

# 2026 Event Calendar

## Training and workshops

### **Utility Resilience Workshop: Safeguarding against physical and digital threats**

January 20, 2026  
MMUA Office

### **Governance in Action: The view from a commissioner's chair**

January 23, 2026  
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

### **Meter School and Pre-conference Workshop**

February 3–6, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Emergency Preparedness and Restoration Conference**

February 17–18, 2026  
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

### **Substation School**

March 10–12, 2026  
New Ulm

### **Electrical Skill Training for Water/Wastewater Operators**

March 18–19, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Generation School**

April 7–9, 2026  
Fairmont

### **Underground School**

May 5–8, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Locating Workshop**

May 19–20, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Minnesota Public Power Walleye Tournament**

May 30, 2026  
Rush Lake, Otter Tail

### **Tree Trimming Workshop**

August 4–6, 2026  
Elk River

### **Minnesota Lineworker's Rodeo**

September 15, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Overhead School**

September 15–18, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Gas School**

October 6–8, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

### **Transformer School and Pre-conference Workshop**

December 14–17, 2026  
MMUA Training Center

## Conferences

### **Legislative Conference**

March 24–25, 2026  
Drury Plaza Hotel, St. Paul

### **Summer Conference**

August 17–19, 2026  
River's Edge, St. Cloud

### **Technical & Operations Conference**

December 8–10, 2026  
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

#### **National events to note:**

### **APPA Legislative Rally**

February 23–25, 2026  
Mayflower Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.

### **Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo**

March 28, 2026  
Huntsville, AL

### **APPA Engineering & Operations Conference**

March 30–April 1, 2026  
Huntsville, AL

### **APPA National Conference**

June 26–July 1, 2026  
Boston, MA



# Developing Utility Expertise and Leadership™ (DUEL)

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### DUEL foundations Cohort #1

**Thriving together: leadership for dynamic teams and evolving challenges**  
January 21–22, 2026  
MMUA Office

### DUEL foundations Cohort #2

**Building bridges: connecting plans, projects and people**  
February 11–12, 2026  
MMUA Office

**Thriving together: leadership for dynamic teams and evolving challenges**  
June 24–25, 2026  
MMUA Office

### DUEL foundations Cohort #3

**Leadership Lens: your utility, your style, your path forward**  
April 22–23, 2026  
MMUA Office

**Building bridges: connecting plans, projects and people**  
September 30–October 1, 2026  
MMUA Office

**Thriving together: leadership for dynamic teams and evolving challenges**  
January 20–21, 2027  
MMUA Office

Visit [www.mmua.org/events/leadership](http://www.mmua.org/events/leadership) to view event details and register.

## Virtual electives

In addition to the foundational courses offered by DUEL, there is variety of virtual elective educational courses. Program participants select eight courses that align with their individual needs and interests. Additional classes can be chosen and registered for separately. It is not necessary to be enrolled in the DUEL program to attend an elective class; everyone is welcome to register.

**HR basics and employment law**  
January 14, 2026

**Mastering grant writing for utilities**  
February 19, 2026

**Building a strategic utility budget**  
March 26, 2026

**Telling the municipal utilities story**  
April 16, 2026

**Strategic risk management in the utility sector**  
May 13, 2026

**Succession planning and cross training**  
May 21, 2026

**Critical thinking for effective decision making**  
May 21, 2026

**Bonding and financial tools for municipal utilities**  
July 16, 2026

**Collaborative leadership: working with councils and commissions**  
September 2, 2026

**Navigating the interview process**  
September 17, 2026

**Regulatory knowledge and compliance in municipal utilities**  
October 14, 2026

**Strategic risk management in the utility sector**  
October 28, 2026

**Crisis communications and media relations**  
November 19, 2026