

**7th Annual Border Conference
Education Minnesota Retired and WEAC- Retired
November 11, 2025
Holiday Inn Lake Elmo, MN**

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9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Registration (Pavilion Room)</p> <p>Continental Breakfast (Pavilion Room)</p> <p>Mix and Mingle (Pavilion Room)</p> <p>Silent Auction for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education (Pavilion Room)</p> <p>Jack Kinnamon Scholarship (Pavilion Room)</p> <p>Paper bag and food shelf donations to Open Cupboard, Oakdale (Pavilion Room)</p>
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	<p>Land Acknowledgement: NEA Executive Committee Member Ron “Duff” Martin</p> <p>Code of Conduct: NEA Executive Committee Member Judy Rohde</p>
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<p>Welcome: EdMN Retired President Wes Tessman and WEAC Retired President Tom Zigan</p> <p>Introductions: NEA Retired President Anita Gibson, EdMN Officers, WEAC Officers</p>
10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	<p>Keynote Speaker: Lifelong Learning Research – Brianna Smith, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Program Manager (Pavilion Room)</p>
11:10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<p>Break</p> <p>Break-out 1: NEA Roundtable on Retiree Concerns – Anita Gibson (Pavilion Room)</p>
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session I	<p>Break-out 2: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – Ruth Buffalo, Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center (Stillwater/Bayport)</p> <p>Break-out 3: Senior Fraud and Scams – David Lilja, AARP (Afton)</p>
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch and Socializing (Pavilion Room) – Don’t forget to check out the silent auction!</p> <p>Break-out 4: Exploring Travel Opportunities – Tillean Grey, AAA Travel Expert (Afton)</p>
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Session II	<p>Break-out 5: Ballroom Dancing for Physical & Mental Health – Rebecca Abas, U of MN Department of Dance (Stillwater/Bayport)</p> <p>Break-out 6: Early Learning Showdown – The Tale of Kindergarten in Three Nations – Janet Kujat (Pavilion Room)</p>
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Silent Auction closes and break (Pavilion Room)</p>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Service Dogs – Susan Smith, Helping Paws Demo Coordinator (Pavilion Room)</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks by President Tessman and President Zigan (Pavilion Room)</p>