

# What are District Meetings?

If you are newer to LeadingAge MN or have never attended District Meetings, it's a great question!

LeadingAge Minnesota membership is organized into seven geographical districts (see map below). Districts function to promote connections and cooperation among regional peer organizations in learning information about the older adult services field, dealing with common challenges; and serving as a forum for exchanging ideas and initiatives that will advance the health and support of aging people.

Organizational leaders and other professionals meet three times a year to learn, discuss, and build relationships. The meetings generally include updates from the LeadingAge Minnesota Board of Directors, an educational component, and opportunity for large and small group conversation. They last three hours and include an optional networking lunch and site tour of the host community.

# Who Attends District Meetings?

Another great question. Leaders of senior communities attend these meetings. That may include site leaders (care center administrators, assisted living directors, home care directors), operations and clinical directors, home office leadership, and any other leaders who want to stay informed and connected. If you mentor an emerging leader, be sure to bring them along!

# Learn and Earn a CEU

District Meetings include an educational component on a timely and relevant topic that allows you to earn one CEU at no cost – a tangible benefit of attending.

# Important Governance Function

In addition to all these great aspects, Districts have an important governance function of LeadingAge Minnesota. Each District elects its officers that include a Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and representative (director) to the Board of Directors. District Meetings include a business meeting, an update on the Board of Directors work by the District Director, an educational component, and opportunity to provide input and feedback to the LeadingAge Minnesota Board of Directors from its respective geographical district. Districts sometimes hold social events to promote peer networking and relationships.

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### How to Attend

Find the <u>District Meeting schedule here</u> and register in advance for District Meetings at <u>https://www.leadingagemn.org/education-events/events-calendar/</u>. You will need your member login to access the information and registration. There is no cost to attend; and we ask you to RSVP for lunch to help control expense and food waste. You will get the most benefit from attending the meeting in your district; however, you are welcome to attend a different location/date if needed. The content is the same at each meeting.

### **Questions?**

Contact us via email with any questions. <u>membersupport@leadingagemn.org</u> or Barbara Landeen, Senior Director of Leadership & Member Experience at <u>blandeen@leadingagemn.org</u>.

