

ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues

Virtual Meeting!

June 18, 2021

In order to ensure the health and safety of Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Sponsors, and Presenters, AFSI will be holding its membership meetings virtually for the remainder of the program year. We are hopeful to resume in person meetings in the fall if/when it is safe to do so. Please plan to join virtually on your smartphone, tablet, computer, laptop or by calling in on the number provided below.

NEW Meeting Link!

Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/98101218983>

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The Source for Seniors

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10:00 am

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarensteijn, President

Legislative Presentation

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)

A three person panel comprised of one Republican, one Democrat, and one Independent representative from the Commission will share concerning the current process, what they have learned thus far, and what will be taking place moving forward.

Program Presentation

Learning Opportunities for Seniors

Sonja DeJong (CALL), Sheila Pantlind (OLLI),
Jen Hunt, MPA (GetSetUp)

In this program we will learn about three opportunities for expanding our knowledge, satisfying our curiosity and increasing our social connections. This session will describe the Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL), The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Aquinas College and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services program GetSetUp.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2021

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“Learning Opportunities for Senior”

June 18, 2021 Programs

Presenters Organization’s Contact Information

1) Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL)

<https://calvin.edu/academic/call/>

2) The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Aquinas

<https://www.aquinas.edu/olli-aquinas>

3) MDHHS and GetSetUp Partnership

<https://www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan>

VOTING DISTRICTS drawn a new way — by the people, for the people

For the first time in Michigan, the people will decide how their election maps are drawn.

Michiganders voted in 2018 to take control of the mapping process, taking that power away from politicians.

Now, residents can have their say about drawing election district boundaries that are fair and reasonable.

With public hearings across the state, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)—a bipartisan group of 13 Michigan citizens—will help people learn about the new process.

Every Michigan resident can participate in the process — in person, online or by phone. You can sign up to make comments at the hearings. You can even submit your own maps.

Follow MICRC on social media to stay informed, spread the word by sharing MICRC posts and invite MICRC commissioners to speak at events.

Find meeting schedules and submit comments and maps online at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC, or call 833.YOU.DRAW (833.968.3729) for information.

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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

**All hearings begin at 6 p.m.*

Jackson

American 1 Event Center
128 W. Ganson St.
Jackson 49201

May 11

Kalamazoo

Wings Event Center
3600 Vanrick Dr
Kalamazoo 49001

May 13

Marquette

The Northern Center at
Northern Michigan University
1401 Presque Isle Ave
Marquette 49855

May 18

Gaylord

Treetop Resorts
3962 Wilkinson Rd
Gaylord 49735

May 20

Midland

Great Hall Banquet & Convention
Center
5121 Bay City Rd
Midland 48642

May 25

Lansing

Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing 48933

May 27

Flint

The Dort Financial Center
3501 Lapeer Rd
Flint 48503

June 1

Dearborn

Ford Community and
Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Ave.
Dearborn 48126

June 3

Novi

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave.
Novi 48374

June 8

Pontiac

Centerpoint Marriott
3555 Centerpoint Pkwy
Pontiac 48341

June 10

Detroit

The Village Dome at
Fellowship Chapel
7707 W. Outer Dr
Detroit 48235

June 15

Detroit

TCF Center
1 Washington Blvd
Detroit 48226

June 17

Port Huron

Blue Water Convention Center
800 Harker St
Port Huron 48060

June 22

Warren

MRCC Banquet Center
23401 Mound Rd
Warren 48901

June 24

Muskegon

VanDyke Convention Center
939 Third Street
Muskegon 49440

June 29

Grand Rapids

Devos Center
303 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids 49503

July 1

** Locations and dates subject to change*

THE ADVOCATES FOR SENIOR ISSUES NEEDS YOU!

The Advocates for Senior Issues (AFSI) is looking for a few good people. Actually, we already have many good people, but we need some to step forward to volunteer for some committee and board work.

We invite you to express your interest to serve in any of the following capacities

Officer:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Committee Member-at-Large (4)

Committee Member and/or Chairperson

Nominating. Prepares slate of candidates for biennial fall elections.

Program. Plan the program for each monthly meeting.

Membership/Diversity. Increase the membership of AFSI through meaningful outreach.

Legislative. Plan the legislative portion of each monthly meeting and represent seniors' issues before public officials.

Public Relations. Handle AFSI publicity

By-Laws. Periodically review and propose changes to by-laws.

Greeting. Personally welcome members at meetings and maintain attendance records.

Audit. Periodically review expenditures and revenues to ensure sound management.

Sponsor. Attract and maintain sponsors.

Strategy Groups Member and/or Chairperson. Ad hoc groups to address specific issues such as health care.

If you are interested, but want some more information, please let us know of your interest, and we will follow up with you to let you know more about the positions and how you might fit. Please let us know. You can contact Anne Domanski, our advocacy coordinator on the Area Agency on Aging staff, by calling 616-222-7015 or sending an email to AnneD@aaawm.org.