



2026 UMCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TRUE NORTH: LEAD, SERVE, INSPIRE

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 2, 2026



OGDEN ECCLES CONFERENCE CENTER
2415 WASHINGTON BLVD., OGDEN, UTAH



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 29

12:00 – 6:00 PM

Athenian Dialogue – Book TBD
Tanner Vario

LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE

WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 – 8:15 AM

Welcome & Introductions
Candidate Presentations (2 minutes each)

UMCA President

8:15 – 10:15 AM

Utah Historical Society: Markers & Monuments

Lisa Barr

10:15 – 10:30 AM

BREAK – Visit Exhibitors & Silent Auction

10:30 – 11:30 AM

From Emails to Public Meetings:
Communication Skills That Work

Barb Smith

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Legislation – Bill Tracking

Tanner Taguchi

12:30 – 1:15 PM

LUNCH – New Clerks • Board • Region Presidents

1:15 – 2:15 PM

Strengths-Based Leadership

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Business Meeting

2:15 – 3:15 PM

The Art of Saying No Without
Saying the Word
Natalie Hales

4:00 – 5:00 PM

ADA Compliance /
Pressing Concerns
Mike Stagg
Utah Local Governments Trust

3:15 – 3:30 PM

BREAK – Visit Exhibitors & Silent Auction

5:00 – 6:00 PM

MC CONNECT *Tanner Vario*

6:00 – 7:30 PM

NIGHT ACTIVITY

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 1

8:30 – 9:30 AM

KEYNOTE: Elizabeth Smart

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Book Signing

10:00 – 10:15 AM

BREAK – Visit Exhibitors & Silent Auction

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM

KEYNOTE: Paul Jenkins

12:15 – 12:45 PM

UMCA Recorder of the Year Presentation

12:45 – 2:00 PM

LUNCH – Exhibitors Prize Drawings

2:15 – 5:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose two 90-minute sessions for a total of
3 hours of class time.

Session times:

2:15 – 3:45 PM • 4:00 – 5:30 PM

A. New Recorder Starter Kit

*Nancy Dean, Diana Baun,
Heidi Allman, Alicia Fairbourne*

**B. Time Management
Systems That Actually
Work in a Recorder's Office**
Heidi Allman

C. Cemeteries

*DeAnn Parry &
Stephannie Cottle*

**D. Elections ILA,
Election Checklist**
*Colleen Mulvey &
Wendy Downs*

5:30 – 7:30 PM

NIGHT ACTIVITY

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 2

7:30 – 8:30 AM

VOTE! Polls close at 8:30 AM
and reopen at 10:00 AM

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Daniel Hatch
The Science of Great Relationships

10:00 – 11:00 AM

BRUNCH
Silent Auction closes at 10:30 AM
VOTE! Polls open at 10:00 AM
and close at 11:00 AM

11:00 – 11:15 AM

Registration Winner & \$100 Gift Card Winner
(Must be present to win)

11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

KEYNOTE: Judge Kelly Schaeffer-Bullock
Utah Constitution

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Conference Closing Announcements
Oath of Office for UMCA Board Members

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Schedule and presenters are subject to change.
Thank you for your understanding!

Thank you for being the True North for our communities.