

MICHIGAN REALTORS®

THE CONVENTION

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant • Oct. 5-7, 2016

Engagement Counts

2016 The Convention Know Before You Go A MICHIGAN REALTORS® EVENT

Engagement Counts for Michigan Realtors®! To help you prepare as an attendee for this year's convention, we wanted to provide you with information to plan for departure and set your expectations for the event.

This year's convention has a lot going on and as always some new things to make sure we help you have an experience that meets your needs. Participants should come prepared to connect with fellow Realtors® and discover exciting new ways to stay engaged and make it count! Read through the information below to help prepare for your travels to this year's event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Located: Conference Foyer, just inside the Conference Center Main Entrance – Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Registration Hours:

Wednesday, October 5 — 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 6 — 7:15 am – 5:30 pm

Friday, October 7 — 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Name badges for all pre-registered attendees will be printed at the registration desk upon arrival. You can also pick up other convention materials there including; specialty meal cards, program book, schedule at a glance, badge ribbons and have your photo taken in our open air photo booth sponsored by Independent Bank

For a list of Pre-Registered Attendees to date.

Please visit [here](#) to see who is registered for The Convention.

NEW THIS YEAR

To receive your complimentary drink ticket for the Welcome Reception or Happy Hour in the Expo you need to visit the bar sponsors for these events.

Wednesday – Welcome Reception – Best Homes Title Agency & Wells Fargo

Thursday – Happy Hour - Chemical Bank & Transnation Title Agency

For Lunch in the Expo on Thursday you can get your lunch ticket from any exhibitor in the expo hall. Your ticket will be collected by hotel staff when you enter the line for the lunch buffet.

Play our version of Pokémon Go in the Expo to receive your drink ticket from Caliber Home Loans booth to use at the Realtor Royale on Thursday evening.

Be present at the Grand Gathering or Closing Keynote speaker to win an iPad sponsored by Realcomp. To enter, drop your business card at The Convention registration desk.

PARKING

For event attendees there is complimentary parking at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as well as Soaring Eagle Waterpark. If you are staying at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark, there is a complimentary 24-hour shuttle to and from the properties that runs every 30 minutes.

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

Our summer may have arrived really late but it is on course to give us great weather for the convention. You should enjoy partial sunshine and low 70's with a chance for scattered showers.

Recommended Attire

The Convention attire is business casual. Feel free to be comfortable in slacks, polo shirts, sweaters, blazers, blouses, and most importantly, comfortable shoes! Friday is our Realtor® Pride casual day. Wear your favorite Realtor® shirt and jeans. It will help make that commute home more enjoyable too.

On Thursday evening for Realtor® Royale REEngage with fellow Realtors® as you dance and network the night away with an evening of music and fun. Every engagement party needs a bride and groom...you will find out who the newlyweds will be with some fun & games throughout the evening. How do you dress for the theme? Like a member of the wedding party of course! We'll let you decide what that will be. Costumes are always enjoyed, but not required.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

To view the convention line up, access the [agenda](#) on the Michigan Realtors® convention web site.

NAME BADGES

To access any 2016 CONVENTION & EXPO EVENTS YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE.

No exceptions will be made.

The barcodes on your name badge will be used to track all CE credits. You must be scanned **IN AND OUT** by Michigan Realtors® staff member at the door of all CE certified classes to receive credit.

NON-LICENSED GUEST POLICY

A registered convention attendee may register his or her spouse or special guest if they are not licensed or affiliated with any aspect of the real estate industry at the discounted guest rate. Registered guests may participate in official social events, meal functions and general sessions, but are not permitted to work in a trade show booth. Children under 18 may not attend any Michigan Realtors® function. At events in which alcohol is served, anyone under 21 years of age is not permitted.

KNOWLEDGE SESSION INFORMATION

Please note:

All knowledge sessions are first-come, first-serve. Pre-registration or tickets are not issued for any knowledge sessions. Seating begins 10 minutes prior to session start time.

CE Marketplace Certified Continuing Education

You will experience first hand the ease of using CE Marketplace to track your continuing education credits from convention. **FAILURE TO BE SCANNED IN AND OUT OF SESSIONS BY MICHIGAN REALTORS® STAFF WILL RESULT IN NO CREDITS GIVEN FOR THAT CLASS!**

The information will be uploaded to your CE Marketplace record within 5 business days and you'll receive a certificate via email for your tracking purposes. It's that easy. You may also log into your CE Marketplace record at anytime to track your classes or self report any courses that you have taken outside of CE Marketplace. There are some rules that still apply - anyone leaving the session early, or leaving the room for more than a few minutes, will not receive credit. We cannot stress enough that **FAILURE TO BE SCANNED IN AND OUT OF CLASS WILL RESULT IN NO CREDITS GIVEN FOR THAT CLASS.**

You can check out the licensee tracker now and see how many reported credits you currently have by going to the CE Marketplace website and registering (for first time users or login for returning visitors). www.cemarketplace.net

CE Marketplace staff will be onsite at the Expo in Booth #42 to assist with any questions regarding CE Marketplace. Please stop by to learn how to take control of your real estate CE with CE Marketplace.

FOLLOW CONVENTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with the Michigan Realtors® through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. Make sure to use #michiganrealtors to interact with us and other attendees at The Convention.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Check-in time for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark is 4:00 PM and checkout is 11:00 AM.

GREEN PRACTICES

Michigan Realtors® recognizes that we have an opportunity and responsibility to help our communities throughout the globe understand and implement green meeting practices.

One of the most noticeable changes for Michigan Realtors® is reducing the amount of paper we use and using recyclable products. Once again speaker handouts will be available online. If a presenter has a handout, it is available on the Michigan Realtors® Web site for you to view before coming to The Convention. Handouts can be attached to the speakers' session online. They will be available until October 21.

Some reminders:

- Print off only the handouts you need. Or better yet, print them off after the session as this will make you a better listener during the program.
 - Review the speaker handouts before you print them. Michigan Realtors® does not limit the number of pages speakers can have in their handouts and some of them are lengthy.
 - Please remember to turn off your lights and TV before exiting your guest room.
 - You will be receiving a refillable water bottle onsite, please remember to use it.
 - Your name badge holder & program book can also be recycled, look for these bins at the registration area.
 - Please look for recycle bins in the hotel for your recycling needs.
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EXTRAS, EXTRAS!

BUSINESS CARDS

Be sure to pack your business cards. There will be great prizes from exhibitors and lots of networking for you to get your name out there.

See you in Mount Pleasant!