sexual harassment accusation against him. Are we required to pay him for the hours that he would have regularly worked had he not been suspended?
Legislative Alert: Ask Your Senators to Sign Bipartisan Softwood Lumber Letter to U.S. Trade Officials
Request Follows Record High Softwood Lumber Prices in June and Letter from House of Representatives to U.S. Trade Officials

NLA members are requested to contact their Senators and ask them to sign a bipartisan letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. Trade Representative, which encourages U.S. trade officials to return to the negotiating table and reach a new softwood lumber agreement with Canada.

Sens. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Jack Reed (D-RI) authored the letter.

Senators have until Friday, August 17 to sign on to the letter.

A draft of the letter can be found [HERE](#).

Last month, 171 lawmakers in the House of Representatives sent a letter to Secretary Ross and Ambassador Lighthizer asking that the U.S. renew discussions with Canada to end the softwood lumber dispute.

For assistance in contacting your legislator, please contact Cody Nuernberg at 888-544-6822.

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This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realise that it is August: the summer’s last stand.

Sara Baume

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