

Midstates Housemovers Association
46th Annual Structural Movers Convention
March 14, 15 & 16, 2019

This is our 46th annual convention and we are finally going to Wisconsin!

Convention “Early Bird” Registration:

This year our annual convention will be held at the Plaza Hotel & Suites in Wausau, WI. Located just 2 blocks from the intersection of Wisconsin Highway 51 & 29, the facility is beautiful and spacious. A block of rooms is being held until **March 1st, 2019**. Call **715-845-4341** to reserve your rooms and mention Midstates Housemovers Association to get our special rate.

The “**Early Bird**” registration has significant meaning. By registering by **March 1st, 2019**, you will benefit with a reduced primary convention entry fee. We have included a convention registration sheet for your convenience. Please fill it out and send the completed form with a check made out to “Midstates Housemovers Association” for the applicable fees. Mail the forms and check to:

Midstates Housemovers Association

P.O. Box 64

Jackson, NE 68743

We also offer the convenience of paying your registration with a credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover. We have included a copy of our credit card payment information sheet for your convenience.

Once again, we are offering an “Incentive for New Members”. We will reduce your primary convention entry fee \$50 for any **new** company registering. If you know of anyone that has not received our invitation or is new to the housemoving industry, please pass this information on to them or contact Sue Morrow and she will forward the information to them.

We want to emphasize how important early registration is to planning a successful convention. It not only is beneficial to us for preplanning events but also to you by saving you some money! Don’t hesitate! Mail your registration today.

Hotel Details:

The Plaza Hotel & Suites is Wausau’s premiere full-service convention center. Their facility is spacious and comfortable. There is a large pool, whirlpool, children’s pool, 2 saunas, indoor game room, exercise room, business center with internet availability and a continental breakfast served everyday at no additional cost to attendees.

The convention rate is \$85 per room + tax and be sure to mention the Midstates Housemovers Association to get that rate. The reservation number is **715-845-4341**. This block of rooms is available until **March 1st, 2019**.

Wausau, WI, is a city that has a lot to offer. The Wisconsin River flows through the city with lots to look at on both sides. Their downtown architecture is fantastic. There is so much to look at and a wide variety of shops/malls for those who have that on their list of things to do. The surrounding scenery is definitely something you don’t see every day, except for those of you who live in Wisconsin. It’s beautiful.

Yard Tours:

Our yard tour plans will amaze you this year. Starting on Thursday, March 14, 2019, are invited to visit Peterson Movers. Their address is 9820 52nd Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm with lunch provided. Peterson Movers is approximately 1 hour south of the hotel. Mike & Christine Peterson are 3rd generation movers with their company having been established in 1946. In addition to lunch they will be having a soap sliding demonstration and a wireless dolly demo.

On Friday, March 15, 2019, we have arranged another tour in the afternoon. At 12:00 noon we will travel to Schuette Movers. Their address is 1604 Morrison Avenue in Rothschild, WI. This is approximately 15 minutes from the hotel. Scott and Marilyn Peterson will be sponsoring a lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 at their facility. From 1:30 until 4:30 there will be demonstrations and a tour of Wausau Homes and Schuette Metals for those interested. Schuette Movers is one of the oldest and largest movers in Wisconsin starting in 1946.

Events:

What would a convention be without tradition? We will be having our "Lunch with the Vendors" on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 12:00 (noon) until 1:00 pm.

Many attendees have commented as to the convenience of having luncheons there at the hotel. It enables them to take part in all of the events without the risk of leaving and missing out on something.

Saturday night, March 16, 2019, we will hold our "famous" awards banquet with entertainment.

We start with our social hour on Saturday evening, progress on to a fabulous meal, award elite members of our group with plaques, hand out door prizes, draw for raffle prizes, and top off the evening enjoying a performance with "Sean Emery". Sean is more than just a funny guy juggling stuff. He is a professionally trained juggler & clown that has performed with the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey circus. He has performed at many venues including the Minnesota & Wisconsin state fairs, Radio City Music Hall and the White House. We all look forward to a very entertaining evening.

Seminars & Demonstrations:

We hope the weather cooperates with us because we are planning some great onsite demonstrations by some of the vendors, at the yard tours and at the hotel. In this industry, things are always changing and that is an important part of our conventions to display and work with some of this new equipment.

This factor also pertains to educational materials. We work to provide each attendee with some added knowledge that will benefit them & their business. We are proud to include ILC presenting a seminar on fleet safety, DOT audits and updates on Friday. On Saturday we look forward to a seminar by JSJS regarding crib jack rebuilding & repairs. This is only a few. Check our website for updates.

Vendors:

Vendor fee is \$50 per floor space or per table space. There is no charge for outside displays. No convention would be complete without vendors. They are the backbone of the housemoving industry. Whether it's the products they are showing us or the services they are explaining to us – we need them. The first place everyone wants to go when they arrive at a convention, of course after they check in with Sue at the registration desk, is to see who the vendors are and what did they bring to show. Some attendees travel from convention to convention just to see certain vendors.

So, vendors be sure and send your registration sheet in with the appropriate fee by March 1st, 2019, so we can get you set up for the convention and reserve your space(s). Come ready to sell!

Scholarships:

Every year we award 1 to 4 scholarships to people that meet the necessary requirements established by the organization board of directors. We are including a copy of the requirements and an application. A copy of these items is available on our website if more are needed. All applications must be postmarked by **March 1st, 2019**. Mail your application, required transcripts and a current photograph to
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An annual event that generates funds for these scholarships is the raffle drawing at the convention.

Raffle tickets are sold with some fantastic items being offered. If you would like to donate a raffle item

please call John Schmidt (chairman of the scholarship committee) at 701-388-8436 or John Jepsen (co-chairman) at 763-807-1437. We also accept monetary donations, if preferred.

Award Applications:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our awards categories and one award application blank. Each company can only win one award (excluding the Oldest Mover and Mover Traveling the Farthest Distance to a Convention). Each and all entries MUST be accompanied by a photograph (excluding oldest mover and mover traveling the farthest). Each job must have been completed in 2018 to apply. The deadline for applying is March 14th, 2019, at 12:00 pm (noon) at the convention. Due to the yard tour on Friday the entry time has been shortened. Once again, we strongly promote sending the applications with a thumb drive, zip drive, SD card or **email** them ahead of time to Matt Sundeen. His contact information is: msundeen@maguireagency.com or 1970 Oakcrest Avenue Suite 300 in Roseville, MN 55113. This allows Matt to download the photos and information prior to the convention or prior to the award judging. If sending them by mail, you must have them sent by March 1st, 2019, to avoid a possible mail delay. You can also mail the applications and photos to Sue Morrow prior to March 1st and she will forward them on to Matt. Seeing all of the jobs that everyone enters in the awards competition is a highlight of the awards banquet. Please enter as many times as you would like since only one award per company may put you in a different category than you thought possible.

Ladies:

Don't worry ladies. You will not be left out. There will be activities lined up for the ladies. Check the website later for details.

We invite you to come and join us. We encourage you to bring your entire family, your employees and their families. We want our attendees to keep saying, "This is by far the best convention we have ever attended." Bring your trucks, bring your equipment, bring your dollies. We are looking forward to see it all. Bring your time-saving ideas, bring your scrapbooks. We all would love to see your accomplishments for 2018.

Most of all, we are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Further information and updates will be posted on our website:
midstateshousemoversassociation.org

If you need any further information, please contact Sue Morrow:

402-632-4555 or housemvr@nntc.net

For last minute contacts after March 12th, 2019, text her at 712-251-1744.