



66th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting



**U.S. GRAINS &
BIOPRODUCTS
COUNCIL**

**MILWAUKEE, WI
JULY 29-31, 2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

Please join us at the 66th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, July 29 – Friday, July 31, 2026, in Milwaukee, WI.



Now is the Time, as my chairman's theme states, so at this meeting you will have the opportunity to engage with leaders from U.S. corn, sorghum, barley, ethanol and distillers' grains industry and get the chance to help steer our organizational direction as we come together at this important meeting.

Your input will help us establish priorities in the coming year and guide the Council's efforts to enhance trade in the global markets in which we work. You will get market updates, work in Advisory Teams and sectors and provide recommendations that impact how the Council develops markets, enables trade and improves lives.

You will also have an opportunity to engage with members of the Council's staff and get a firsthand understanding of what the Council is doing for you now and for future generations as it helps to shape our industry.

We are so excited to welcome you in Milwaukee, looking forward to getting to work with you and collaboratively creating plans to advance coarse grains and ethanol marketing around the world.

After our few, but important days together, you will leave knowing the Council is cultivating the future today by laying the groundwork to develop markets, enable trade and improve lives around the world for generations to come.

I look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Wilson | Chairman

PLANNING GUIDE

The U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council will be holding its 66th Board of Delegates Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel.

Hotel Reservations:

Hilton Milwaukee City Center
509 West Wisconsin Avenue

Make reservations online at the Council's website, or by calling the hotel's reservations department at +1 414-271-7250 and mentioning the U.S. Grains Council meeting to receive the discounted rate. **The reservations deadline is Monday, June 22, 2026.** After this date, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis. The Council has negotiated a room rate of \$244 USD per night, single or double occupancy, plus a 17.9 percent tax. Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out time is 11 a.m.

Ground Transportation:

Milwaukee City Center is located seven (7) miles to Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (airport code: MKE). Transportation to the hotel via taxi will cost approximately \$35 USD one-way. Uber or Lyft are available at an estimated cost of \$25 - \$30 USD one-way.

Attire

Business casual attire is appropriate for all meetings. Casual attire with comfortable shoes is appropriate for tours. The offsite event will be casual attire. In Milwaukee, the average high temperature for July is 82 degrees and average low is 63 degrees.



Scan the code to learn more to make your reservations.



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THE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 28

AFTERNOON

Optional Tour: The Pabst Experience: History, Heritage & Hops

Board of Directors Meeting

A-Team Lead and Board Liaison Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

MORNING

Introducing the Council Breakfast: This session is designed for first time attendees to meet USGBC board and staff members and learn how to take full advantage of the USGBC membership meeting. By invitation only.

Checkoff/USGBC Staff Breakfast: Checkoff and USGBC staff convene. By invitation only.

General Session: Start the day with a welcome to Milwaukee. Hear from speakers who are giving us up-to-date information on trade, current topics and our markets.

Spouse/Guest Welcome Breakfast: Join old friends and make new ones at this welcome for spouses and guests. There is no additional charge for this event, but registration is required.

AFTERNOON

A-Team Meetings: USGBC Advisory Teams (A-Teams), the backbone of the Council, guide strategy and key topics related to Asia, Ethanol, Innovation and Sustainability, Middle East/Africa/South Asia, Trade Policy, Value-Added and Western Hemisphere. Those who are not members of an A-Team are encouraged to sit in on these sessions to learn more about USGBC programs.

EVENING

Welcome Reception: Join fellow USGBC members at an evening reception – a great opportunity to network with industry colleagues, get acquainted with members and talk with USGBC staff.



THE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 30

MORNING

Sector Meetings: Discuss issues with colleagues and USGBC staff during meetings organized by sector: Agribusiness & Ethanol, Corn, Barley, General Farm Organizations or Sorghum.

General Session: Join council staff and experts to continue exploring opportunities, challenges and issues affecting international trade and market access.

Optional Tour: Milwaukee in Bloom & Brilliance

AFTERNOON

General Session: Come together for the opportunity to discuss regional trade policy updates in key regions the Council is focused.

EVENING

Networking Event: End the event on a high note at the USGBC closing reception at the Milwaukee Public Museum—celebrate new connections, great conversations and the success of our time together.

Friday, July 31

MORNING

Board of Delegates Meeting: The Council's business meeting will include presentations to the USGBC Board of Delegates on priorities and key takeaways from their breakout sessions in A-teams, sectors and elections.

AFTERNOON

Board of Directors and A-Team Leaders Meeting

Optional Tour: Cream City & Chrome: A Signature Milwaukee Experience



OPTIONAL TOURS & EVENTS

Tuesday, July 28

THE PABST EXPERIENCE: HISTORY, HERITAGE & HOPS - \$100 USD

This curated tour takes you from the grandeur of the historic Pabst Mansion—where Gilded Age elegance and family legacy come to life—to the vibrant energy of the Pabst Brewery, where that legacy continues to evolve. Along the way, you'll uncover the fascinating history of Captain Frederick Pabst, explore beautifully preserved architecture and gain an insider's look at one of the city's most enduring brands. The experience concludes with a taste of Milwaukee's brewing tradition, offering a perfect blend of culture and craft.

Includes round trip transportation, guided tour and a beer sample.



Wednesday, July 29

SPOUSE/GUEST BREAKFAST- INCLUDED IN SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION

Begin your morning at the beautifully restored Hilton Milwaukee City Center. This grand historic building now offers a warm and inviting setting in the heart of downtown. Enjoy a welcoming breakfast alongside an engaging presentation on the iconic Mackie Building and Grain Exchange. Built in 1879 as the epicenter of commerce, the Mackie Building once housed the Chamber of Commerce and Grain Exchange—where international grain prices were set, placing Milwaukee at the center of global trade. Through vivid storytelling, you'll explore the city's early history, architecture and the preservation efforts that saved this landmark.

Following the presentation, guest will head out for a special visit to the breathtaking Grain Exchange inside the Mackie Building. During this exclusive 20-minute experience, take in soaring ceilings and intricate craftsmanship while standing in the very room where global grain prices were once determined. Before departing, browse the Historic Milwaukee, Inc. Gift Shop, then board a comfortable shuttle for a visit to the Milwaukee County Historical Society & Museum. Housed in the former Second Ward Savings Bank, this striking building also appeared in the 2009 film Public Enemies, starring Johnny Depp, as the setting for a dramatic bank robbery scene. This final stop offers a deeper look into the people, industries, and moments—both real and cinematic—that have shaped Milwaukee's identity, bringing the morning full circle.

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OPTIONAL TOURS & EVENTS

Thursday, July 30

MILWAUKEE IN BLOOM & BRILLIANCE - \$120 USD

Guests can choose either a morning or early afternoon tour. This tour, thoughtfully curated for USGBC guests, blends nature, history and refined hospitality. Enjoy a self-guided visit to Mitchell Park Domes, where three striking glass conservatories invite you to explore lush tropical landscapes, sculptural desert terrain and vibrant, ever-changing floral displays at your own pace. Following breakfast or lunch, enjoy a guided exploration of The Pfister's storied past—discovering its iconic architecture, rich heritage and remarkable Victorian art collection, brought to life through engaging storytelling and curated works throughout the hotel. The experience concludes with a refined touch, offering a memorable blend of culture, cuisine and Milwaukee tradition.

Includes round trip transportation, breakfast or lunch and admission to Mitchell Park Domes.

NETWORKING EVENT: MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - \$130 USD - GUEST ONLY

Join us for an unforgettable closing event at the iconic Milwaukee Public Museum. Guests will enjoy an immersive journey through the “Streets of Old Milwaukee” and the museum’s storied exhibits—a final opportunity to experience these collections before the museum permanently closes its doors at the end of 2026.

Throughout the evening, we will serve a curated selection of Milwaukee-themed small bites, dinner and desserts. Keep an eye out for a few “hometown celebrity” guests who will be stopping by to help us toast to a successful program!

Includes round trip transportation, museum access and dinner.



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OPTIONAL TOURS & EVENTS

Friday, July 31

CREAM CITY & CHROME: A SIGNATURE MILWAUKEE EXPERIENCE - \$85 USD

Begin your experience with convenient hotel pick-up as you set out on a thoughtfully curated journey through Milwaukee's rich history and vibrant neighborhoods. This guided city tour offers a dynamic overview of the city's evolution—from its industrial roots to its modern-day energy—featuring iconic districts, architectural landmarks and scenic lakefront views brought to life through engaging narration.

Your experience culminates with a visit to the world-renowned Harley-Davidson Museum, where you'll have time to explore one of Milwaukee's most celebrated cultural attractions. Set along the Menomonee River, the museum

showcases an extraordinary collection of motorcycles, artifacts and immersive exhibits that capture the spirit of freedom, innovation and American craftsmanship synonymous with the Harley-Davidson legacy. Guests are invited to explore at their own pace—whether diving into the history, admiring the design or simply soaking in the atmosphere of this iconic brand.

This seamless experience offers a blend of storytelling, architectural beauty and self-guided discovery—perfect for those looking to experience Milwaukee through both its historic roots and its legendary cultural icons.

Includes round trip transportation, guided tour and museum admission.



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