

2018 Convention of Maine Counties Evaluation Form Results

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Friday Morning, September 14

COMMENTS

4.2 "Helping Employees Succeed when Performance is Suffering" by Alyssa Tibbetts

4.7 "The Tangled Web of FMLA, ADA & Workers Comp" Tim O'Brien Kingsley & Champion

Very knowledgeable speaker

1:45 pm Friday, September 14

4.5 "FirstNet in Maine" by David Maxwell, Bruce Fitzgerald and Lori Stone, First Responder Network Authority

5 "Investment Opportunities for Counties" by Richard Davies

3 "Eat Well: Growing Food Security" by Kathy Savoie Nutrition Educator, U-Maine Cooperative Extension

I thought this might be a more "wellness" related topic.

3:15 pm Friday, September 14

5 "Combating Domestic Violence" by Faye Luppi, Project Director, Violence Intervention Partnership

4.7 "How to Survive an Inspection" Mike LaPlante, SafetyWorks

2.5 "Gubernatorial Forum"

I was very disappointed that the Democratic and Republican candidates did not attend...

8:15 am Saturday, September 15

2 "Records Preservation Workshop" by Kofile Technologies

5 "Our Unconscious Biases at Work" by Linda McGill

4.4 "Drug Impairment in the Workplace" by Scot Mattox

The two gentlemen were very entertaining but needed to have more options for preserving records

Great class.

Was basic and the presenter seemed to lose track of her presentation - kept going back to what should have been a previous thought. Excellent presentation

10:00 am Saturday, September 15

4.3 "Property Tax Abatement & Appeals" by Nichole Philbrick

"Supported Decision-Making in Maine" by Nell Brimmer

5 "It's Hard to Say Good-bye: Terminations from Top Down" Skelton Taintor & Abbott

Great speaker
Great message.
Very insightful

Inspiring and so relevant
Really hard to hear most of what he said.
Good message
Very good story and lesson

Lunch Speakers

5 Kevin Hancock, Hancock Lumber

Excellent speaker. However, the group may want to consider bringing in speakers that have successfully managed municipalities

4 NACo's John Losh, Membership Outreach Manager

Comments: Snorer. Good Could hear him better than last years' speaker

Activities Saturday Afternoon, September 15

Golf

Comments: _____

4 National Weather Service

Comments: _____

4.8 Maine Brew Bus Excellent tour and demonstration of small businesses thriving in Maine

Comments: Fun & interesting. Great time. Excellent. Good time. Great time.

Pineland Farms

In General:

3.9 Venue

Meeting rooms good. Great place, employees very attentive. Excellent. Should have been in Downtown Portland. I thought it was a great place for the workshops but the rooms were dirty and mine even had urine and toilet paper in the toilet when I checked in. Didn't get room cleaned either day I was there... Mold & dirt on many surfaces. Hotel was nice, good parking, centrally located. Nice place, but no way to close the drapes.

3.8 Meal Choices

Food was awesome! Quality of food for the price was very disappointing. Friday's breakfast buffet was cold the rest were good. Very expensive for choice. Good. A little pricey, but the food was very good.

3.8 Meal Quality

Food at cocktail hour very disappointing. If you were not first in line, choices were nonexistent - sandwiches on Friday noon, deserts on Friday dinner, and Saturday lunch.. Breakfast was poor. Friday lunch was really bad! Soup & sandwich for \$30. Horrible. Very good. Breakfast wasn't good.

4.6 Educational Session Topics

Great classes. Good. Very good topics. Glad to see more options.

4.5 Educational Session Quality

Great education programs. Issues were plentiful. OK-better than some years in the past. Good. Good selection and speakers. Good.

4.3 Activities Offered

Should have provided bus to Oxford Casino. Good though I didn't participate in any. Good. More diverse options, but overall good.

4.1 Entertainment

The casino games and workers were so fun! Too loud. Friday night was great. Didn't attend Saturday night. Loved casino night. Vegas & trivia fun but it would've been nice to win gift cards. The prizes were junk. Vegas & trivia fun but it would've been nice to win gift cards. The prizes were junk. Okay - really loud. Great. Shorter may be better in the future. Things seemed to drag on a bit. Very fun time. Wish the band had played until 11 pm.

Suggestions for next year:

Break out sessions are always tough to get something for everyone. Do not have a solution for this but need better variety. Keep it as informative and broad range of educational programs. AV equipment worked poorly in 2 of 3 sessions I attended. Need to pre-test. Let the host county host it! Why didn't we see more of Cumberland County? Seems like MCCA took over the event too much. Offer a casino trip it's close enough or maybe some events at the hotel so you don't need to leave.